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# Quarterly

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## Streetscape Contract Awarded for 95th Street

On Tuesday, December 20, 2011, the Chicago Department of Procurement Services awarded Summit Construction the contract for streetscape improvements on 95th Street from Western Ave. to Leavitt St. The design includes new sidewalks and curbs, ornamental lighting, benches, bike racks, flower planters and trees. ADA ramps at corners and other city and federally mandated improvements will also be included.

This project includes installation of unique community identifying medallions on light poles. The design for the medallions, pictured here, is based off an existing plaque at the old Beverly Branch Library Building. Stamped concrete crosswalks and median treat-



ments are also included. The Chicago Department of Transportation will host a pre-construction meeting with Summit Construction and Alderman O'Shea later this month to establish a project timeline. Work should begin this Spring and last approximately 120 days. During this time, area businesses and residents may be inconvenienced by the crews; we ask for your patience during the construction process.

Alderman Matt O'Shea will continue to work with the 95th Street Business Association to identify funding to extend these improvements past Leavitt Street. Infrastructure improvements enhance the safety and appearance of the retail district while also in-

creasing the economic potential of 95th Street. Several years ago, improvement projects like these helped stimulate the commercial area along 103rd Street.



Streetscape improvements will include ornamental light poles, brick pavers, and flower planters along 95th Street.



Ornamental streetlights that include a community identifier medallion.

## Family Ice Skating Party at Mt. Greenwood Park

Do your kids have cabin fever? Has cold weather kept you inside since Christmas? The 19th Ward Youth Foundation invites families to enjoy the winter weather with an afternoon of ice skating at the Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink, 3721 W. 111th St., on Saturday, February 18th, from 2:00-5:00pm. All ages are welcome.

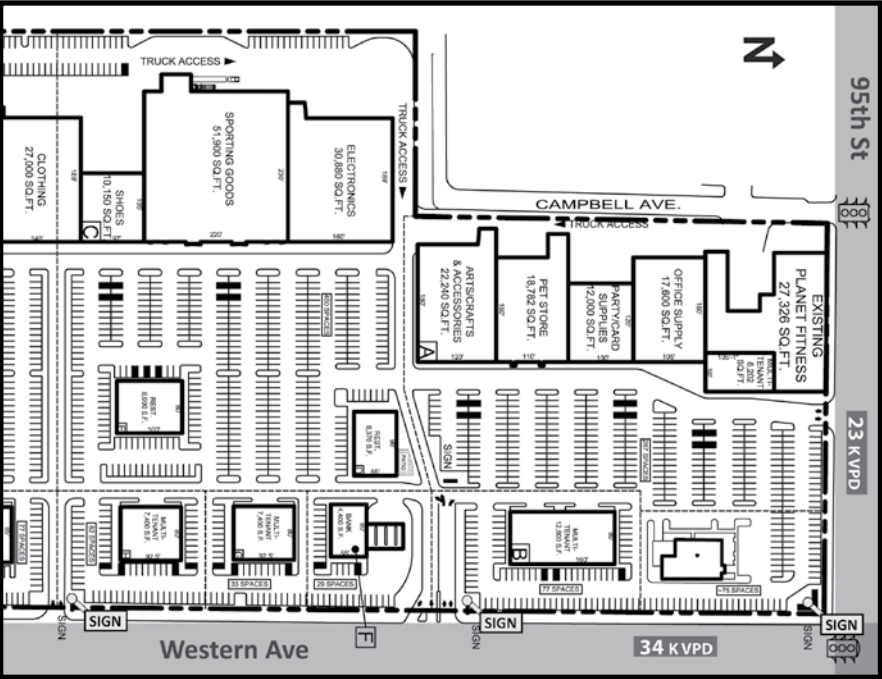
Admission is \$1 per person and includes skate rental, hot chocolate and refreshments. We hope you and your family can join us and get some fresh air and exercise. If you would like to attend please e-mail reservations to [fran.hurley@cityof-chicago.org](mailto:fran.hurley@cityof-chicago.org). We hope to see you on Saturday, February 18th.



## Evergreen Plaza Under Contract

Northbrook, IL based GMX Real Estate Group currently has the Evergreen Plaza under contract and expects to close this Spring. Preliminary plans for the property include demolition of the 30 acre site this fall, and construction of a 500,000 square foot retail center to potentially open in Fall 2013. Under the current plans, the existing Planet Fit-

ness space would remain and remaining structures demolished. Metro Commercial Real Estate is marketing the space for GMX Real Estate. They can be reached at (847) 412-9898. 19th Ward residents anxiously await the demolition of this long blighted property. Please note, the plans pictured here are very preliminary and subject to changes.







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## 19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

This Winter, we are hosting a variety of community activities and informational meetings for 19th Ward Residents. From Senior Fairs to Family Ice Skating Parties, these events target a wide spectrum of neighbors and I hope that you are able to take advantage of them. Please take a look at this issue and see what's coming up in our area.

Also in this issue, please find important updates on the 91st & Western Development, and efforts to increase local enrollment at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. You can also learn more about options for recycling household hazardous waste and changes to city vehicle stickers for truck and van owners. A copy of this information is also available online at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com).

Finally, we have included a map of our community police beats and a schedule of local CAPS meetings. These meetings give us the opportunity to become acquainted with the police officers who patrol our streets on a daily basis. The Chicago Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe.

If you have any questions or would like information included in our next issue, please contact me at [matoshea@the19thward.com](mailto:matoshea@the19thward.com). To receive regular community updates, visit our website at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com) and sign up for our e-mail distribution list.

Thank you,

Matthew J. O'Shea  
19th Ward Youth Foundation

## CAPS Meeting Calendar

### BEAT 2212

First Thursday of every month at 7:00pm  
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Avenue

### BEAT 2213

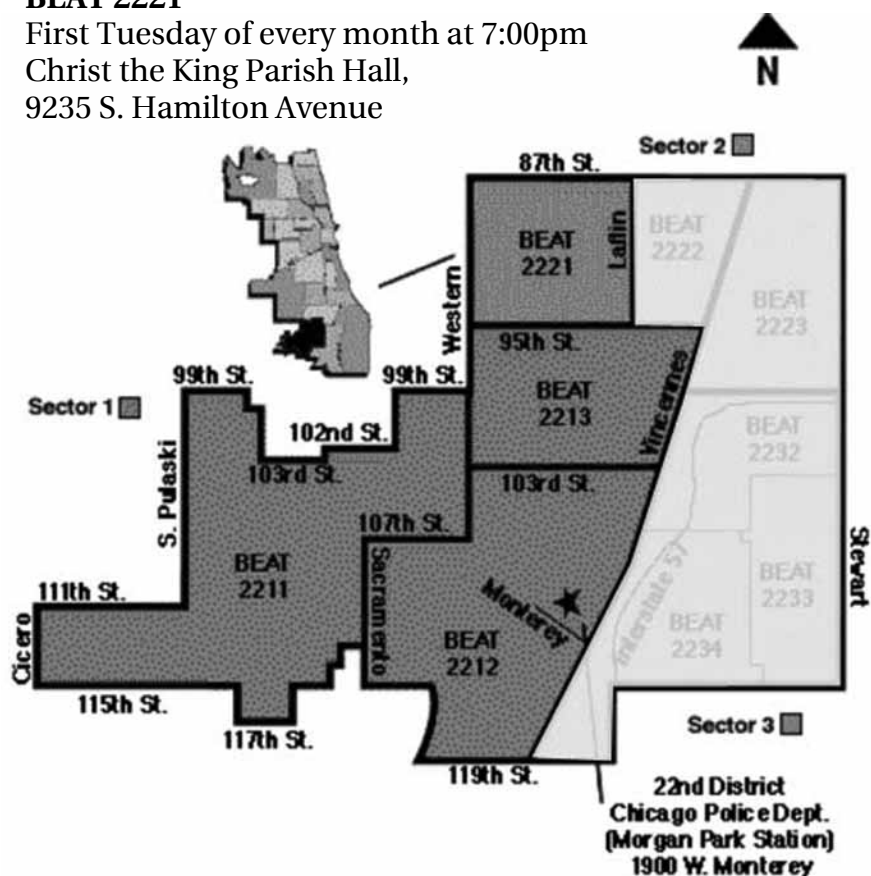
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm  
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive

### BEAT 2211

Third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm  
Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th Street

### BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm  
Christ the King Parish Hall,  
9235 S. Hamilton Avenue



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# 91st & Western Development Update

On Monday, January 30, 2012, Alderman Matt O'Shea sent a letter to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Forest Preserve General Superintendent Arnold Randall formally requesting their assistance in converting the Evergreen Park Golf Course at 91st & Western Avenue into an extension of the Dan Ryan Woods Forest Preserve. The Forest Preserve has previously opposed this idea but we have asked them to take a second look. Meanwhile, elected officials continue to work with the developers on the many concerns residents have about the project.

For the past several months, Senator Ed Maloney, Representative Bill Cunningham, Representative Kelly Burke, and Alderman Matt O'Shea have been working closely with Sterling Bay Development, the Village of Evergreen Park, the Chicago Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Transportation to address traffic issues created by the redevelopment of the Evergreen Park Golf Course at 91st & Western Avenue. This 450,000 square foot retail center will be anchored by Meijer and Menards, and include two mid-size retail locations, several smaller locations, a gas station, and 1900 parking spaces along Western Avenue between 91st Street and 93rd Place. Traffic engineers project substantial increases in traffic along Western Avenue and 95th

Street. To address increased traffic along Western Avenue, developers have agreed to create a new right turn lane on the parkway between 91st Street and the entrance of the retail center. Cars entering the development would then back-up in the new lane freeing up space in the existing southbound traffic lanes on Western Avenue.

