

Developers Break Ground on *Walgreens*

Dear Neighbor:

After countless delays, site preparation has begun for the new Walgreens at 111th and Kedzie Avenue. Currently, the City of Chicago Department of Water Management, Commonwealth Edison, Peoples Energy, AT&T and Comcast are all relocating their various utility lines to accommodate the new construction. A formal groundbreaking was held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 and developers hope for a spring 2011 completion.

As many residents know, this project has been a long time coming. Developers originally came to me with a plan to demolish and rebuild the Walgreens at its current site. Given the significance of this corner, I encouraged them to expand the project to include a Mt. Greenwood signature plaza, new parking lot, and additional commercial space that would give new life to the area.

With input from neighbors and community groups, we put together a design for the new project that added character and aesthetic appeal to this major commercial intersection. During that time, developers purchased two buildings on Kedzie Avenue from the Mt. Greenwood Local Redevelopment Corporation in order to assemble necessary parcels of land. Other acquisitions included streets and alleys, as well as two pri-



Walgreens groundbreaking on Thursday, May 13.

vate homes. Finally, after much planning and negotiating, we arrived at a redevelopment agreement a few years ago.

Unfortunately, many of the agreements in this redevelopment package were based on real estate market land value. When the market declined, a host of new complications and delays were born. Ultimately, all the previously agreed upon land values had to be re-

negotiated and appraisals repeated; circumstances also forced the developer to seek financial assistance from the City.

Economic turmoil also jeopardized bank financing of this project; however, I pushed forward each day, trying to facilitate the redevelop-

ment of this land in the manner that was promised to the community. By working with various city agencies and departments, the developers finalized a TIF subsidy that would allow the project to move forward. However, doing so required constant oversight and various levels of legal and government approval.

Now, after numerous designs and plans, we are very pleased to announce the long anticipated groundbreaking. As I have for the past several years, I will continue to monitor this project through the construction and eventual grand opening of this exciting new commercial area. The ongoing patience of the immediate neighbors and the entire Mt. Greenwood community is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at vrugai@cityofchicago.org or (773) 238-8766.

Sincerely,

Virginia A. Rugai
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Wishbone Comes to 95th Street

Popular West Loop restaurant "Wishbone" has entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago to renovate and occupy the former Beverly Branch Library at 2105-25 W. 95th Street. The well-known Chicago restaurant is famous for its

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southern reconstruction menu that includes delicious breakfast offerings as well as lunch and dinner entrées. The new Beverly location will feature BYOB liquor service.

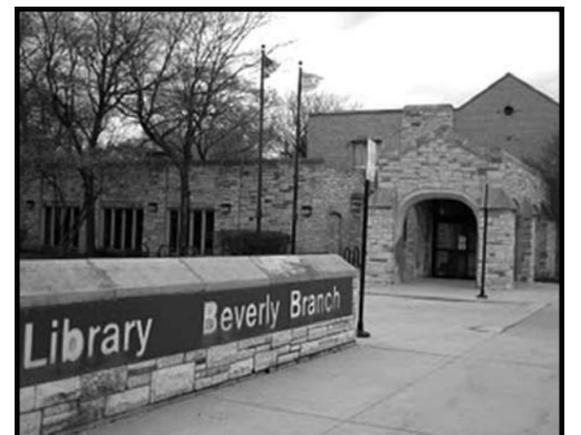
Wishbone will acquire the former library, including two buildings and a private parking lot which will accommodate 25 cars. Rehabilitating the property is expected to cost \$1.1 million dollars and generate 50 temporary construction jobs. Construction is slated to begin later this year, with high hopes for a January 2011 completion date. Annual property taxes are expected to be \$35,000, with a projected \$250,000 in annual sales taxes.

Once renovation is complete, the main library building will serve as a 170-seat sit-down restaurant with a standalone private dining room. The Wishbone project is expected to

create 50 new permanent jobs and hopes to be one of the first LEEDS certified restaurants in the City of Chicago.

Restaurant owner/chef Joel Nickson met with immediate neighbors and civic leaders before seeking the formal approval of Chicago's Community Development Council (CDC). "Neighbors and other business owners are very excited to have Wishbone on 95th Street", said Lois Weber, Executive Director of the 95th Street Business Association. "Joel Nickson and his family are making a serious investment in our community," added Weber.

Wishbone's other locations in-



The former Beverly Branch Library is built with same stone that was used in the Beverly Castle and current Starbucks located at 103rd and Longwood Drive. There are unique stone carvings as well as stained glass and leaded windows. There are 2 separate buildings, (1 two story and 1 one story), and a parking lot in between.

clude restaurants in the West Loop, North Side and suburban Berwyn. The restaurant has become famous for its southern infused brunch menu and trademark artwork.

Contributions

that count



Saint Xavier University is a proud resident of the 19th Ward. Serving as an economic, spiritual and cultural anchor, SXU demonstrates its commitment to the future of our neighboring communities in a variety of ways.

Providing a strong presence in the community

- More than 350 undergraduate and graduate students live in the 19th Ward.
- University events have drawn approximately 16,000 visitors annually.
- The SXU Community Connection Council provides a forum for the University and its neighbors to discuss programs and policies that might impact the community.
- The semi-annual Community Connections newsletter has a circulation of approximately 6,200 area residents.

Contributing to the health of the community

- Saint Xavier demonstrates a commitment to the health and well-being of the entire community by offering lowcost, professional primary health care to our neighboring areas through the University Health Center.
- The Ludden Speech and Language Clinic provides affordable diagnosis and treatment for clients with various communication disorders.

Offering free cultural events to the community and the public

- The SXU Voices and Visions Speaker Series, featuring prominent speakers such as former Secretaries of State Madeline K. Albright and General Colin Powell, and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel, has drawn a combined total audience of more than 6,500.
- The Catholic Colloquium lecture series seeks to expand our understanding of the University's identity and responsibilities as a Catholic institution of higher learning.
- The Squeaky Weal Lecture Series promotes thoughtful consideration and civil discourse on issues of public concern, with a focus on the religious, moral and/or ethical implications of such issues for the common good.
- The art gallery hosts approximately 10 rotating exhibits each year, contributing to the University's positive cultural impact on the community.
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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

As we look forward to summer, there are great things happening throughout our neighborhood. Most exciting is last Thursday's much anticipated groundbreaking at 111th & Kedzie Avenue. This development, anchored by Walgreens, will transform this intersection into a gateway for the Mt. Greenwood Community. The site will also include a signature corner plaza including paving bricks dedicated to all police officers and fire fighters from Mt. Greenwood who have lost their lives in the line of duty. In this issue, I am also pleased to include information about Wishbone Restaurant as they move forward with plans to acquire and renovate the old Beverly Branch Library at 2105-25 W. 95th Street.

This summer, we have a variety of activities planned for children, families and senior citizens. Movies in the Park will be shown every Thursday night at dusk; sign-up is also now open for the 19th Ward's Nerf Football League. Finally, Alderman Ruggai will again host Senior Citizen Bingo Monday's during June at Kennedy Park. Information about all of these activities and more are included in this issue.

We have once again included a map of our community police beats and a schedule of local CAPS meetings. These meetings give residents 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 matthewoshea@wow-way.com. To receive regular community updates, please visit our website at 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

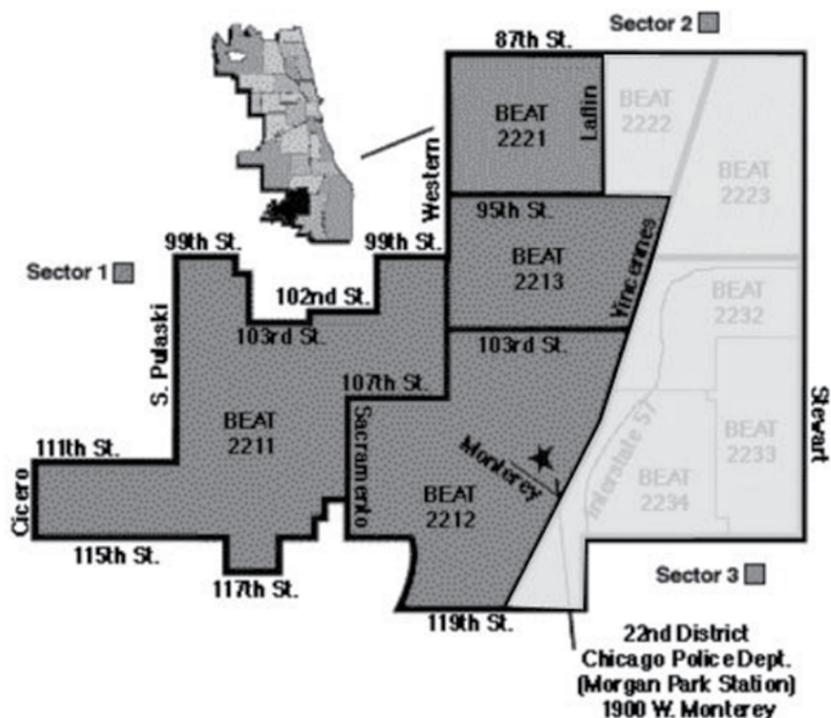
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive

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,
9239 S. Hamilton Avenue



beverlybreastcancerwalk

a huge success

This Mother's Day, over twelve thousand people participated in the 11th Annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk. Decorations lined the streets and pink ribbons wrapped trees throughout the Beverly community. During the last eleven years, the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk has become a Mother's Day tradition for many area families. Since its inception, the Walk has raised over \$1 million for the Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital.