Furthermore, they have agreed to establish a road inside the parking lot linking the new development to the existing centers to the south. This allows traffic to bypass Western Ave. and access 95th Street through existing parking lots. While Sterling Bay has committed to this improvement, it is still subject to approval of adjacent property owners. Finally, developers will install a new traffic signal at 92nd Place and Western Avenue to help control the flow of traffic. While these solutions are imperfect, they will help mitigate the traffic impact of this development.

To address increased traffic along 95th Street, the Chicago Department of Transportation is exploring creating a third, westbound traffic lane between Leavitt Street and Western Avenue. Developers have agreed to establish this lane from Claremont to Western and modify the intersection to allow trucks to turn onto northbound Western Ave more safely.

Extending the third traffic lane from Leavitt to Western would

have a major impact on the area and fully offset the increased traffic from the new development (see table). Unfortunately, it would also require removal of nearly three feet from the existing medians and parking from the north side of 95th

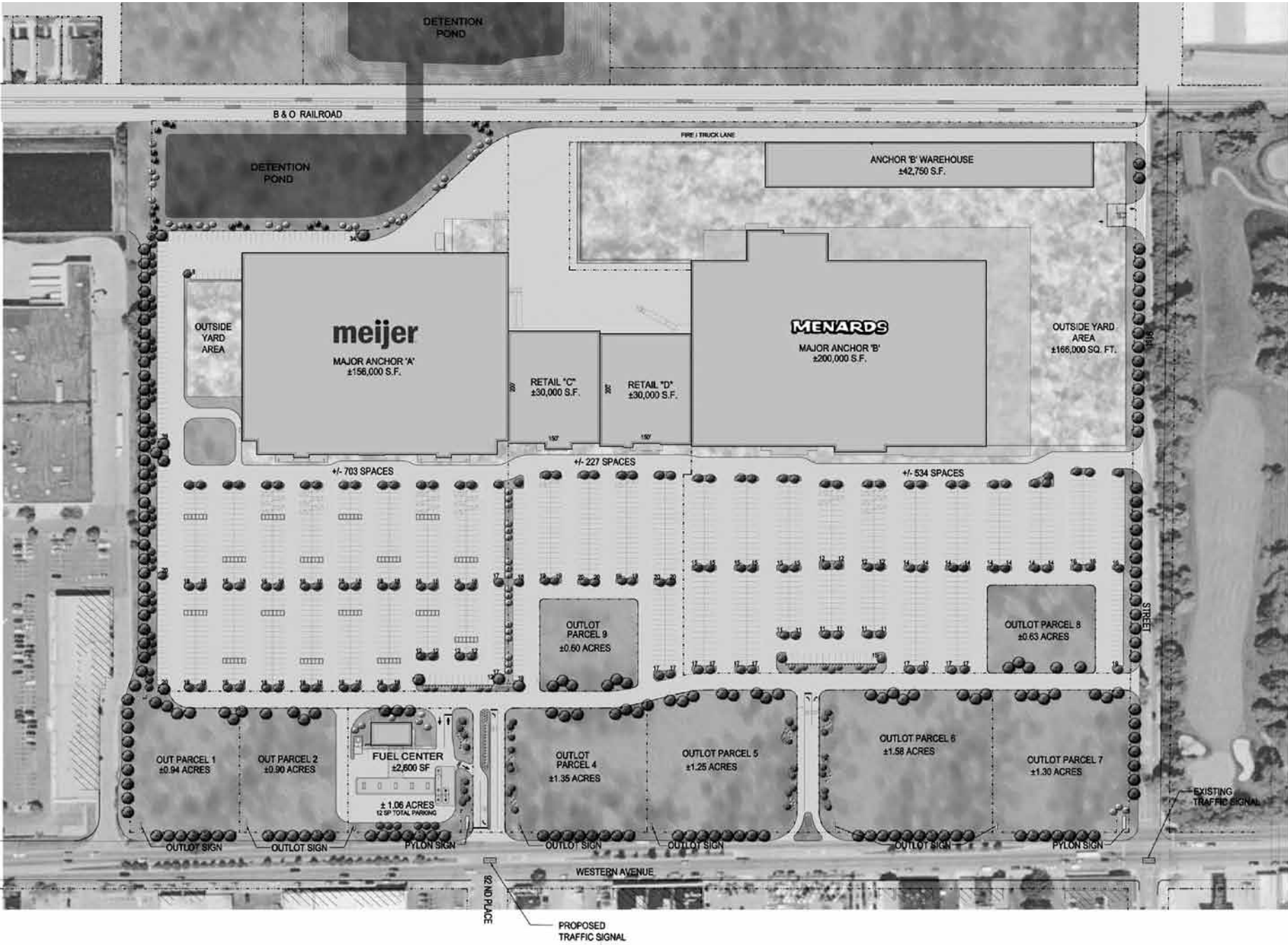
Street between Leavitt and Claremont. Before any plan can move forward, off street parking would need to be created to accommodate businesses that rely on the existing metered spaces.

## 95th at Western Westbound Approach Performance

Existing Conditions			
	Delay (seconds)	Level of Service	Queue (ft)
AM peak	48.8	D	600
PM peak	58.1	E	815
Sat peak	115	F	1175

Full Build-Out (2015) Traffic Existing Intersection Geometry			
	Delay (seconds)	Level of Service	Queue (ft)
AM peak	55.8	E	710
PM peak	104.5	F	1240
Sat peak	243	F	1945

Full Build-Out (2015) Traffic With Improvements Including 3 WB Lanes on 95th			
	Delay (seconds)	Level of Service	Queue (ft)
AM peak	45.6	D	455
PM peak	56.5	E	715
Sat peak	122.7	F	1080





# City Council Adopts New Ward Boundaries

On Thursday, January 19, 2012, the Chicago City Council approved new boundaries that reflect population shifts recorded in the 2010 Federal Census. This agreement, reached after months of tense negotiations, allows the City of Chicago to avoid a costly referendum and will have a small impact on the 19th Ward. Initial proposals took over 4,000 residents from our community; through the efforts of residents and neighborhood groups, that number was reduced to only 1,122.

Thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to pass a petition, sign a petition, write a letter, send an email, or attend a public hearing in support of keeping our great community intact. The Vanderpoel Improvement Association (VIA), East Beverly Association (EBA), Civic Association of Morgan Park (CAMP), and the Old Morgan Park Civic Association (BAPA), worked tirelessly to keep the 19th Ward together. There is no doubt that without their efforts, our losses would be far greater.

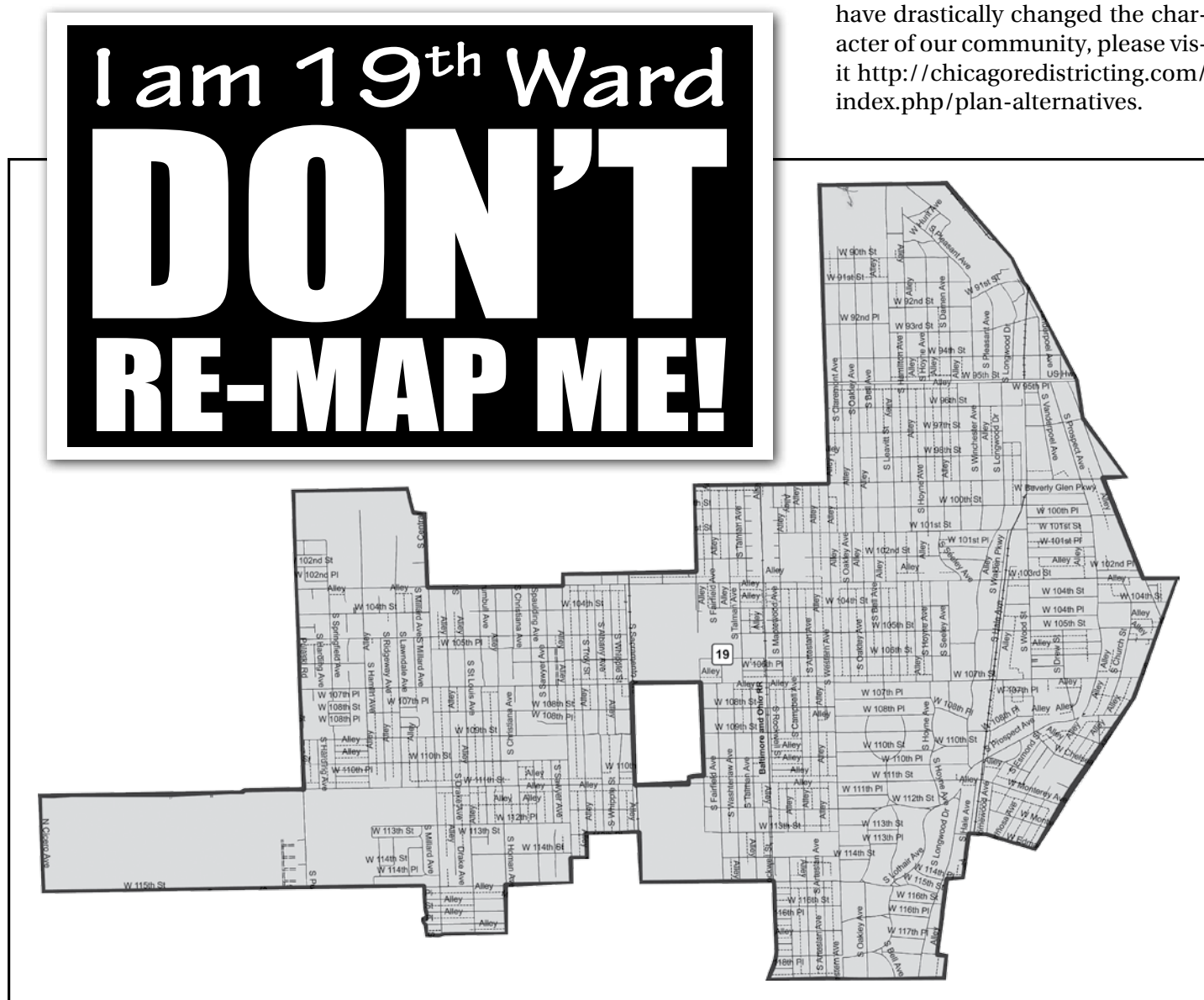
There were several re-map proposals introduced that would have split the 19th Ward into two or three wards. Thankfully, due to the pressure exerted by our community, none of those maps were adopted. Instead, the new map

will keep the 19th Ward 98% intact. While it is regrettable that our ward is losing some valued friends and neighbors, the final map minimiz-

es the negative impact to our community.

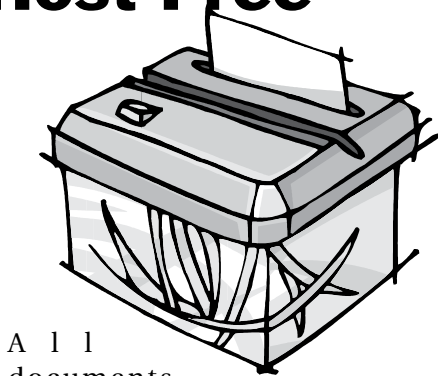
The boundaries of all 50 wards were in some way altered in the new

map. Thanks to the hard work of our community, the 19th Ward was among those changed the least. To examine the final map, or alternative re-map proposals that would have drastically changed the character of our community, please visit <http://chicagoredistricting.com/index.php/plan-alternatives>.



## 19th Ward to Host Free Shredding Day

On Saturday, February 18, 2012 the 19th Ward and Midway Document Destruction will host a free paper shredding event at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St., from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Residents can bring any old or unwanted papers to the school to be shredded and later recycled by the Midway Document Destruction Mobile Shredding Truck. Shredding documents helps prevent identity theft, recycling the paper benefits the environment by reducing the amount of waste in landfills and sparing trees.

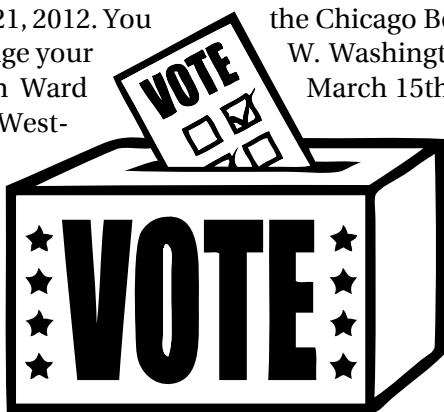


All documents must be loose in order to be shredded; please remove all paper clips, metal binders, rubber bands etc. before you arrive. This service is free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Hurley at (773) 238-8766 or [fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org](mailto:fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org).

## Election Day is March 20th!

The 2012 Illinois Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20th. The deadline to register to vote, or change the address of your voters registration is Tuesday, February 21, 2012. You can register or change your address at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave. Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm or Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

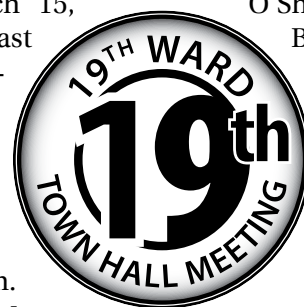
If you will not be able to vote in person on Elec-



tion Day, you can download an absentee ballot application from [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com). Early voting will also be offered at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St., and at the Chicago Board of Elections, 69 W. Washington, February 27th - March 15th. Early voting hours are Monday - Saturday, 9am-5pm, and Sundays, 9am-3pm. Please make sure you cast a ballot in this very important election.

## Town Hall Meeting - March 15th

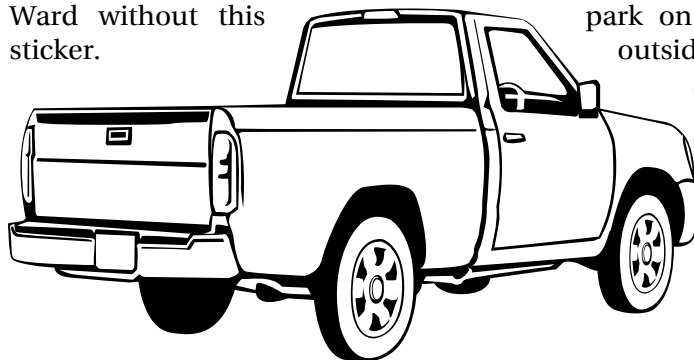
On Thursday, March 15, 2012, the 19th Ward, East Beverly Civic Association and Vanderpoel Improvement Association will co-host a Town Hall Meeting at Bethany Union Church, 1750 W. 103rd St. at 7:00pm. There, Alderman Matt



O'Shea, State Representative Bill Cunningham, and various city departments will be available to address community concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Hurley at (773) 238-8766 or [fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org](mailto:fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org).

## Important Information for Truck & Van Owners

In recent years, the City of Chicago Department of Revenue has begun enforcing an obscure ordinance requiring owners of all pickup trucks, and vans weighing over 4,500 pounds, to display a special sticker to legally park on residential streets. After many 19th Ward residents received tickets for this minor infraction, Alderman O'Shea amended the code to allow trucks and vans to park on residential streets in the 19th Ward without this sticker.



Despite this ordinance, some Department of Revenue Enforcement Officers have mistakenly issued tickets in our area. If you receive a ticket like this one, please contact the 19th Ward Office immediately so that we may address the issue as soon as possible. Also, these stickers will continue to be available at no charge at the 19th Ward Office; if you own a truck, or van weighing over 4,500 pounds, you will still need this sticker to park on residential streets outside the 19th Ward.

Should you have any questions, please contact Fran Hurley at (773) 238-8766 or [fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org](mailto:fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org).



# School News



## CHAS Expands Enrollment for Local Students

A new state law will allow for additional enrollment positions for local students at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences thanks to legislation sponsored by State Representative Bill Cunningham and State Senator Ed Maloney.

Senate Bill 1226, which was signed into law by Governor Quinn in December, will increase the school's enrollment cap from 600 to 720 students over the next four years. Thanks to a change in the school's admission formula that was written into the law, all of the additional enrollment positions will be reserved for students who reside in the area.

"The Ag School is one of our community's greatest resources," Cunningham said. "I am proud to have worked with Senator Maloney and Principal Bill Hook to ensure that more students from my district will have access to the school's unique curriculum."

The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS) is a public magnet school that was opened by the Chicago Public Schools in 1985 with the goal of bringing agricultural education to urban students. The 72-acre campus includes a 40-acre working farm that allows

**Under the new enrollment policy at CHAS, the number of citywide students will stay the same, while the number of local students will increase dramatically. Here's how:**

### Previous formula

360 students from citywide lottery (60%)  
**240** local students (40%)  
 = 600 total students

### Formula under new law

360 students from citywide lottery (50%)  
**360** local students (50%)  
 = 720 total students

students to get hands-on experience as well as summer internships in agricultural-related fields, which leads to many entering college to pursue agricultural and food science fields. Because of the school's "magnet" designation, applicants to CHAS must meet certain qualifications based on 7th Grade standardized test scores.

Previously, a majority of enrollment positions at CHAS (60 percent) were reserved for academically qualified students from a citywide lottery, while only 40 percent of the school's positions were set aside for qualified students who lived in the community. Under Maloney and Cunningham's new law, the number of enrollment spots made available to neighborhood residents will be increased to 50 percent of the student body. The new enrollment policy will be in effect for the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

"Agriculture and farming-related businesses represent the fastest growing sector of our state's economy," Cunningham said. "The Ag School prepares students for further learning and employment in agri-business, commodities trad-

ing, and bioscience. These fields are where the jobs of tomorrow are, and thanks to the expansion of the Ag School, more of our kids will have an opportunity to pursue these promising careers."



State Representative Bill Cunningham



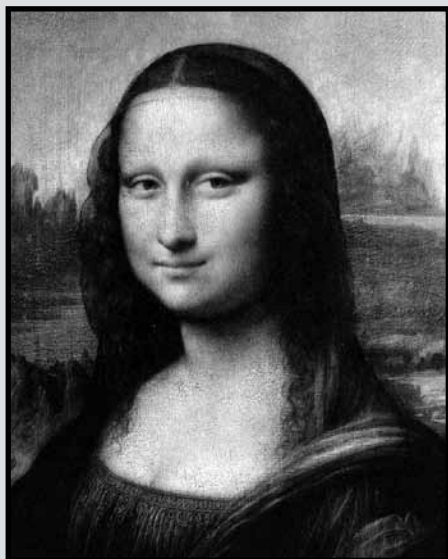
State Senator Ed Maloney

## Sutherland Foundation Raffle Raises Funds for Language Lab

Planning is well underway for the popular Sutherland Spring French cultural event, Le Musee du Louvre/Le Jardin des Tuileries to be held Sat., May 5 at Sutherland School, 10015 S. Leavitt. New this year is Le Grand Prix Loterie, an exciting raffle contest with \$10,000 in cash prizes. Tickets are \$10 and only 2,000 will be sold.