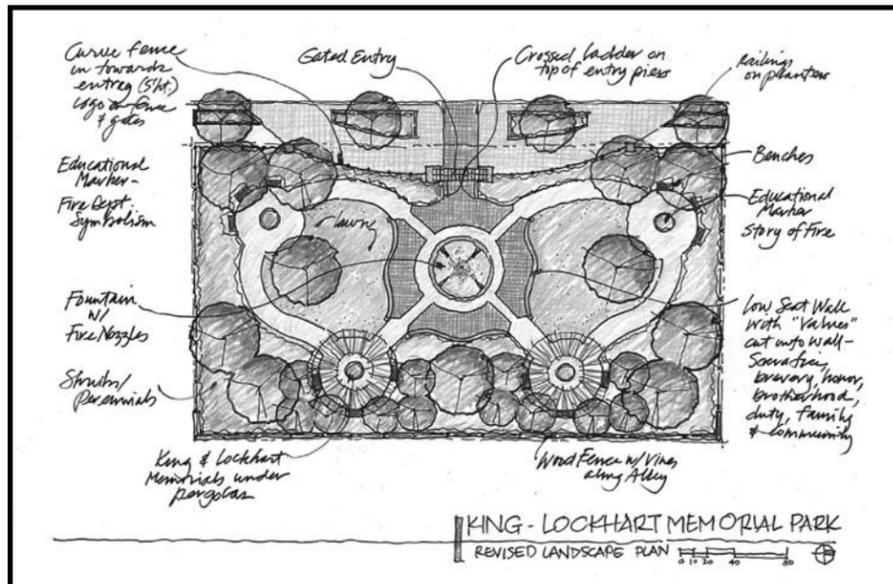
The Beverly Breast Cancer Walk committee poses for a photo outside the field house at Ridge Park.



The view from the street as over twelve thousand participants enjoy the scenic route of the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk.

Parks & Recreation

Park District Acquires Land at 106th & Western Ave.



Pictured above is one of several potential design concepts for the memorial park at 106th and Western Avenue. Several area landscape architects and artists are working to combine different elements of many designs into one final plan.

On February 12, 1998, Chicago Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick King and Firefighter Anthony Lockhart lost their lives fighting a 4 alarm fire at Beverly Tire & Auto Center at

10611 S. Western Ave. Since then, Alderman Ginger Rugai has persevered, with a vision to preserve the sight of that tragic fire as a memorial to these two brave men. After a

string of owners, bankruptcies and court appearances, the Chicago Park District acquired the land this April.

Alderman Rugai has assembled a committee of active and retired firefighters and CFD officers, artists, civic and business associations and landscape architects to pursue a concept for the memorial. "The vision is for a passive green space that pays tribute to King and Lockhart, a rebirth for this piece of land that has sat barren for so many years" said Rugai.

Several landscape architects and artists submitted their individual ideas to develop the park. The committee, after evaluating each submission, is working to form a composite that includes popular elements from the all of the designs. The final idea will include a central art feature with smaller artistic displays throughout the property. Firefighters on sight the night of the fire have marked the spot where the two

men were found. A special tribute is being planned for that site.

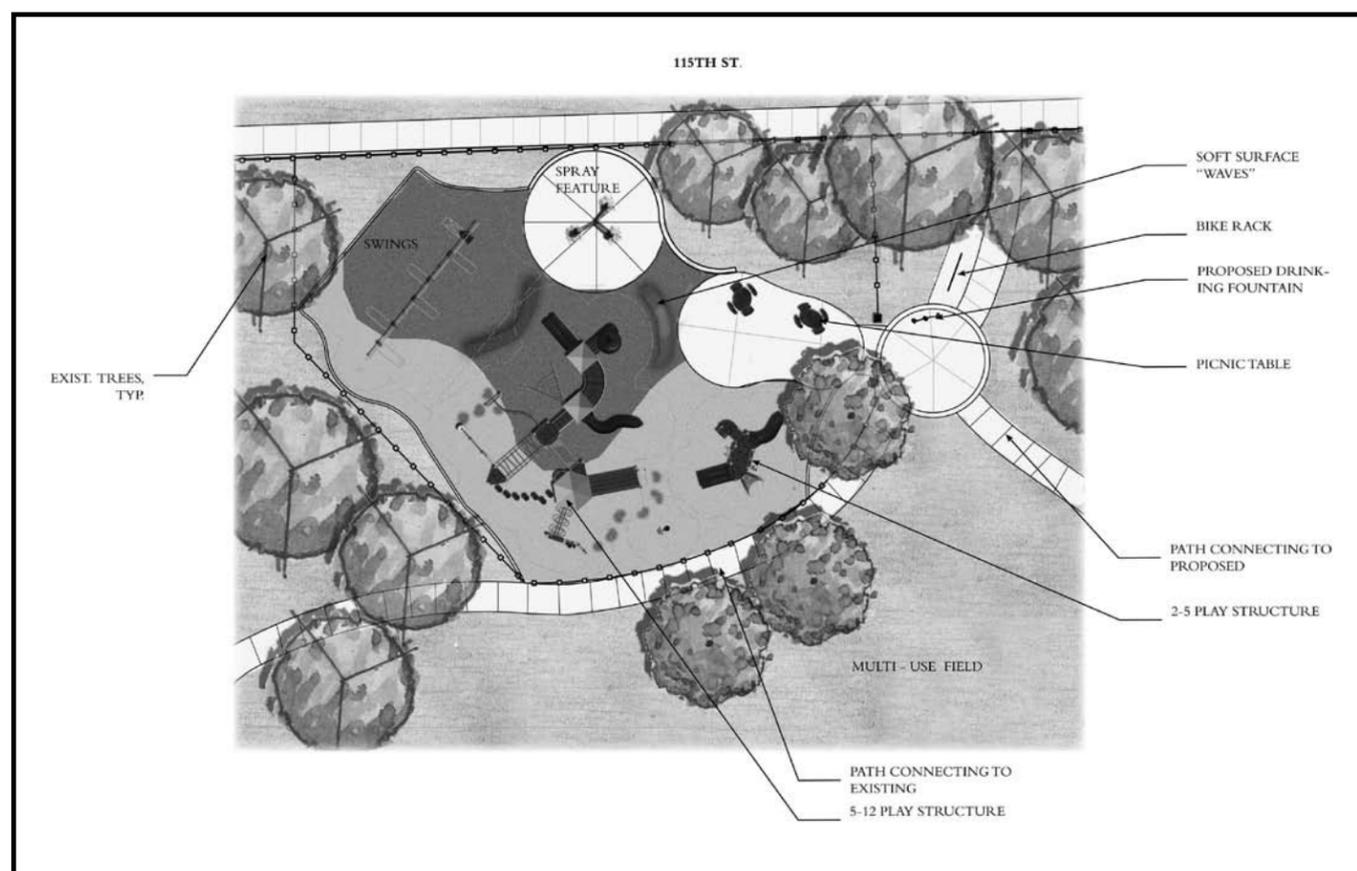
The committee hopes to have a design finalized by early summer. With the final design in hand, the group will pursue funding. "We are hoping to construct the memorial using a mix of public and private funds," said Rugai.

"I am honored to serve on the committee to create and develop this park dedicated to the memory and sacrifice of Firefighters Anthony Lockhart and Patrick King. These gentlemen represent the true meaning of selfless service to others without regard to their own personal safety. This park will serve as a much-deserved tribute to their memories. It is my hope also, that as this parcel of green landscape grows and matures, it will become a place of peace, celebration and rebirth for those whose lives were touched by the tragedy, as well as all others that visit," said Maryrose McNamee of the Gold Badge Society.

Blackwelder Park Construction Update

After input from community members, the Chicago Park District has finalized a design for a new playground at Blackwelder Park, 11500 S. Homewood Avenue. Through this project, the Park District will demolish the existing playground located at the far south end of the property and rebuild a new playground at the northern edge of the park adjacent to 115th Street. The new park will include soft surface throughout the play area, new equipment, a water play feature, upgraded lighting and wrought iron fencing around the entire property. The new location, combined with the upgraded lighting will increase visibility in the new park.

Demolition is expected this August with construction completing in November 2010. This project is funded by Alderman Ginger Rugai with cooperation from 34th Ward Alderman Carrie Austin.



Parks & Recreation

Clean & Green a Huge Success

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 Alderman Ginger Rugai and the Department of Streets and Sanitation sponsored the annual "Clean & Green" in conjunction with Earth Day at various locations throughout the Beverly Hills, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood community. This year, several civic organizations participated in the program beautifying the parks and other public spaces throughout the area.

Groups participating this year included the Beverly Improvement Association, Crescent Park Civic Association, Kennedy Park Little League, Ridge Beverly Little League, Esmond School LSC, West Beverly Civic Association and the Mount Greenwood Park Advisory Council.

Over 160 volunteers, community residents and organizations contributed to the annual Earth Day celebration at Mount Greenwood

Park. Through the tremendous effort of those involved in this project, the park, playground, flower beds and surrounding areas were thoroughly cleaned and all of the trees were mulched. Among those groups in attendance were: the football team from St. Xavier University and Coach Mike Feminis, the members of Crosswinds Church and Pastor Steven Puett, students from the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences along with coordinator Mr. Christopher Harris, the Cub Scouts, Brownie Troops 21621 and 20700 from St. Christina Elementary School, Brownie Troop 2631 from Cassell Elementary School, and a group from Mother McAuley High School. The local sponsors and partners for this event include: The Mount Greenwood Residents Association, The Mount Greenwood Local Redevelopment Corporation, Dominick's in Merrionette Park and the awesome staff of the Chicago Park District.

Ball fields, playgrounds, and gardens were also cleaned at Munroe, Beverly, Crescent, and Kennedy Parks as well as the Dan Ryan Woods and Esmond School. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to beautify our community.



Earth day volunteers pose for a picture after a day of hard work at Mt. Greenwood Park.

New Kennedy Park Playground Almost Complete



After demolition last year, the Chicago Park District is hard at work to install the new playground at Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Avenue. The new park (rendering shown here) will include several new play elements, soft surface throughout, and a new misting water feature. Watch for work to finish at this location by August 1, 2010.

This park improvement was funded by State Representative Kevin Joyce, Senator Ed Maloney, and the Chicago Park District.

Bike Across America Without Leaving the 19th Ward

On Saturday, May 22, 2010 Alderman Ginger Rugai will host her annual "Bike Across America Without Leaving the 19th Ward." Families will depart from McKiernan Park, 10714 S. Sawyer, at 10:00 am, (meet on site at 9:30) for a ride through the streets of Mt. Greenwood named for some of the most famous cities and historic places in the United States.

The City of Chicago's Bicycle Ambassadors and officers from the 22nd Police District will lead the riders out of the park promptly at

10:00 am. The route follows St Louis, Springfield, Central Park, as well as others, with a few fun filled stops along the way. After the three to five mile bike ride, participants will return to McKiernan Park for healthy snacks, goodies, and a free bicycle raffle.

If you have any questions, please contact Fran Hurley at Alderman Rugai's Mt Greenwood Office, 773-238-8776 or Sara Bush at McKiernan Park, 312-747-2883.



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YOUTH FOUNDATION

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation & Chicago Park District are pleased to announce the 2010 Summer Outdoor Movie Schedule. All outdoor movies are free and open to the community. This year, movies will be shown once a week beginning on June 18th, and ending on Thursday August 19th. Movies begin at dusk. Parents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for their families.

All 19th Ward residents and their families are invited to join us on Thursday evenings for outdoor films with their friends and neighbors. A complete schedule is listed below as well as on our website at www.the19thward.com.

June 18th	Sutherland School	Shrek the Third
June 24th	Kellogg School	Where the Wild Things Are
July 1st	Holiday – No Film	
July 8th	Munroe Park	Field of Dreams
July 15th	McKiernan Park	Monsters vs. Aliens
July 22nd	Ridge Park	School of Rock
July 29th	Mt. Greenwood Park	Wizard of Oz
August 5th	Blackwelder Park	Akeelah and the Bee
August 12th	Smith Village	Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House
August 19th	Crescent Park	Toy Story

You're Invited!

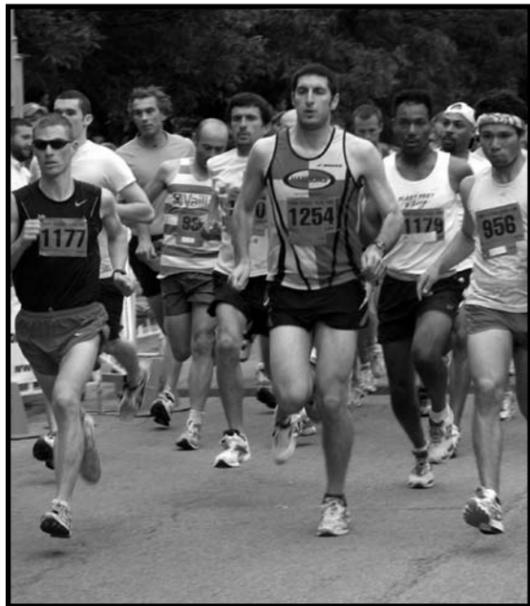
BAPA Hosts Spring and Summer Special Events

The Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) works full time on programs to benefit the people and businesses of Beverly/Morgan Park, but it may be best known for its spring and summer special events. Everyone is invited to enjoy these events that showcase our wonderful community. For information about events and BAPA, and applications and tickets to events, call 773-233-3100 or visit www.bapa.org. Information about becoming a volunteer or event sponsor is also available on the website.

The **33rd Annual Ridge Run** will be held on Memorial Day, May 31, with race day registration beginning at 6:30 a.m., Ridge Park, 96th and Longwood Drive.

Athletes from around Chicagoland will take on the challenge of the 10K run, 5K run and walk, one mile youth fun run and tot run. Start times are 8 a.m. for the 10K run; 8:10 a.m. for the youth mile for 6- to 12-year-olds; 9:30 a.m. for the 5K run/walk; and 10:15 a.m. for the tot run. The Ridge Run's three races start and finish at Ridge Park; the tot run is held in the park.

Register for the Ridge Run online at www.signmeup.com/67622. Race applications are also available on-line at www.bapa.org/ridgerun. For more information call 773-233-3100 or email ridgerun@bapa.org



The Ridge Run presenting sponsor is Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, and the Ridge Run is on the schedule for Dick's Sporting Goods National Runners' Month, one of ten events the retailer is sponsoring across the United States in May and June.

The Ridge Run is immediately followed by the **Beverly/Morgan Park Memorial Day Parade**, one of

the oldest neighborhood Memorial Day parades in the City of Chicago. At the end of the parade, a color guard and special ceremony honor the men and women who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Services. This year's Grand Marshal is neighborhood resident Mike McAlinden, a former Marine Corps Captain who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Area families, organizations, churches, schools, bands and businesses are all invited to march in the parade. Applications are available at www.bapa.org and at the BAPA and 19th Ward offices. The parade and ceremony are planned by BAPA and the office of 19th Ward Ald. Ginger Rugai.



The **8th Annual Beverly Hills Cycling Classic** returns to Beverly/Morgan Park on Fri., July 9. More than 125 professional and elite amateur cyclists are expected to participate in the race, the first leg of the 17-day Interna-

tional Cycling Classic Superweek Pro Tour. The Classic starts and finishes at 107th and Longwood Drive. The race begins at 6 p.m. and riders will cycle 100K – about 60 miles – in approximately two thrilling hours. The circuit runs on Longwood Drive, Seeley and Hoyne, 105th Place and 108th Place.

The International Cycling Classic is a world-class cycling event attracting top riders from the U.S. and many foreign countries. The local event includes a festival on the grounds of Beacon Therapeutic School, featuring music, food, beverages and more.

Music Under the Stars, the annual outdoor family concert, will be held Sun., Aug. 1 on the grounds of Morgan Park Academy, 2153 W. 111th St. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the event begins with free dance lessons, followed by live music. Beverages and picnic foods are available for purchase, and chairs can be rented. The evening culminates with a spectacular fireworks finale.

The **2nd Annual History Mystery Bike Tour** will be held on Sun., Oct. 3, starting at Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Avenue. This event showcases the history and fun of the community, inviting families to hop on their bikes and pedal down neighborhood streets tracking down clues that will help them solve the History Mystery.



Business with History of Problems Loses License

Blue Island's Bread & Bottle No Longer Able to Sell Liquor

For the past few years, residents throughout of Morgan Park and Blue Island have been plagued by problems the Bread & Bottle Liquor Store at 2227- 2229 W. 119th Street in neighboring Blue Island. Over the years, neighbors have reported problems with loitering, sale of al-

cohol to minors, and property damage on adjacent blocks.

Despite a good working relationship with Blue Island, the Chicago Police Department has had few legal options in dealing with this problem business. Sale of alcohol to minors at this location was the subject of a Blue Island Liquor Commission hearing on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Both Alderman Ginger Rugai and Committeeman Matt O'Shea were present at this hearing voicing

the negative impact Bread & Bottle has had on the Morgan Park community. Several neighbors from the Chicago side of the street submitted a petition calling for the revocation of the store's liquor license. After nearly three hours of testimony, Mayor Peloquin concluded the hearing.

Five days later, the City of Blue Island announced the revocation of Bread & Bottle's liquor license. The store will still be able to sell packaged groceries; but with the absence

of liquor, a huge change has already been observed by the neighbors. "The level of quiet was immediately noticed by everyone in the vicinity," commented one neighbor who helped organize the petition.