The long-term goal of the raffle and Spring French event is to fund a state-of-the-art language lab at Sutherland School. Proceeds will cover the cost of the event and remainder will go to the Sutherland Foundation for Education & Enrichment (SFEE) to be earmarked for the lab. The foundation hopes to raise \$100,000 by 2015. An Early Bird drawing for three \$500 prizes takes place on Tues., Feb. 21 at Sutherland's Fat Tuesday Potluck Dinner. The final drawing will be held Wed., Mar. 28 with a Grand Prize of \$5,000, 2nd prize of \$2,500 and 3rd prize of \$1,000. For tickets or more information, contact Karen Lux, karenmlux@gmail.com or 773-454-3523, or Megan Parrilli, 773-405-5009.

Like the successful Spring French events in the past, Le Musee du Louvre/Le Jardin des Tuileries will include a French food festival, French vendors, and the student-driven performing arts program, which will include music, mimes, dancing, acrobats and original student artwork.



## Longer School Day Meeting

In August 2011, Chicago Public School (CPS) officials announced plans to extend the school day by an additional 90 minutes next year. Since then, the Board of Education has been developing a plan for the longer day and its implementation. As many parents have questions and concerns about this shift, CPS officials will host a community meeting to outline the longer school day plans on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00pm in the auditorium at Morgan Park High School, 1744 W. Pryor Ave. This meeting is for parents of CPS students.

Earlier this year, CPS officials released a parameters and guidelines for the longer school day. This information is available for download at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com). For more information about the meeting, please contact Fran Hurley at [fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org](mailto:fran.hurley@ex.cityofchicago.org).

## Local School Council Elections

Chicago Public Schools have Local School Councils (LSC) which are responsible for approving how school funds and resources are allocated, developing and monitoring the annual School Improvement Plan, and evaluating and selecting the school's principal. Each LSC includes 6 parents, 2 community members, 2 teachers, 1 non-teaching staff members, the school principal, and in high schools, 1 student.

LSC members are elected by parents and community residents in an election held every 2 years. This year, elections will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 for elementary schools and Thursday, April 19, 2012 for high schools. All parents, community members and teachers who want to

strengthen their local schools and have a positive impact on student achievement are encouraged to run. No experience or formal education is required.

Candidates for LSC must fill out a set of forms available at the main office of any Chicago Public School or Library. Forms are also available at the 19th Ward Office at 10400 S. Western Avenue. Completed forms should be submitted to the school where you intend to run by 3:00pm on March 8, 2012.

If you are interested in working with other parents, community members, educators and civic leaders to improve the quality of our public education, please get involved and run for LSC.

# Register Now for the 12th Annual Chicago Polar Plunge, Benefiting SCC/Special Olympics Chicago

Registration is now open for the Chicago Polar Plunge, taking place Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the city's North Avenue Beach. Fearless Chicago weather warriors are invited to plunge into the chilly waters of Lake Michigan, with proceeds benefiting SCC/Special Olympics Chicago.

Plungers can register for this year's Chicago Polar Plunge by visiting [www.sochicago.org](http://www.sochicago.org). At that website, participants will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to jump-start their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$125. Participants are welcome to fundraise and plunge with a team or individually. Complimentary bus service will be provided for teams of 20 or more people.

The Chicago Polar Plunge has quickly become known as a "must attend" event in the city, with over 1700 people taking part last year. The fun kicks off at 10 am when plungers are invited to enter the icy waters of Lake Michigan. Plungers are invited to go waist high or to

take the full plunge. Once the dive is concluded, all are invited to a "Melt Down Party" which will take place inside the North Avenue Beach boathouse and in expanded heated tents from 11am-2pm. Admission is free and participants will receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available.

"The Polar Plunge is the top fundraising event of the year for Special Olympics Chicago," said Susan Nicholl, Executive Director of SCC/Special Olympics Chicago.



"The day is a fun and inspirational event for those attending. But more importantly, the Chicago Polar Plunge helps to change the lives of over 5,000 Chicago-area Special

Olympians, by providing much of the funding necessary to provide year-round activities, programs and events for our athletes. It is tremendously important event for Special Olympics Chicago and its athletes and families."

This year's Chicago Polar Plunge is generously supported by

Commonwealth Edison, Microsoft Store, Potash Markets, Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants and Events, the Score 670AM and WXRT-FM.

For more information on

the Chicago Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, please call 312.527.3743; or email [scc@sochicago.org](mailto:scc@sochicago.org)



*Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart leads the charge! Loyal supporters Jim Houlihan and Michael Sheahan, Jr. also join in the fun at the Chicago Polar Plunge!*



## 19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink

3721 W. 111th Street

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Family  
Ice Skating Party**

Please make reservations with Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-0288 or [maureen.chausse@ex.cityofchicago.org](mailto:maureen.chausse@ex.cityofchicago.org)



# Senior Citizen News

## Smith Village Advocates Winter Exercise at Any Age

"Being indoors during the winter months can take its toll both physically and mentally," says Martina Wessels, program specialist for the Senior FITness Center at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community at 2320 West 113th Place. "Even more alarming, staying indoors and not exercising can seriously impact endurance and physical stamina. That's why it's important, no matter what your age or physical abilities, to work up an exercise routine and stick to it."

At Smith Village, 245 residents—about 70 percent of the community—work out year round on a regular basis. Those exercising include independent living residents, assisted living residents, and those receiving memory support care.

The impressive number of participating residents may have a lot to do with the fact that Wessels is constantly touting the benefits, which include: increased muscle strength, more energy, increased immunity and endurance, better balance, increased flexibility and improved heart and lung function. Dedicated exercisers also receive the additional benefits of: better regulation of blood sugar levels, lower blood pressure, reduced soreness, improved digestion, stroke prevention and relief from depression.

"We've seen so many residents regain balance, and health-

ier appetites," Wessels says. "They sleep better and have a lot more energy. Their commitment to exercising regularly makes a huge difference."

One resident who stands out in the Smith Village crowd is 101-year-old John Stanis, who several months ago needed supplemental oxygen in order to maintain daily activities. With approval from Stanis' physician and guidance from Wessels, he managed to cut down on the supplemental oxygen and work up to a daily 20-minute workout on a recumbent bicycle. When asked about his amazing transformation, Stanis

ment." Going up and down stairs with sturdy railings can improve cardiovascular fitness while kitchen counter tops can provide steady support. Open areas need only the addition of an exercise mat.

### Wessels offers these winter exercise tips:

1. Develop and stick to a routine. "Commitment to exercise must be non-negotiable," Wessels insists. "If not performed regularly, the benefits are lost almost immediately."
2. Safety is key. Check with your doctor first to determine any



*Smith Village program specialist Martina Wessels monitors John Stanis during one of his regular workouts in the Smith Village Senior FITness Center.*

# Smith VILLAGE

referred to his general philosophy for life and longevity, which is, "Keep going!!"

"John is truly amazing," says Wessels. "He's also a fantastic example of how everyone can reap the benefits of exercising regularly. While Smith Village residents have an ideal setting that supports exercise, anyone can exercise on a regular basis in their home with very little invest-

physical limitations and discuss the types of exercise that will benefit you most.

3. Be sure to include cardiovascular activities for building endurance. These include running, walking and stair climbing, as well as swimming and use of stationery bikes and elliptical machines, which cause less impact to joints. Many neighborhood community centers have swimming pools. If you can't swim, try water walking in the shallow end.
4. Warm up. No matter your current conditioning levels, build in a 10-minute warm-up period before starting any intense workout session.
5. Select a safe place to exercise. Avoid icy sidewalks as well as wet and slippery mall floors. If you do venture out, dress in layers.
6. For busy days when optimum workouts are not possible, have an express routine, or shorter workout, so you don't lose ground.

7. Consider working out with a partner who has a similar ability level. This can offer added safety and motivational benefits.

Smith Village's FITness Center includes weight machines, stationary bikes and elliptical workout machines for residents. The center also offers balance classes and encourages the use of hand weights and stretchy bands to maintain arm, hand and upper body strength.

### About Smith Village

Smith Village offers resort-style retirement living with full-service amenities for residents in independent or assisted living, Alzheimer's and memory care support, and skilled nursing. Rehab services and temporary residences also are available. All of these levels of care take place on the same campus, providing security and flexibility for accommodating health status changes. For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors enjoy their retirement, call 773-474-7300 or visit [SmithVillage.org](http://SmithVillage.org).



*Smith Village program specialist Martina Wessels monitors Maureen Weiss during one of her regular workouts in the Smith Village Senior FITness Center.*



# Senior Citizen News

## Senior Fair – February 23rd at Mt. Greenwood Park

On Thursday, February 23, 2012, Congressman Dan Lipinski, Representative Bill Cunningham, and Alderman Matt O'Shea will co-host a Senior Citizen Fair at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St. from 10am-Noon. Information and assistance will be available on various federal, state, county, and city programs for senior citizens including medicare, medicaid, social security, and property tax exemptions. Hopefully you can join us and take advantage of all the programs and benefits to which you are entitled.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fran Hurley from Alderman O'Shea's Office at (773) 238-8766.

## Spring Fling

On Sunday, March 18, 2012, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host the Senior Spring Fling from 1:00 -4:00 pm at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street. The Spring Fling will feature big band swing sound with Marist High School Student Ambassadors to provide dance partners for the guests. 115 Bourbon Street will serve a delicious family style meal to all in attendance.