"Bread & Bottle has created problems for neighbors in Morgan Park as well as Blue Island for many years. We are extremely grateful to Mayor Peloquin for taking this step towards improving both of our communities," said Alderman Rugai.

Mass Planned to Honor Veteran's and Active Servicemen



On Sunday, May 30, 2010 the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will host an outdoor Memorial Day Mass in honor of the brave men and women who serve our country. Mass will begin at 4:00 pm at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive.

Fr. Tom McCarthy of St. Rita High School will celebrate the Mass with area veterans and the families of active service men and women playing active roles. A collection will be taken at the mass and donated to the Compadres, a local organization that provides care packages to troops serving overseas.

Please join us for this very special Memorial Day Celebration. Ridge Run packets will also be available for pickup in the field house from 12:00 – 4:00 pm that day. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-0288 or matthewoshea@wowway.com.

Benefit Planned for Natasha McShane

Dear Friends:

Many of us in the Chicagoland area were stunned to learn about the vicious attack on two women in the Bucktown neighborhood. These young women were walking home one night when they were brutally beaten with a baseball bat. Both women suffered serious injuries. Natasha McShane, a 23 year old from Ireland, remains in critical condition. Through the efforts of the Chicago Police Department, two suspects were brought into custody and have been charged with aggravated battery and armed robbery. Natasha came to Chicago in January, and is currently a graduate student at the University of Illinois Chicago. The oldest of five children, she is an intelligent and outgoing young woman who has made many friends during her short time in Chicago.

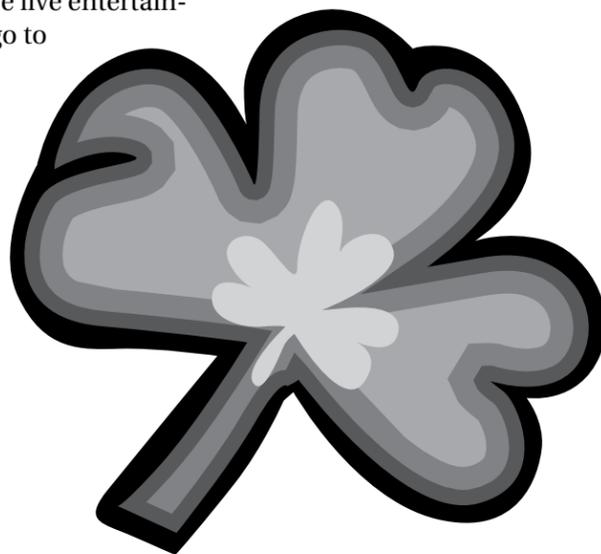
Since the attack, Natasha has undergone a series of dangerous surgeries and medical procedures. Her parents flew immediately to Chicago, fearing the worst possible news for their eldest child. Unfortunately Natasha's recovery will be a long and difficult process and her parents are facing skyrocketing medical expenses.

To defray the mounting medical bills, a benefit will be held on June 4, 2010 at IUOE Local 399, 2260 S. Grove Street from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. The event will feature live entertainment, food, drinks, and special guests. All proceeds will go to a fund established to assist the McShane family with the expenses related to this tragedy.

Please consider attending this event and joining the Chicagoland community in supporting Natasha and the McShane family. I believe that together, our support and prayers will inspire a positive outcome.

For more information, please visit www.mcshanefund.com or call (312) 714-9450. Thank you.

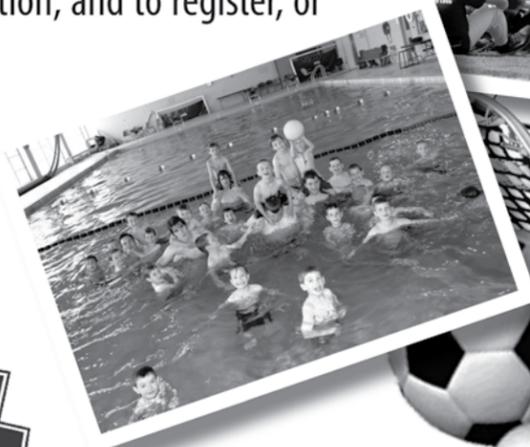
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New Program Provides Jobs for Unemployed

Last month, Governor Pat Quinn unveiled the "Put Illinois to Work" (PIW) program, an anti-poverty initiative aimed at building a healthy workforce by putting unemployed and under-employed Illinois residents back to work. The new program is expected to create more than 15,000 jobs.

"Put Illinois to Work will provide well-paying jobs that will help support families and strengthen communities," said Governor Quinn. "The program will also assist in building a workforce that possesses the skills, abilities and experiences that Illinois employers need to remain competitive in the U.S. and global marketplace."

Put Illinois to Work is a collaborative effort of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and Heartland Human Care Services (HHCS). Funding is provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF), which was created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

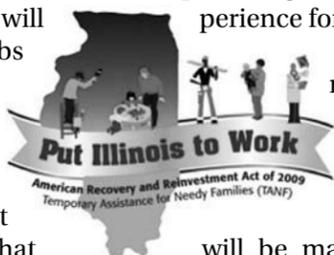
This program allows eligible Il-

linois residents to be placed in subsidized employment positions with participating worksites, for up to six months, where they will learn valuable skills and be able to support their families. The program will help stimulate Illinois' ailing economy and develop a healthy workforce by providing a meaningful work experience for participants.

Private, public and non-profit businesses are encouraged to sign on with Put Illinois to Work. Eligible participants will be matched to subsidized employment opportunities at these worksites in hopes that they might transition into unsubsidized positions at the program's conclusion.

Eligible worksites and participants must meet program criteria and agree to adhere to specific programmatic requirements. Participants must be at least 18 years of age with a household income below 200 % of the Federal Poverty Level (\$2,428 per month for a family of two) and be legally present and authorized to work.

For eligibility criteria and additional information on Put Illinois to Work, visit www.PutIllinoisToWork.Illinois.gov.



No Soliciting Signs Available Now

In response to community complaints, Alderman Ginger Rugai worked with former Alderman Manny Flores to draft and pass a citywide ordinance prohibits marketing or advertising materials from being delivered to homes that clearly display a "no-soliciting" or "no-trespassing" sign. "There were complaints about litter and potential crimes of opportunity" said Rugai, whose office will distribute the flyers through community meetings and online.

Those businesses that choose to advertise door-to-door are now required to display all of their contact information clearly on any promotional materials. Furthermore, they

are required to instruct all delivery staff to avoid homes with either a no trespassing or no soliciting sign clearly displayed.

Any businesses whose materials are left behind at a home displaying such a sign are subject to fines and other penalties. A sample no soliciting sign is printed in this paper and can be downloaded at www.the19thward.com; printed signs are also available at Alderman Rugai's Offices, 10400 S. Western Ave. and 3017 W. 111th Street. Alderman Rugai encourages all homeowners to display these signs and contact 3-1-1 to report any violations.

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Matthew J. O'Shea, Committeeman
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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6th (Thurs)
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 (7-10pm, \$5 Cover, All Ages)

May 7th (Friday)
 Vance Kelly and
 The Backstreet Blues Band
 (7:30pm-10pm, \$15 Cover)

May 11th (Tuesday)
 Southside Stand-Up Comedy Night
 (8:30-10pm, \$10 Cover,
 Appetizers Included)

May 14th (Friday)
 Bluegrass Night hosted by "The Grass Company" (7:30-10pm, \$10 Cover, Appetizers Included, All Ages)

May 15th (Saturday)
 Gabba-Land Puppet Show,
 presented by Jean Vanier
 (2pm Show, \$7 Adults, \$5 Children)

May 16th (Sunday)
 Student Music Recital, hosted by
 Katie Sullivan (4-6pm, \$3 Cover)

May 19th (Wednesday)
 Tom Holland & the Shuffle Kings,
 Blues Band (7pm-10pm, \$12 Cover,
 Appetizers Included)

May 21st (Friday)
 DJ Night (8-10pm, \$5 Cover, All Ages)

May 22nd (Saturday)
 Metal Rose
 (7pm-10pm, \$5 Cover, All Ages)

May 28th (Friday)
 Stellar Road
 (7-10pm, \$12 Cover, All Ages)

May 29th (Saturday)
 Teen Band Showcase
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Children's Health Corner

CHIPRA helps to keep kids healthy

More than 250,000 children in Illinois do not have health insurance! This means parents have to think twice before bringing a child to the doctor with an earache, sore throat, or playground injury. Often this means they do not get regular health care and sometimes end up in the Emergency Room with a far more serious illness that if they had received health care sooner. More than half of these children come from working and middle class families who earn too much to qualify for state programs like Medicaid, but not enough to afford private health insurance. Illinois All Kids Program is the answer for these families. This is Illinois's no to low cost health insurance, administered by the Illinois Department of Health-care and Family Services (HFS). All Kids insures every child regardless of medical conditions, immigration status or income.

Many families are discouraged from applying for this program because of lack of transportation to get to an HFS Office, lack of knowledge or understanding of the program, worries that applying for this coverage might affect their immigration status, or concern that they do not have the proper documents.

A new program available through Beacon Therapeutic can assist these families. Beacon Therapeutic is a social service agency that has a wide array of services to benefit



children and families in the Chicago land area. Beacon's newest program, CHIPRA (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Grant), is an outreach program funded through a federal grant targeted at improving healthcare for children and families across America. The Beacon CHIPRA Team has all the necessary materials to inform and assist families through the process of applying for Illinois's All Kids. Beacon staff will meet with families in community centers, churches, schools or homes to share information about the program, assist with applications and do an electronic submission of the application which helps with the tracking and speed of application approval. Beacon also assists families in connecting with a health care resource once they have been approved for the program. Beacon brings the office to the family to make the process easier! Beacon is helping to keep kids and families healthy through access to regular, quality healthcare. You can contact Program Supervisor Margaret Dunne or Case Manager, Brittany Ward, at 773-233-3821 for more information or to schedule a time to meet.

Run for Hope 5K to Benefit to Ronald McDonald House at Hope

The 3rd Annual Running for Hope 5k Run/Fun Walk will take place on Sunday June 6th at 8:00am.

Registration and festivities will be in Keeler Park at 93rd and Keeler in Oak Lawn. The route begins and ends at 96th and Keeler. This year all runners will be timed using the D-Tag system. All participants will have the opportunity to start a personal on-line fundraising page. There will be a Kids Dash beginning at 9:00am. After the race, please join

us in Keeler Park for refreshments, a raffle, and a performance from Advocate Hope Children's Hospital's own band the

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All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and Hope Children's Hospital.

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Barnard Students Enjoy Family Movie Night



Photo By Beverly Review

On Friday, March 19, 2010 the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Barnard School PTO co-hosted a family movie night in the auditorium at Alice L. Barnard School. Above, Matt O'Shea and Principal Doris Jordan pose with members of the PTO.

Help Save the Youth Ministry Center

MORGAN PARK CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER, a safe haven of hospitality for teens since 1979, is in danger of closing its doors. The work of the center is now more important than ever. The Catholic Youth Ministry Center offers a safe and supervised drop-in environment where young people can relax, play, study and interact with peers and adults. Monthly educational workshops and weekly leadership meetings provide students with much needed life-skills training. Healing Circles and a weekend retreat offer opportunities to focus on serious emotional and spiritual issues facing young people today.

Once supported by local parishes and state funding, the center has undergone drastic funding cutbacks in recent years. The state has been slow to pay on a current Delinquency Prevention grant. Furthermore, Delinquency Prevention grants



have not been funded at all in the proposed budget for next year.

Please help **SAVE OUR CENTER!** The Center is sponsoring two ways community members can help:

- Purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each. Don't miss your chance to win \$500! Raffle drawing will be held on June 11, 2010. Checks can be made payable to the Catholic Youth Ministry Center. Purchase info -where???
- Catholic Youth Ministry alumni are hosting a fundraiser at O'Rourke's Office on Saturday, May 22 from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$50. O'Rourke's Office is located at 11064 South Western. Please join us!

If you have questions, or need additional information, please call the Center at (773) 881-0193.

Area High Schools Shift to Year Round Schedule

After working with the Chicago Board of Education, teachers and parents, both the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences and Morgan Park High School will operate on the Track E schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

Under the new schedule, students at both schools will return to class on Monday, August 9, 2010, nearly four weeks earlier than in prior years. Students and faculty then have a two week break in the fall, as well as an extra week off during the traditional winter and spring breaks. Many teachers in Track E schedules also assign school work during the fall, winter and spring breaks so that students may continue learning.

While the number of school days remains the same, the students will hopefully retain more knowledge during an abbreviated summer break.

"Every elementary school teacher I know who is on the Track E schedule loves it. The breaks spread out over the school year give students and teachers opportunities to step back more often, which translates into happier students and teachers. A big advantage of Track E scheduling for high school students is that those students taking Advanced Placement classes will have a head start on preparing for the AP tests given in the spring of each year. An August start date means AP students will now have as much preparation time as students in suburban and private schools," said Peggy Goddard of the Morgan Park High School LSC.

Last year, three of Morgan Park's feeder elementary schools made the shift to Track E, so many parents of incoming freshmen will have already adjusted to the schedule shift.

City Sticker Sales at 19th Ward – One Day Only!

Many residents purchase their City of Chicago Vehicle Sticker through the ward office during the month of June. Unfortunately, because of budget cuts and reduced staff availability from the City Clerk, we will only be hosting sticker sales at the 19th Ward Office one day this year. Sticker sales will be held on Friday, June 25, 2010 from 10:00am to 6:00pm. This will be the only day city stickers are sold at the ward office.



City vehicle stickers are also available online at www.chicity-clerk.com/. As a reminder, all city stickers will expire on June 30, 2010.

Appeal Your Property Taxes at Mt. Greenwood Park

On Monday, May 24, 2010, the 19th Ward will host a property tax appeal night from 6:00-8:00 pm at Mt. Greenwood Park. This event is open to the public; any homeowners interested in reducing their property tax bill are encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Brendan Houlihan and his staff will be on hand to help residents complete and file their appeal paperwork. Property tax appeal through the Board of Review is a very simple process that takes no more than five minutes. Appealing through the Board of Review is free and cannot increase your taxes. Filing the appeal will either reduce

your tax bill or leave it unchanged. Please take advantage of this appeal option. Many residents in our community have successfully appealed their taxes and seen significant decreases in their tax bills.

All homeowners are encouraged to join us on May 24, 2010 at Mt. Greenwood Park from 6:00-8:00 pm to complete the appeal forms. Please bring your tax bill or Property ID Number with you. If you are not able to attend on May 24, the appeal paperwork is available online at www.the19thward.com. Should you have any questions, please contact Alderman Ginger Rugai at vrugai@cityofchicago.org.



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Beverly Arts Center Calendar

Golf

Foursomes are now signing up for the 2nd Annual Fore Art Golf Outing benefiting the Beverly Arts Center to be held Mon., June 28 at Ridge Country Club. For more information, call 773-445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Classes

Registration: BAC School of the Arts and summer camps. Classes begin June 13. All ages and arts disciplines. Schedule online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Music

Dave Mason & Band
Sat., May 22, 8 p.m.
\$43 (\$38/BAC members)

Highway 61 Revisited:
Bob Dylan Tribute Band
Fri., May 28, 8 p.m.
\$25 (\$22/BAC members)

Waco Brothers
with YellowHammers opening
Fri., June 4, 8 p.m.
\$15 (\$12/BAC members)



The Outlaws
Sat., June 26, 8 p.m.
\$43 (\$38/BAC members)



Gaelic Storm
Thurs., July 29, 8 p.m.
\$35 (\$32/BAC members)

Johnny Winter
Fri., Aug. 6, 8 p.m.
\$40 (\$35/BAC members)

Celtic Tenors
Thurs., Aug. 19, 8 p.m.
\$25 (\$22/BAC members)

Film

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Every Wed., 7:30 p.m.
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Wed., May 19
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Artist reception Sat., May 22
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Paper:
Group exhibit of works on paper
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and Sun., May 16, 1 to 6 p.m., FREE

Art Framing & Resource Workshop
Sun., May 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
FREE, Sponsored by BAC Young
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Books/Literary

BAC Writers Group
Mondays, May 24, June 14 and 28
7 p.m., \$5 (\$3/BAC members)
grace@beverlyartcenter.org

Author Afternoon, Bill Barnhart
Author of "John Paul Stevens: An
Independent Life"
Sun., May 23, 2 p.m.
Readings from spring issue of BAC
Street Journal follows at 4 p.m.
\$5 (\$4/BAC members)

Teens

Teen Wednesdays
Open mic and teen events
June 16, July 14, Aug. 18
7 to 9 p.m., \$5, Ages 13 to 19
Emcee: Anthony Whitaker