The Spring Fling is generously sponsored by Smith Village Con-

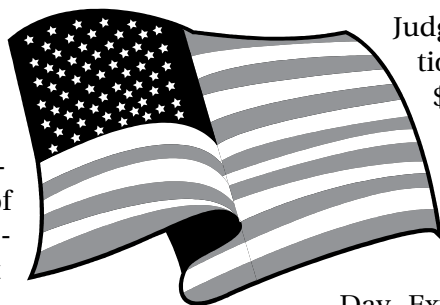
tinuing Care Retirement Community, 115 Bourbon Street, and Marist High School. The event will feature an afternoon of dancing and reuniting with old friends. This event sells out quickly, and seats are limited. Reservations are required by March 15th and can be made at (773) 238-8776. This function is open to 19th Ward residents only. To help offset the cost of this event, a \$5 donation is requested at the door.



## 19th Ward Seeks Election Judges

The 19th Ward is currently seeking area residents to serve as election judges in the upcoming March 20, 2012 General Election. The judges of election are the officials responsible for the conduct of the election in the precinct polling places. In each precinct, the judges share in responsibilities, duties and authorities that include:

- 1.) Opening the polling place and setting up voting equipment at 5:00 a.m. on Election Day;
- 2.) Conducting a fair and impartial election in the precinct polling place and allowing voting from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 3.) Tabulating the vote totals for the precinct and transmitting them to Election Central after the polls close at 7:00 p.m.



Judges of election are paid \$170 upon completion of training and service on Election

Day. Extra compensation is paid to judges who (1) pick up the election judge key envelope on either the Saturday or Sunday prior to Election Day; (2) allow the use of their cell phone by all judges within the polling place on Election Day; or (3) return the election materials to a receiving station on Election Night.

If you are interested in serving as a judge of election, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-0288.

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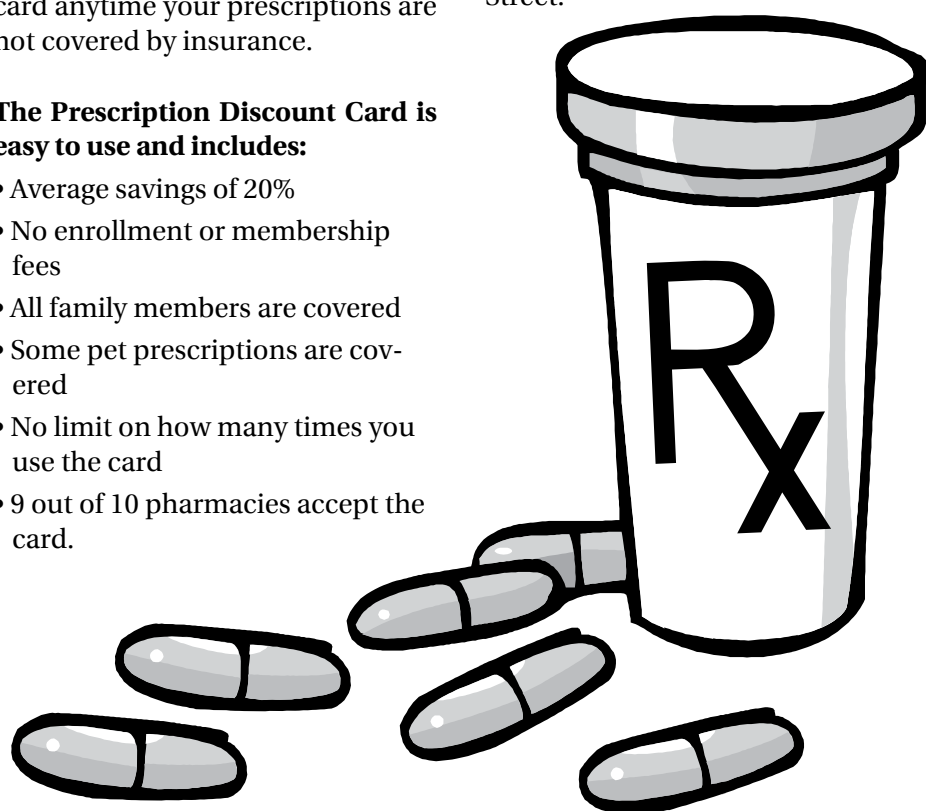
The National League of Cities (NLC) Prescription Discount Card is a FREE program offered to help you save money on the high cost of prescription medications. This prescription discount card is brought to you by your city government in collaboration with the NLC. Use the card anytime your prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

For more program information visit [www.caremark.com/nlc](http://www.caremark.com/nlc) or call toll-free 1-888-620-1749.

NLC Prescription Discount Cards are now available for residents at the 19th Ward Service Offices, 10400 S. Western Avenue, or 3215 W. 111th Street.

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## 19TH WARD Senior Fair

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Mt. Greenwood Fieldhouse  
3721 W. 111th St.  
Chicago, IL 60655

**Thursday, February 23, 2012  
10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

Please join us if you have any questions with

- Social Security Administration
- Illinois State Treasurer
- Home and Health Caregivers

For any questions contact 773-238-0288

# Barbara Vick

Early Childhood & Family Center

## Annual School Fundraiser

Date: Friday, February 24, 2012

Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Where: 115 Bourbon Street

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# U-Stor-It comes to 111th Street

U-Stor-It has recently contracted to purchase the Wilbert Burial Vaults property at 11112 S. Rockwell St. Preliminary plans call for façade improvements and the construction of 362 individual storage units of varying size in the 22,875 square foot building. The facility will feature around

the clock security with no late night access to storage units. Owners have committed to being good neighbors and making aesthetic improvements to the property. A potential renovation rendering is seen below. For more information, please visit [www.ustorit.com](http://www.ustorit.com).



## U-STOR-IT



## 19th Ward Community Calendar



### Document Shredding Day

February 18, 2012 - 9am-11am

Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St.

### Family Ice Skating Party

February 23, 2012 - 10am-12pm

Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St.

### Senior Fair

February 18, 2012 - 2pm-5pm

Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St.

### Longer School Day Meeting

March 8, 2012 - 7pm

Morgan Park High School, 1744 W. Pryor

### Town Hall Meeting

March 15, 2012 - 7:00pm

Bethany Union Church - 1750 W. 103rd St.

### Spring Fling

March 18, 2012 - 1pm-4pm

Marist High School - 4200 W. 115th St.

## CASSELLCEBRATE

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**Time:** 7:00 pm- Midnight

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Christi Livingstone @ 773-459-6714

Donations contact:

Chelsea May @ 773-954-0567

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[cassellptt@gmail.com](mailto:cassellptt@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### Indoor Duathlon

Sunday, February 19, 2012

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Shannon Center Main Area

Sunday, February 19 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Indoor Duathlon is a race that takes place inside of the Shannon Center on the indoor track. It consists of a 15 minute run/walk on the track, then 15 minutes on a stationary bike, followed by another 15 minute run/walk. The goal is to try to complete as many laps on the track or miles on the bike as you can in the given time frame. Try something different and fun - sign up to compete in the Indoor Duathlon! You can sign up for the Duathlon online at [www.sxu.edu](http://www.sxu.edu) Keyword: Shannon and go to Upcoming Wellness Events to download the registration form. You can also stop into the Shannon Center and pick up a registration form at the Front Desk. The cost to participate is: \$15 SXU Student \$20 SXU Staff/Shannon Center Members \$25 Non-members age 18 or older

### Jana Terborg - A Day in the Life of the Biggest Loser

Thursday, February 23, 2012

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Shannon Center Alumni Room

Biggest Loser Seminar - Hear from a past Biggest Loser! For more information, please call the Shannon Center at x3101.

### 9th Annual SXU Health Fair

Friday, March 23, 2012

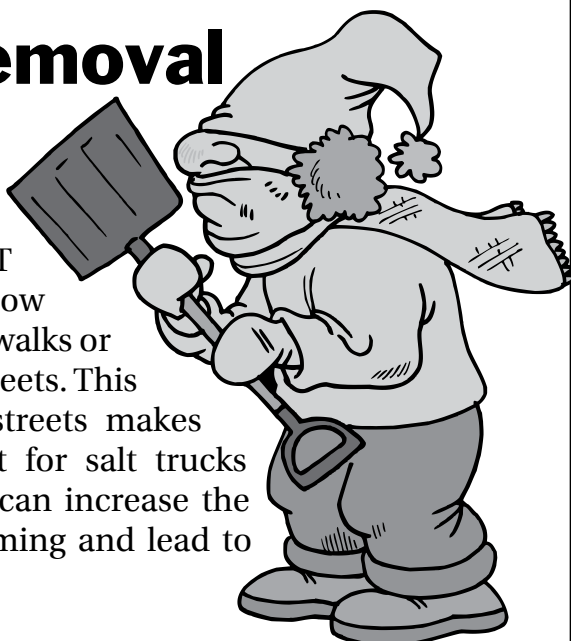
6:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Shannon Center Alumni Room

Save the date for the 9th Annual SXU Health Fair! The Health Fair is scheduled for Fri., March 23 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Shannon Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. The Health Fair is free and open to the community. Participants will enjoy free screenings, massages, samples, light refreshments, cooking demonstrations, and nutrition presentations every hour. Please view the Health Fair vendors and information at [www.sxu.edu](http://www.sxu.edu) keyword: Health Fair or call the Health Fair hotline at (773) 298-3592.

## Snow Removal Notice

This winter, all residents are asked NOT to shovel, plow or blow snow from their sidewalks or driveways into the streets. This extra snow in the streets makes it extremely difficult for salt trucks to get through, and can increase the chances of ice reforming and lead to accidents.