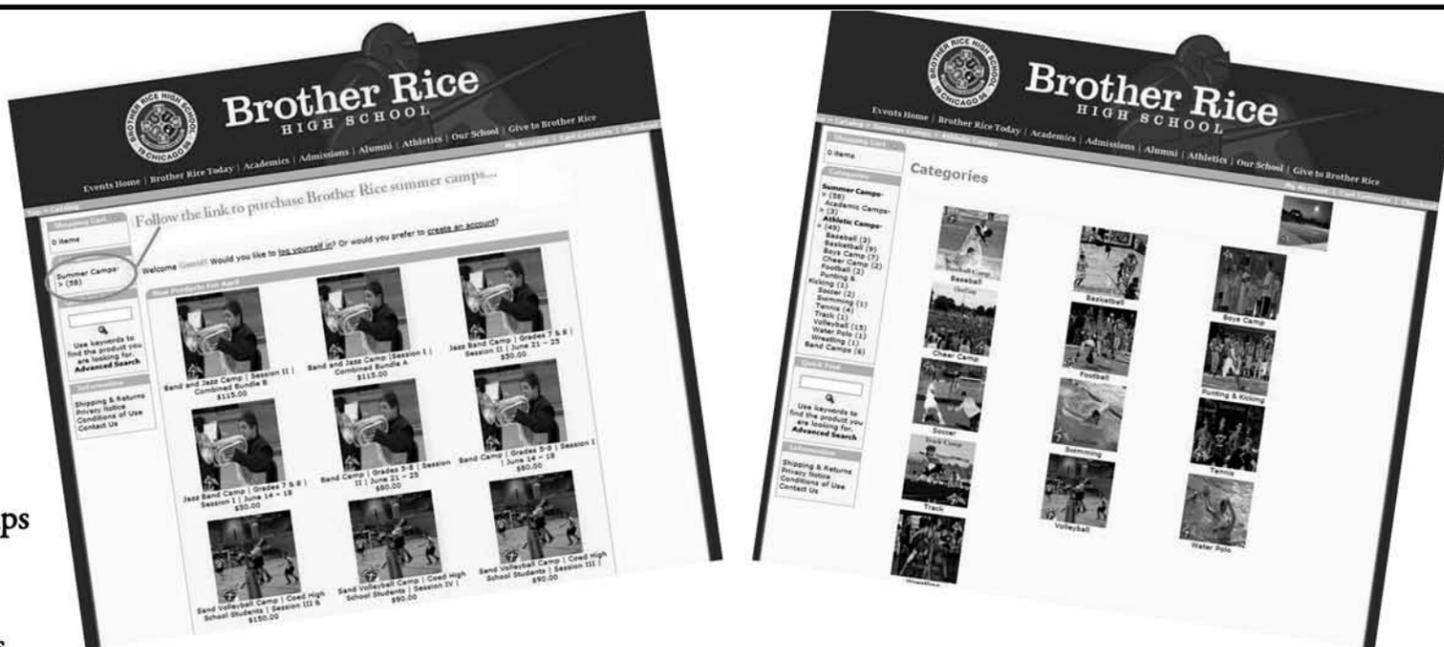
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Smith Village Expands Program for Volunteers



Sarah Jewett, Resident Service Director of Assisted Living

“Our current volunteers at Smith Village provide an invaluable component to our continuing care retirement community,” says Kevin McGee, executive director of the CCRC in the Beverly neighborhood. “They devote many hours, generously sharing their unique skills and talents, and in the process they greatly enrich the lives of our residents.”

Smith Village is now expanding its volunteer program, McGee adds, to offer even more opportunities for people to become an active part of its warm and welcoming community.

“Smith Village’s population is comprised of active seniors, as well as those who require more assistance, notes Michael A. Flynn, CEO of Smith Senior Living, which sponsors Smith

Village and Smith Crossing that is located in Orland Park. “Our staff excels at introducing new programs and activities, both stimulating and challenging, but we know our residents also appreciate meeting new people, welcoming the opportunity to explore new interests and learn new hobbies.”

Application available online

Volunteer opportunities are available in all areas of the community. The first step in getting started is to fill out a volunteer application, which is found online at www.smithseniorliving.org.

“Within two weeks you can expect to hear from one of Smith Village’s team members to discuss your interests and skills,” says Sarah Jewett, resident service director of assisted living. “Our goal is to provide a volunteer opportunity that benefits both you and our residents—a great way to get involved—that works well with your schedule.”

“Actually, volunteering at Smith Village broadens our volunteers’ horizons as well as our residents’,” McGee adds. “Volunteers tell us that they come in to provide a service but leave having learned many valuable life lessons. Our community here at Smith Village is one of various professional backgrounds and life experiences and our residents’ interests know no bounds. They have so much to share.”

Opportunities abound

As a continuing care retirement community, Smith Village offers four levels of care to provide the right amount of assistance necessary for older adults to thrive.

1. Seniors in independent living are active and enjoy a carefree lifestyle, thanks to the plethora of amenities and services offered on campus.
2. Those in assisted living appreciate a lifestyle that balances independence and security with an individualized plan that provides the support that they need.
3. The Alzheimer’s and memory support area has services specifically for those in the early and middle stages of Alzheimer’s and dementia.
4. Finally, residents in the skilled nursing care receive care for more extensive medical needs.

All areas welcome a volunteer’s unique approach and the opportunity to experience something new.

As a volunteer at one of the Smith communities, you can teach a grandmother to

e-mail her granddaughter away at college or help light-up a little one’s eyes with a ceramic piggy bank custom-made and painted by a resident. Or you might want to discuss your favorite musicals with Smith residents who share your passion for these magical performances.

Whether you are interested in helping with painting classes, piano lessons, discussions about music or opera, ceramics, photography, Yoga, Bible study, computer training, or play a particularly mean game of Scrabble or poker, your talents will be sure to brighten a residents’ day.

About Smith Village

Smith Village residents find their vibrant lifestyle well suited to keeping active and engaged in the community. They enjoy options for flexible dining in a beautifully appointed Main Dining Room and a busy Marketplace Café. In the same building, they have access to a myriad of activities and programs, spa/beauty salon and a fitness center with a full-time fitness specialist on staff.

Smith Village is one of the highly regarded Smith Senior Living communities in the southwestern region of metropolitan Chicago. The not-for-profit organization established its first community in 1924 on the site of Smith Village’s new campus.

For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors thrive during their retirement, please call 773-474-7300 or visit www.SmithVillage.org.



Alderman Rugai Thanks Sponsors from 8th Annual Senior Prom

On Sunday, March 7, 2010 Alderman Ginger Rugai hosted her 8th Annual “Sentimental Journey” Senior Citizen Prom at Marist High School. Over three hundred area seniors enjoyed an afternoon of dancing, dining, and reminiscing with old friends. This year’s prom was made possible through the generous support of Smith Village Continuing Care Community, 115 Bourbon St., Marist High School, Rich Daniels & the City Lights Orchestra, Sweet Escapes Eats & Treats, Steuber Florist, and CVS Pharmacy. Thanks to all for another great event.

BINGO

Alderman Rugai to Host Senior Bingo

Alderman Ginger Rugai will again sponsor Senior Bingo on Monday afternoons in June. Senior Bingo will be held at Kennedy Park, 11320 South Western. Games begin at 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks are served. There is no cost to play. All senior citizens in the 19th Ward are welcome to come for a fun filled hour of Bingo.

19th Ward Seeks Election Judges

The 19th Ward is currently seeking area residents to serve as election judges in the upcoming November 2, 2010 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 a.m. on Election Day;
- 2.) Conducting a fair and impartial election in the precinct polling place and allowing voting from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 3.) Tabulating the vote totals for the precinct and transmitting them to Election Central after the polls close at 7 p.m.

Judges of election are paid \$170 only 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 matthewoshea@wowway.com or (773) 238-0288.

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Cooking Demonstration – Wednesday, June 9th at 11am

Join Chef Dennis for a cooking demonstration and enjoy a “Taste of Smith Village.”

Showcase of Homes – Thursday, June 17th at 10:00am

Tour our resident's Independent Living Apartments and Model Apartments. Refreshments will be served.

Compliments of the 19th Ward – Thursday, August 12th at dusk

Join us for an outdoor screening of Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House.



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Meet Your Neighbors...

Carol Oprondek from My Sister's Knits



My Sister's Knits, located at 9907 S. Walden Pkwy., is the brainchild of owner Carol Oprondek, a Mt. Greenwood resident and registered nurse who was at a point in her life where she wanted to do something different.

"I knew that I wanted my own business, but I wasn't sure what that was," she said.

Oprondek opened My Sister's Knits in June 2005 after she discovered the need for a yarn shop on the

south side of Chicago.

"I started knitting again in late 2004 and got tired of traveling to different areas of the city and suburbs looking for yarn," she said.

The cozy shop offers a wide variety of beautiful yarns made from organic cotton, bamboo, wool, alpaca, sugar cane, silk, camel, hemp and milk protein. It also sells jewelry from local Chicago designers, pottery from a Naperville potter, handbags by Big Buddha and other gift



items.

In addition, My Sister's Knits offers classes in knitting and crocheting. Oprondek is accompanied everyday by her 15-year-old golden retriever Goldie, and the shop is pet

friendly.

My Sister's Knits is more than a yarn shop; stop in and see why their motto is "Come for yarn, leave with a friend."

Talk to Your Teens About Alcohol Today

Dear Parents:

Graduation season and the summer months are quickly approaching. These are important and memorable events in your child's life, which unfortunately, can include the use of alcohol and drugs by many teens. I encourage you to talk to your child about enjoying these milestones in a safe and responsible manner. These conversations can save lives.

Both teens and parents need to be aware that Illinois has some very strict laws regarding drinking under the age of 21. Some important facts to consider:

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for teenagers in our country.

- Illinois has a zero tolerance policy for underage drinking and driving. Teens caught driving with any amount of alcohol in their system will lose driving privileges for a minimum of three months. If someone under 21 is convicted of a DUI, meaning their blood alcohol is .08 or higher, they will lose their license for a minimum of two years.

- It is illegal to purchase alcohol for or supply alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

- A parent/guardian who knowingly allows any persons under 21 to drink in their home or on their property, including a vacation home, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable with fines and possible imprisonment. Should bodily harm happen to any-

one as a result of this drinking, that parent/guardian is then guilty of a felony with increased fines and longer jail terms possible.



- In addition to the criminal charges, any adult who willingly supplies alcohol to a minor causing impairment is liable in civil court for any death or injuries to people or

property caused by the impaired person. There is no maximum amount to damages that can be claimed.

I have witnessed firsthand the devastation that can occur when teenager's using alcohol or drugs. I hope that together, we can make this summer a fun, memorable and SAFE experience for everyone.



Sincerely,

Thomas J. Dart
Cook County Sheriff

Street Sweeping Season Begins



Street sweeping season officially began on Thursday, April 1, 2010 and will continue until November 19, 2010. Each street in our community should be swept a minimum of 3 times each year.

Bright orange "no parking" street sweeping signs will be posted on residential streets 24 hours prior to a sweeping. Tickets are issued for any cars that remain on the street during scheduled street sweeping. Please an eye out for the orange signs and remind your neighbors to move their cars on street sweeping days. Refrain from raking leaves or other debris into the streets and pick up any litter along the curb rather than leaving it for the street sweepers. Our street sweepers are slowed down by large volumes of leaves or litter. The more cooperation we have from community resi-

dents, the more frequently we can sweep your street.

Street sweeping days are also ideal times to notice abandoned vehicles. If you believe a vehicle has been abandoned on your street, please contact the ward office at (773) 238-8767 immediately so we may begin the steps to have it removed. The police and the Department of Streets and Sanitation watch for these vehicles, but there is no better source of information than the people who live on the street and know an abandoned vehicle from one that may simply belong to a vacationing neighbor.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and working with us to make the 19th Ward a clean and safe community.



THE PRIVATE BANK

Announces New Lending Program

The Private Bank, formerly Founders Bank, recently announced the "Follow Your Dreams" financing program. In difficult economic times, this program is designed to assist with the purchase of a new home or the refinancing of an existing home in the City of Chicago.

Finding money for a down payment and closing costs is one of the biggest obstacles faced by potential home buyers in today's market. Luckily, the "Follow Your Dreams" home lending program provides conventional financing with as little as a 3% down payment toward the purchase or refinance of your Chicago home for income qualified borrowers.

Many similar programs require buyers to purchase Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), increasing monthly payments; loans received through "Follow Your Dreams" do not always require PMI saving borrowers money. The program also includes financing options for owner occupied condos and 2 to 4 unit buildings.

To learn more about the "Follow Your Dreams" home lending program, contact Carrie Horin at 708-671-2093 or via email at chorin@theprivatebank.com.

Improvements Coming to 103rd & Walden Parkway

Dear Neighbors:

For the past several months, many residents have contacted my office regarding the blighted property at 1901 W. 103rd St. (103rd & Walden Pkwy). Two years ago this building was cited for building code violations. My staff attended these hearings and attempted to work with property owner Berton Ring to bring the building into compliance. After several court appearances, and under the threat of demolition, Mr. Ring has finally addressed the major safety concerns in his renovation plans. All proper building permits have been issued and work has finally begun.

While the unsightly boards and deteriorating facade have been a problem for many months, this property, and the adjacent two store fronts (1903-1905 W. 103rd St.), have received notices of building violations since June 2008.

Problems at this location escalated in October 2009 when window glass was removed from 1901 W. 103rd Street and construction began on knee walls to support new window installation. At this point, Mr. Ring had only obtained permits for an interior build-out on behalf of a Subway Franchisee. No structural exterior plans had been submitted, and no permit application for exterior work was filed. Furthermore, Mr. Ring expressed no intention to

address the crumbling facade at the two adjacent store fronts (Dr. Marcia Blake and Calabria Imports). A stop-work order was issued and a court date was set.

In December, under threat of daily fines, Mr. Ring informed my office that architectural drawings were being produced for the renovation of the store fronts at 1901, 1903, and 1905 W. 103rd Street. At a December 23 court appearance Mr. Ring was ordered to produce exterior plans and obtain proper permits to address the structural problems with his property. At this point, the windows at Calabria Imports had almost completely deteriorated; and Mr. Ring was forced to get an emergency repair permit to secure the front windows. My staff was told at this meeting that the remaining permit applications with plans would be submitted within two weeks.

It fact, Mr. Ring did not submit new plans for another month; and the drawings he finally submitted were rejected by the Building Department for serious safety problems with both the structural and electrical plans.

In March 2010, with no sign of new drawings and several failed attempts to contact Mr. Ring, I had the building inspected for demolition. Following the inspector's ruling, I informed Mr. Ring that he would either make the necessary repairs to

his building, or the City would demolish it and place a lien for costs against the property.

The day before our case was to be heard in demolition court, proper drawings were finally submitted to the building department, and permits were issued. Now that work has begun, Mr. Ring maintains that exterior renovations will take 30 days to complete and interior renovations at least 60 days. During the next few months, I will closely monitor this timetable.

While I am always bothered by unsightly property, especially along one of our most charming commercial strips, I could not allow construction to proceed knowing that the owner was ignoring proper safety precautions.

I will continue to monitor the progress, and hope the project will reflect the character and integrity of our community. Should you have any questions or concerns about this project, please feel free to contact me at (773) 238-8766 or vrugai@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Virginia A. Rugai
Alderman, 19th Ward

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Protect Yourself From Home Repair Scams

The snow has melted, the weather is warming, and many of us are starting to think about spring cleaning. This change of season, coupled with anticipated tax returns, prompts many to evaluate their homes for any repairs needed after the harsh winter.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office has a Consumer Fraud Unit that you can contact at (312) 603-8700 if you think you have been the victim of a home repair scam. However, I want to remind you that you can save yourself time, money and aggravation by taking a few steps prior to signing a contract and handing money over to a contractor:

- Always get at least three quotes for any major remodeling /repair work.
- Ask questions about the repair, including time frame to complete and materials. If your questions aren't answered to your satisfaction, ask again or contact another company.
- Ask for references in the area that have had similar work done and check them out.
- Be sure that you read and un-

derstand the entire contract before signing it. Make sure any promises or guarantees made during discussions with the contractor are in the contract.

• Check the company's rating on the Better Business Bureau's website: www.bbb.org

- Read the pamphlet, "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights," before hiring a contractor. All home repair contractors are required by law to provide you with this pamphlet before asking you to sign a contract over \$500.

Finally, follow your instincts. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. If you feel pressured or uncomfortable with the contractor or company, contact another. This is your home, most likely your largest investment, and it should be your decision on who performs the work on it.

Enjoy the warmer weather!

Anita Alvarez
Cook County State's Attorney



Maloney Protects Consumers from Unauthorized Charges

State Senator Ed Maloney is supporting a plan which will protect consumers from unfair and unauthorized charges.

Sometimes when customers buy products or services, the company will automatically enroll them in a group or club. The company then charges them for membership fees or unwanted products. Customers often are not aware of these charges until they receive their credit card bills. Maloney's legislation (House Bill 4698) requires companies to get the customer's explicit consent before enrolling them in any group or club or sending them any additional merchandise.

"I don't think companies have any business charging people for goods and services they don't want," Maloney said. "It makes it more difficult for people to keep to their budgets and it creates unnecessary hassles."

Maloney's legislation was inspired by a constituent's story. The constituent bought a product advertised on television. For months afterward he was sent products he did not want, and his credit card was charged.

"I've had experiences with these club schemes myself," Maloney said. "You buy something, and they keep charging you for months afterward."



Senator Ed Maloney

To me, this is a common sense law. A customer should have to opt in to a club, not opt out."

Maloney's plan also empowers Attorney General Lisa Madigan to enforce the law using her consumer protection authority. The Attorney General's Office will be able to use injunctions to prevent Illinois companies from taking part in this deceptive business practice.

The legislation has passed the Illinois Senate and now returns to the Illinois House for concurrence on an amendment.



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Hearty Café Pancake House Opens at 96th & Western

Are you hungry? If you are, head the car toward 96th and Western for a meal at the new Hearty Café Pancake House which opened this week at 9623 S. Western Ave., Chicago, in Beverly Plaza. The extensive menu of palate pleasing breakfast and lunch offerings will satisfy your hunger, and have you thinking about what you're going to order the next time you stop in!

Co-owners and brothers Tom Demogerontas and Nicholas Demogerontas have been in the restaurant business for many years, and own the popular Purple Onion in Homer Glen. Hearty Café has a unique menu and atmosphere, and the brothers will apply their expertise combining great meals with excellent service to keep customers coming back to the cheerful new restaurant.

As their menu says, breakfast is the best meal of the day, and the Hearty Café menu offers a variety of pancakes, waffles, blintzes, French toast, breakfast sandwiches, breakfast wraps, skilletts, omelets, eggs, benedicts, frittatas, biscuits and

gravy, and cereals.

According to Tom Demogerontas, the pancakes are not like anything served at any other restaurant in the area. With enticing names like Taffy Apple, Cranberry Pecan, Chocolate Strawberry Dream and Banana Nut, it will be hard to decide which kind of pancakes to choose. For the less daring diners, there are buttermilk pancakes, potato pancakes and pancake sandwiches.