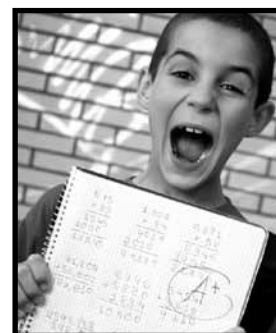


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### Academic Tutoring

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#### Elementary School

Tutoring in reading comprehension, spelling, math, writing skills, homework help, organizational and test taking and study skills. We also offer special programs to help students with ADD or ADHD.

#### High School

Tutoring in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, biology, chemistry, writing skills, study skills, ACT and SAT test prep.

#### College

Homework help including math, writing skills, test prep and study skills.

### Specialty Programs

#### Wilson Reading Program

This program teaches reading and spelling skills. It is used with students of all ages who are struggling with learning to read. It also addresses reading fluency.

#### Visualizing/Verbalizing

Lindamood-Bell Program for students of all ages struggling with reading comprehension.

#### On Cloud Nine

A Lindamood-Bell Program for grammar school students struggling with basic math skills.

#### Neurofeedback

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#### The Listening Program

A music-based auditory stimulation method, use to enable individuals with a broad range of challenges and abilities to achieve even more. Can be done at home.

#### Screening

A screening can help determine a student's strengths, weaknesses and academic level. This can include academic testing or screenings for visual perception, auditory processing problems and ADHD.

### Parent Guidance

The director, Deb Gawrys is available to guide parents through the process of attaining special education services, attend meetings, and communicate with teachers on student progress.

### Hours

Sessions are 45 minutes. During the school year, sessions are offered Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am - 12 noon.

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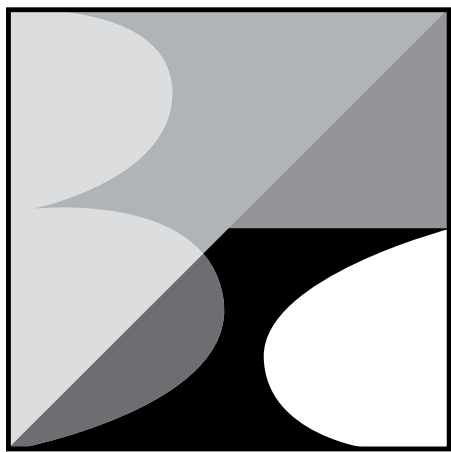
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# Beverly Arts Center Schedule



**Beverly Arts Center**  
**2407 W. 111th St.**  
**773-445-3838**  
**www.beverlyartcenter.org**

## Events:

### **41st Annual BAC Benefit Auction Feb. 11**

For the Love of Art, the 41st annual Benefit Auction, will be held Sat., Feb. 11, at the Center. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and will feature a professional live auction offering an outstanding array of unique experience packages and items. The Beverly Arts Center Auction mixes the thrill of bidding on silent and live auction items with the pleasure of an evening of entertainment by the Smiley Tillmon Band, savories by Leona's and sweets by Favia Cafe, and a cash bar for a great night of socializing. Last year's event was sold out with more than 400 people attending. Auction tickets are \$50. Check out the Beverly Arts Center Auction on Facebook for more information.



### **13th Annual Chicago Irish Film Festival Mar. 2-7**

It's lucky 13 for the Chicago Irish Film Festival (CIFF). In a city renown for its Irish heritage, the six day festival will present a stellar program of films and special events Friday, Mar. 2 through Wednesday, Mar. 7. The CIFF has something for every type of filmgoer, from those with hearts and heritage firmly rooted in Ireland to those who delight in the Irish humor and brilliant language present in every Irish film. Passes are \$65 and include opening and closing receptions. Individual screenings \$10. More information and festival schedule will be posted on line soon at [chicagoirishfilmfestival.com](http://chicagoirishfilmfestival.com).



### **South Side Irish Family Fest**

The South Side Irish Family Fest kicks off on Fri., Mar. 9 with a concert for the over 21 crowd by Tributosaurus as Van Morrison at 8 p.m. The fest continues Sat., March 10, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun., March 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with live music, children's activities, food and beverages, and two competitions: the Irish Soda Bread Contest and the Lucky Dog Contest. The contests each have a \$10 entrance fee, and early registration is encouraged. Contest applications are available at the Beverly Arts Center and online at [www.beverlyartcenter.org](http://www.beverlyartcenter.org).



The works of finalists and winners in the 2012 South Side Impressions art competition will be on exhibit during the fest and continue through March 31.

The South Side Irish Family Fest raffle offers a chance to win \$10,000. Raffle tickets are \$50 each and the drawing will be held at the Family Fest. Other prizes range from \$2500 to \$450, with two early birds each winning \$250. Each raffle ticket includes a coupon for free admission for one to Family Fest.

### **Mainstage Entertainment:**

On Fri., Feb. 24 and Sat., Feb. 25, 8 p.m. the **Second City Touring Company** performs classic sketches, songs and improvisations from Second City's 52-year history as well as new material in the Laugh Out Loud Tour. From the company that launched the careers of Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray and more, the next generation of the comedy world's best and brightest will perform on the BAC stage. Tickets are \$25 (\$22/BAC members).



**Tributosaurus** becomes the Allman Brothers, Fri., Apr. 13 and Sat., Apr. 14, 8 p.m. Musical anthropologists, Tributosaurus isn't really a tribute band, they are every tribute band, producing shows that sound like the real thing. The band performs sold out shows all over Chicago, including their gigs as Van Morrison, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, the Rolling Stones and Johnny Cash at the BAC.



**Johnny Winter**, 8 p.m., Sat., Apr. 21, \$39 (\$35/BAC members). One of Rolling Stone Magazine's 100 greatest guitarists of all time, Johnny Winter has been an iconic rock-n-roller since the 1970s.



**Patti Vasquez** presents "Ha-Has for Ta-Tas," Sat., Apr. 28, 8 p.m. \$20. A portion of the proceeds from this comedy show with a heart will benefit Little Company of Mary Hospital's Comprehensive Breast Health Center.



### **School of the Arts:**

The Spring session of the School of the Arts begins the week of Mar. 25, offering more than 100 classes for all ages in art, music, theater, dance, fitness and more. Find a complete schedule at [www.beverlyartcenter.org](http://www.beverlyartcenter.org) under "education." Sign up before Mar. 12 to receive an early registration discount.

## **Theater:**

**Auditions for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,"** Sat., Feb. 25, beginning at 1 p.m. Prepare two-minute monologue and an upbeat Broadway song. Roles for 5 males. 4 females. Non-Equity. Pay. Performances May 4-13. Contact [theater@beverlyartcenter.org](mailto:theater@beverlyartcenter.org) to schedule an audition.

**Chicago Kids Company**, "Little Red Riding Hood," selected weekdays 10:30 a.m. through Apr. 27 and Saturdays, Feb. 18, Mar. 24 and Apr. 21, 1 p.m. \$12 per person, group rates available.



## **BAC Star Productions:**

**"Fabulously Funny Fractured Fairy Tales,"** Sat., Mar. 17, 1 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 18, 2 p.m.

**"Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.,"** Sat., Mar. 24, 7 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 25, 2 p.m.



## **Art:**

A group exhibit of 39 artists using diverse mediums to interpret Shakespeare -- his characters, plays, or sonnets -- will be open to experience in **"Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare: As They Like It,"** Feb. 17 through Apr. 1. The artist reception will be held Sat., Feb. 25, 6 to 9 p.m., and an artist Q&A will be held Sun., Mar. 18, 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon. through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., and 1 to 6 p.m. Sun. Free.

## **Writers Group:**

The BAC writers critique group is open to adult writers interested in improving their work. They meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 7 p.m. \$5 (\$3/BAC members) per session. Information: [grace@beverlyartcenter.org](mailto:grace@beverlyartcenter.org).

## **Save the Date:**

**4th Annual Fore Art Golf Outing**, Mon., June 25.

## jazzercise® Offers New Classes to Accommodate Participants

Two new Jazzercise dance-fitness classes will open in the Mt. Greenwood area the week of February 6, 2012. Jazzercise instructor Cindy Lunz has added the classes to accommodate new participants and to provide current participants with a greater choice of convenient class times.

The new classes will take place at 6:05 p.m. on Monday and Thursdays at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 West 111th Street. In addition to the new classes, there are currently 7:15 p.m. classes offered Monday thru Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Weekday morning classes are held in Oak Lawn at Grace Community Church, 10415 S. Kedvale at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"I'm excited about the growth of Jazzercise locally," said Lunz. "Jazzercise offers a unique blend of fitness and jazz dance that Mt. Greenwood residents have discovered is a lot of fun. The new classes will just make it easier for participants to enjoy a workout where and when it's convenient for them."

The 60-minute Jazzercise class includes a warm-up, high-energy aerobic routines, muscle-toning and cool-down stretch segment. Jazzercise combines elements of

dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kick-boxing and more to create programs for people of every age and fitness level. Alternative formats include Jazzercise Lite, Jazzercise Personal Touch and Junior Jazzercise.

### About Jazzercise

Judi Sheppard Missett, who turned her love of jazz dance into a worldwide dance exercise phenomenon, founded the Jazzercise dance fitness program in 1969. She has advanced the business opportunities of women and men in the fitness industry by growing her program into an international franchise business that today, hosts a network of 7,500 instructors teaching more than 32,000 classes weekly in 32 countries.

The workout program, which offers a fusion of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, and kickboxing movements, has positively affected millions of people worldwide. Benefits include increased cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility, as well as an overall "feel good" factor. For more information on Jazzercise contact Lunz at 773-238-7716. For worldwide class information, go to [jazzercise.com](http://jazzercise.com) or call (800) FIT-IS-IT.



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# Morgan Park Juniors Host Domestic Violence Events

On Saturday, March 10, 2012 the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club will host a Family & Domestic Violence Awareness Day from 10am-noon at the Morgan Park United Methodist Church, 11030 S. Longwood Dr. This forum will feature representatives from community, regional, city and state agencies to provide information and support for victims of domestic violence and their families. This event is free and open to the public.

Speakers from South Suburban Family Shelter, the Chicago Police Department, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office will present a number of issues design to help individuals and families create and maintain healthy relationships. Topics include obstacles faced by victims of domestic violence, insight from first responders, and ways victims can remove

themselves from abusive situations. For more information about the forum, please e-mail [morgan-parkjuniors@yahoo.com](mailto:morgan-parkjuniors@yahoo.com).

In conjunction with this forum

and other family and domestic violence initiatives, the Morgan Park Juniors will host "Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence" on Saturday, March 24, 2012. For \$25 participants can work out at a variety of local fitness facilities throughout the day. Work-

out options include high intensity cardio programs, zumba classes, group runs, and yoga. This day is designed to raise awareness about domestic violence and support A New Direction (AND), a local organization that provides support and services to area families. The full schedule of fitness offerings is printed below. For more information, please contact Jean Catania at (773) 239-2633.

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## Work Out to Wipe Out Partners

### Beverly Ride-On

2940 W. 95th St.  
Owner: Jenny Moody  
1pm, 45 minutes  
Spin Class  
Capacity: 19 bikes  
INSTRUCTOR: Jenny Moody

### Beverly Yoga Center

1917 W. 103rd St.  
Owner: Carly Carney  
2pm, 75 minutes  
Yoga class  
INSTRUCTOR: Alice Markel  
[www.beverlyyogacenter.com](http://www.beverlyyogacenter.com)

### Core Fitness and Physical and Therapy

2940 W. 95th St  
Owner: Diane Fidler  
12pm, 50 minutes  
Pilates Fusion  
Capacity: 15  
INSTRUCTOR: Cathy Conjar  
2pm, 50 minutes  
Zumba Dance  
Capacity: 15  
INSTRUCTOR: Missi Brady  
[www.corefitnesspt.com](http://www.corefitnesspt.com)

### CrossFit Beverly

10911 S. Western  
Owner: John McMullen  
9am-noon, 3 hours in 1 hour segments or heats  
CrossFit WOD  
INSTRUCTORS: John McMullen, Jim Sonntag, Chris Brennan, Jay Hanson  
[www.crossfitbeverly.com](http://www.crossfitbeverly.com)

### Curves of Beverly/Evergreen Park

1804 W. 103rd St. (WOMEN ONLY)  
Owner: Sandie Maddux  
8:30-11am, 30 minute sessions  
Circuit Training Workout  
7:30 am and 12pm, 60 minutes  
Zumba Class  
INSTRUCTORS: Sally Wall, Renee O'Connor  
7:30am-1pm  
Chair Massage  
[www.curvesinchicago.com](http://www.curvesinchicago.com)

### Fit Code Bootcamps

10318 S. Western Ave  
Owners: Shelton Matsey and Jennifer Torres  
10 am, 60 minutes  
Bootcamp Workout  
INSTRUCTORS: Shelton Matsey, Jennifer Torres, Maria Torres  
[www.chicagolandbootcamp.com](http://www.chicagolandbootcamp.com)

### Klees Golf Shop

10436 S. Western Ave  
Owner: Charlie Klees  
Appointments made on March 24 will benefit A.N.D.  
(30 minute session)  
Complete Driver Fitting, using Vector Pro Launch Monitor  
INSTRUCTOR: Duffy Callahan  
[www.kleesgolf.com](http://www.kleesgolf.com)

### Running Excels

10328 S. Western Ave  
Owners: Beverly Lynch and Jim Pacente  
7am-until completed  
4-12 mile group run  
GROUP LEADER: Jim Pacente  
7am-until completed  
4-6 mile group walk  
GROUP LEADER: Beverly Lynch  
[www.runningexcels.com](http://www.runningexcels.com)

### Shannon Center, St. Xavier University

3700 W. 103rd St.  
Facility Director: Jennifer Quinlan  
9am-5pm  
Shannon Center open to adults (18 yrs & older)  
Activities include: Indoor track, fitness center, racquetball courts and open gym  
[www.sxu.edu/campuslife/shannon/index.asp](http://www.sxu.edu/campuslife/shannon/index.asp)

### Tsai's Kung Fu International

11107 S. Western Ave  
Owner: Sijo Waysun Johnny Tsai  
1:30pm, 2.5 hours  
Women's Street Defense Workshop  
(CUMA Combatives Street Defense Seminar)  
Capacity: 40  
INSTRUCTORS: Sijo Waysun Johnny Tsai, Sifu Antonio Lopez, Shou-Sifo Torriente Tolliver, Sifo Anthony West  
[www.tsaiskungfu.net](http://www.tsaiskungfu.net)  
[www.cumaram.com](http://www.cumaram.com)

### Yoga with Donna Wilkinson at The Ag School

3857 W. 111th St. in the Demonstration Room  
Owner: Donna Wilkinson  
9am, 60 minutes  
Yoga Class  
INSTRUCTOR: Donna Wilkinson  
(773) 881-3240

# Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence

Organized by GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club



After a brief delay caused by utility issues, construction has resumed at the new Home Run Inn Pizza at 109th & Western Avenue. Significant progress is being made and we look forward to a Spring 2012 grand opening. For more information on Home Run Inn, please visit [www.homeruninnpizza.com](http://www.homeruninnpizza.com).

# Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Options

**Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood  
773-233-7080, Kelly McCarthy**

The Green Sanctuary Group accepts household hazardous waste, including computer and electronics waste. Waste will be accepted on the first Saturday of April, August and November in 2012, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot.

The following items will be accepted, on the condition that any hazardous chemicals are properly sealed: anti-freeze, used motor oil, old gasoline, oil-based (NO latex, NO acrylic) paints, paint thinners, aerosol paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, drain cleaners, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury, fluorescent lamps and projector bulbs, and cell phones. This is a service that we will offer to residents of Beverly, Morgan Park and vicinity. Modest contributions to help offset transportation costs are appreciated.

We CANNOT accept any water based paints, Freon gas, incandescent bulbs, water soluble calk or mortar, land line or cordless phones, appliances, or bio-hazardous waste. We have to refuse these materials.

There will also be bins for eyeglasses, athletic shoes, cell phones and printer cartridges.

**Village Of Evergreen Park, 3225 W. 93rd Street  
708-422-1551, Village Hall**

**[www.evergreenpark-ill.com/residents/recycling/recyclingguide](http://www.evergreenpark-ill.com/residents/recycling/recyclingguide)**

Evergreen Park has an electronics recycling program and the collection site is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8-3. The village also lists local businesses on its website which collect all items from automobiles to televisions. Please contact the business to see if fees are charged.

**Village Of Oak Lawn, 5532 W. 98th Street  
708-636-4400, [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov)**

Electronic Waste Recycling Facility will take residentially generated electronics. The hauling of any and all items from your vehicle to the collection containers is your responsibility. For more information, please check the website.

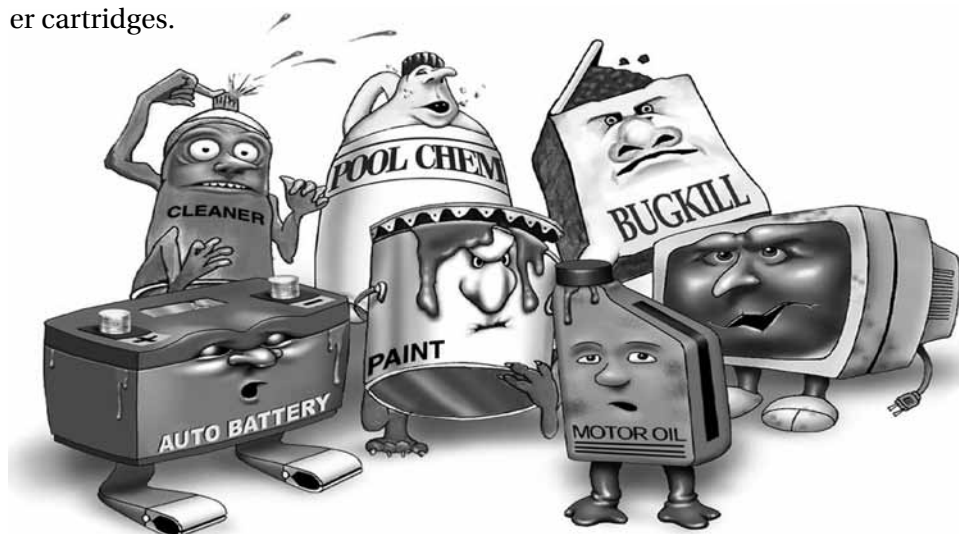
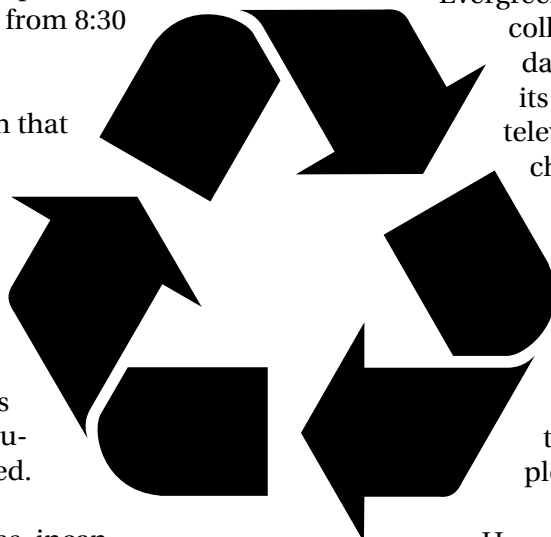
Hours of Operation Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 2 pm – 4 pm & the 2nd Saturday of the month 10 am – noon.

**City Of Chicago, 1150 N. Branch Street  
[www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org)**

The Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Facility accepts a range of items, including household cleaners, oil-based paints, solvents, cell phones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, computers and related equipment to name a few. It does NOT accept business/commercial sector wastes, explosives, fireworks or latex paint. Please review the full list of items in both categories before you visit.

The facility is open for drop-offs on the following days only:  
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# Legislative Updates

## Cunningham Proposes Yellow Pages “Opt-Out” Law to Curb Phone Book Waste

A bill proposed by State Representative Bill Cunningham would give Illinois consumers the ability to stop the delivery of unwanted Yellow Pages and other telephone directories to their homes.

The measure, introduced as House Bill 4588, is designed to reduce the environmental impact of countless unwanted phone books being delivered to homes throughout Illinois. Many of the books are not recycled and end up in municipal landfills. The Product Stewardship Institute, A national environmental advocacy group that acts as a consultant to businesses, estimates that local governments spend \$54 million every year to dispose of unwanted phone books.

“Thanks to readily available internet technology from Google to social media, fewer and fewer con-

sumers turn to old fashioned phone books when they need to find a telephone number,” Cunningham said. “Yet, it seems every couple of months a new four-inch thick edition of the Yellow Pages or some other phone directory is dropped at our front door, whether we ask for it or not.”

Cunningham’s proposal would require any company that distributes consumer phone books in Illinois to establish an “opt-out” website or telephone hotline where Illinois residents can register their addresses on an official “do not deliver” list. Distributors would have to check the registry before delivering any phone books and skip the residences of consumers who decided to opt-out.

The publishers of telephone directories would also be required to

conspicuously advertise the “opt-out” option on the cover of all phone books. Failure to abide by any part of the law would be considered a violation of the state’s Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, which would empower the Attorney General or a local State’s Attorney to initiate a civil action against the phone book distributor. Under the Act, violators can be assessed a fine of up to \$50,000 dollars for each violation.

Cunningham pointed out that some phone book publishers have already started to voluntarily set up “opt-out” websites. Last year, the National Yellow Pages Association established a website called yellowpagesoptout.com, which gives consumers the ability to stop the delivery of the Yellow Pages to their homes. However, Cunningham said

his legislation is necessary because little effort has been made to publicize the “opt-out” website in Illinois and because a number of publishers outside of the Yellow Pages distribute phone books.

According to a recent Harris Interactive Poll, nearly seven out of 10 U.S. adults rarely or ever use phone books. The survey found 60% of adults find contact information online and only 22% recycle their phone books.

“It is important to note that even if this proposal becomes law, consumers who want to continue to get phone books delivered to their homes will not see that service eliminated,” Cunningham said. “But for those of us who haven’t opened a copy of the Yellow Pages for years, this law would spare us from an environmentally damaging nuisance.”

## Maloney Passes Report Card Bill

In an effort to help parents better understand the progress of schools and districts across the state, Governor Quinn signed a measure today that will redesign the school report card. Sponsored by Senate Higher Education Committee Chairman Senator Ed Maloney, the redesign will make the report card more user-friendly and focus on student outcomes, student progress, and school environment.

One requirement in the Education Reform Package passed by the General Assembly in 2011, the school report card revamp was to be decided by the P-20 Council. House Bill 605 represents the Council’s recommendations and the redesigned report card will be issued each October 31st starting in 2013. The State Board of Education is required to provide a state report card, school district report card, and school report card to each school district.

“The legislation will help parents better understand the effectiveness of their children’s schools,” Maloney said. “Sometimes information overload can be ineffective. The previous report cards did not give general info and it was a lot for parents to comprehend what effect individual components played in the efficiency of their child’s education.”

The new school report card design will expand on the areas previously reported by the State Board of Education, but will include a one-page summary. Those areas include student demographics, curriculum, student achievements and school environment. The new design was developed by a coalition of a steering committee, teachers, parents

and students.

Senator Maloney has also been selected to serve as Treasurer for the Midwest Higher Education Compact, a group advancing higher education in Illinois and 11 other Midwestern states. Maloney chairs the Senate’s Higher Education Committee, and is a former school administrator and teacher.

Senator Maloney has previously served as a State Commissioner with MHEC. As Treasurer, he will be responsible for monitoring the administration of all fiscal policies and procedures, overseeing annual audits, budgeting, bonding, and other financial-related reports.

“MHEC encourages greater access to and results in our higher education systems,” Maloney said. “Their policy research and analysis for Midwestern states was a resource for our new state law establishing performance-based funding for higher education institutions, legislation I sponsored in 2011. As the Senate’s Higher Ed chairman I am pleased to remain involved with MHEC to stay informed on emerging trends.”

Each MHEC member state is represented by five people on its 60-member governing body made up of legislators, higher education leaders, and governors’ representatives. The commission meets annually at a site rotated among the member states.

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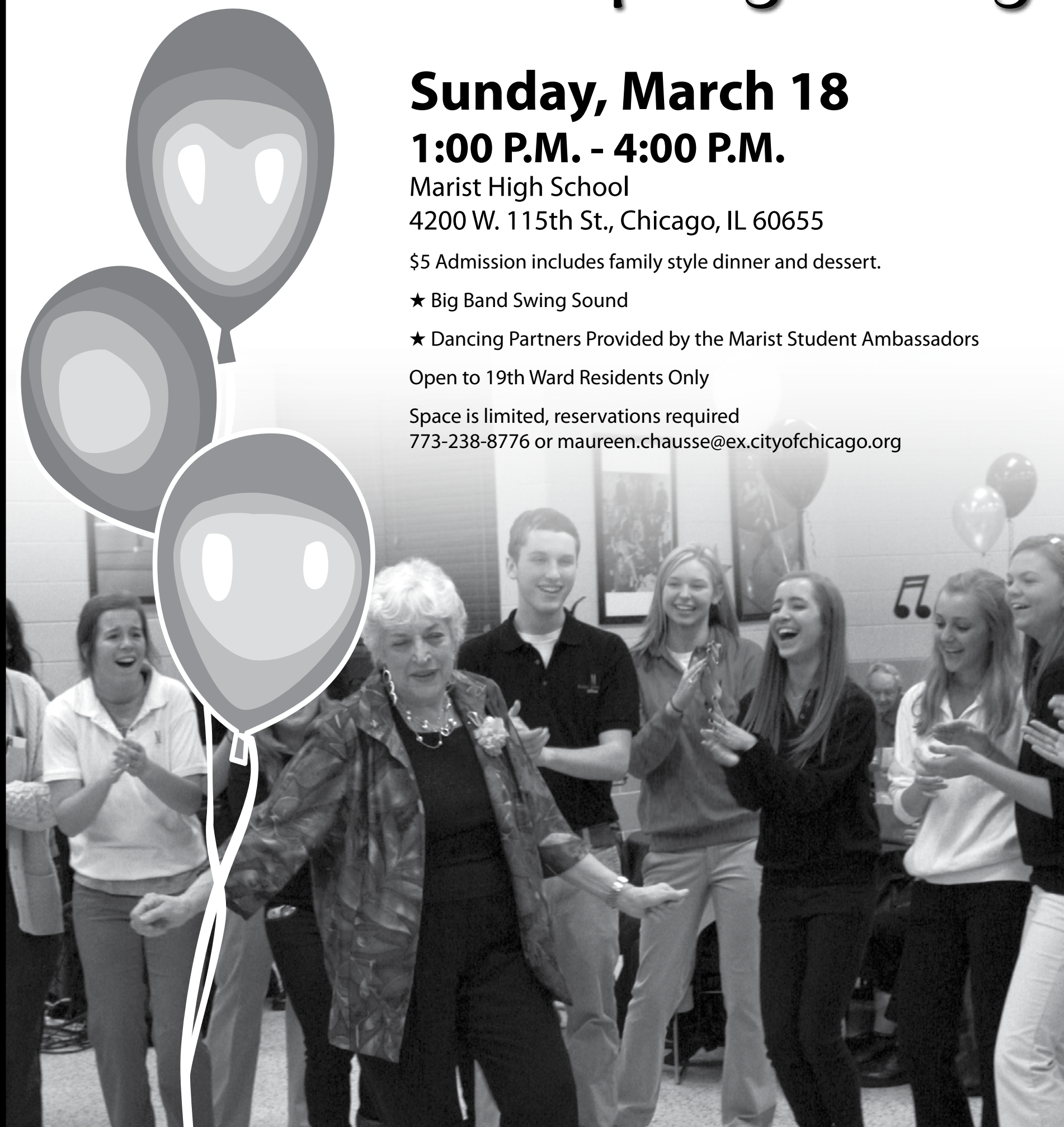
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# Bakery Blitz and Pizza Passion

Beacon Therapeutic partners with local businesses to raise funds for vulnerable children



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