Lunch may become your other favorite meal of the day. The Hearty Café menu ranges from ½ pound USDA angus burgers to Reuben sandwiches on grilled dark rye. There are also wraps, paninis, sandwiches and melts. Salad lovers will enjoy deciding which of the dozen offerings will top their list. Demogerontas said these salads are terrific! Choices include the Hearty Café Special (chicken or tuna salad served on mixed greens with bacon, cheese, egg, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots and pecans), a classic Greek salad, and the Rancher's Ribeye Steak Salad.

The children's menu also offers



Tom and Kathy Demogerontas invite hungry diners to the new Hearty Café Pancake House, 9623 S. Western Ave.

a lot of choice favorites like Mickey Mouse and silver dollar pancakes for breakfast, as well as Hot Diggity Dogs and PB&J for lunch. Hearty Café is open from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week, for dining in and carrying out. Call 773-881-1000.

Beverly Plaza is a part of The Plaza Shopping Center. The Plaza is open seven days a week, offering service, value and style to customers. Hours are Mon. through Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun. noon to 6 p.m. For customer information, call 708-422-5454.

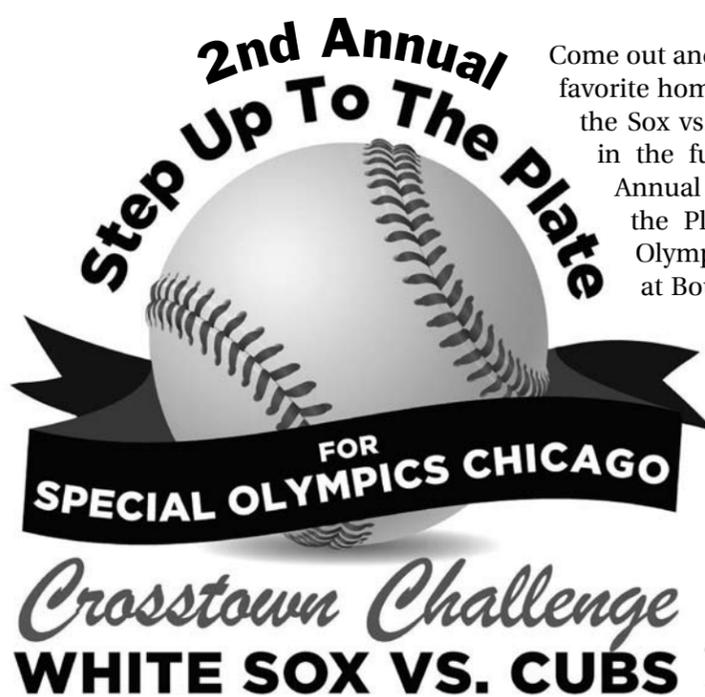
19th Ward Brings Nerf Football League Back for Fall 2010

Area 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls invited to participate



The 19th Ward Youth Foundation and the Chicago Park District will again sponsor the Nerf Football League originated by former Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan more than twenty years ago. The games will be played at Beverly Park on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. League play will begin on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Participation is free and all players will receive a T-shirt jersey.

The league is open to third and fourth grade students who live in the 19th Ward and all games will be played at Beverly Park. Registration is open now through September 14 online at www.the19thward.com. For more information or to volunteer, please call (773) 238-0288 or email matthewoshea@wowway.com.



Come out and cheer for your favorite home team! Watch the Sox vs. Cubs and join in the fun at the "2nd Annual Step up to the Plate for Special Olympics Chicago" at Bourbon Street on Saturday, June 12 at Bourbon Street (3359 W. 115th Street). \$30 donation includes great buffet and open bar from 2:30pm-6:30pm. Proceeds will benefit Special

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Mount Carmel High School Announces Appointment of New Principal, John Stimler

The Mount Carmel High School Board of Directors and Fr. Carl J. Markelz, O. Carm., President of Mount Carmel, are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John Stimler as the 21st Principal of the school, effective July 1, 2010. Stimler currently serves as Campus Minister and as a faculty member in the Theology Department at Mount Carmel.

Stimler brings a wealth of experience in Catholic education to Mount Carmel's administrative team. For the last fourteen years he has worked in Catholic schools as a teacher, campus minister, and administrator. He began working at Mount Carmel in 2008, where he organizes school retreats, liturgies, faith formation opportunities, and summer service opportunities in addition to his outstanding contributions as a classroom teacher.

"I am honored to be selected as Mount Carmel High School's next principal," said Stimler. "In cooperation with the Carmelites and lay faculty and staff, I look forward to continuing Mount Carmel's over 110-year tradition of academic excellence and to providing the leadership necessary to meet the academic and spiritual needs of our student body."

Stimler holds a Bachelor of Arts in History, Certificate in Business, and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois. He also acquired a number of additional graduate credits in philosophy at Saint Louis University and in Theology at Kenrick School of Theology.

Prior to coming to Mount Carmel, Stimler worked at St. Patrick Catholic Grade School in Springfield, Illinois, as Interim Assistant Principal and Program Director. At St. Patrick, he worked with the Board of Directors to help lead a capital campaign and develop the middle school curriculum. Stimler also gained administrative experience while serving as Principal and Campus Minister at Ursuline Academy, also in Springfield. In addition to overseeing the hiring and supervision of all faculty and managing the annual budget, Stimler was involved with enrollment management initiatives and institutional planning. He also held teaching and campus ministry positions at Quincy University and St. Jude High School in Montgomery, Alabama.

Stimler resides on the Northside of Chicago with his wife, Amber. They are members of St. Matthias-Transfiguration Parish in Lincoln

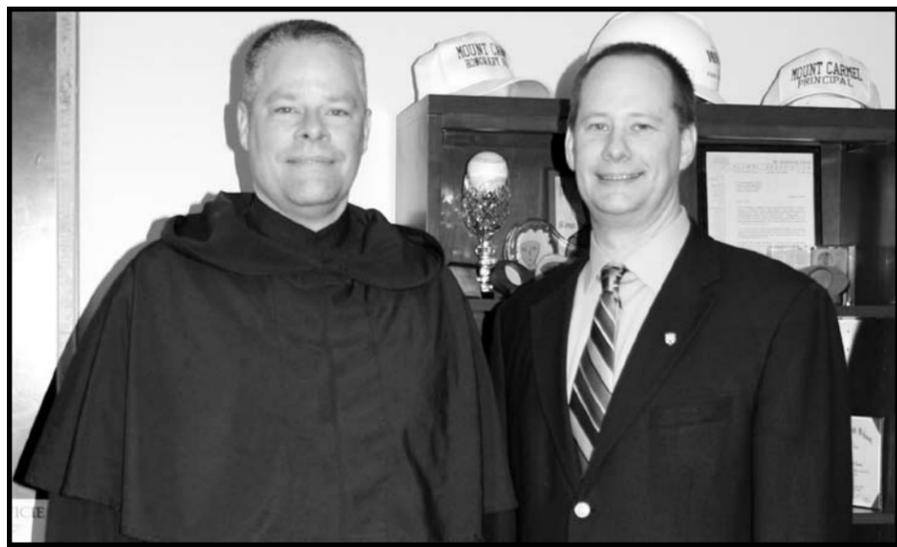
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Stimler was selected after an extensive search which generated interest from a large and outstanding pool of both internal and external candidates. He was chosen by a selection committee made up of administrators, staff, alumni, parents, and members of the Board of Directors. The appointment was approved by the Board of Directors on Tuesday, April 20.

Stimler, who will serve as Mount Carmel's first lay principal, succeeds Fr. Carl J. Markelz, O. Carm., who served as principal for the past 14 years in addition to his role as president. Fr. Markelz, who was

acknowledged and thanked by the Board of Directors for his successful tenure as principal, will remain in his role as President of Mount Carmel.

"Stimler's administrative experience, success as an educator, strong connection to service, and established presence in the Mount Carmel community make him the perfect person to serve as the first lay principal at Mount Carmel," said Fr. Markelz. "I look forward to working with him as we lead our school into this new decade and work to further instill the values of prayer, community, and service in our students."



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- **Baseball Camp:** June 14 - 17
- **Basketball Camp:** June 28 - July 1
- **Football Camp:** June 21 - 24
- **Golf Camp Session 1:** June 14 - 17
- **Golf Camp Session 2:** July 12 - 15
- **Soccer Camp:** July 19 - 22
- **Wrestling Camp:** June 28 - July 1
- **Volleyball Camp:** July 13 - 14

To register or for more information call the Sports Camp Hotline at 773.324.1020, ext. 298 or visit www.mchs.org

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All About Recycling

Blue Cart Recycling

The 19th Ward continues to lead the City in Blue Cart Recycling. On average, over 20% of our garbage in the 19th Ward is recycled. Currently, the citywide average is 14%. Many homes call for a second blue cart.

Yard Waste Recycling

The Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation recently shifted their collection of yard waste from weekly to every other week. It is now scheduled to take place during the same week that recyclables are collected.

The 19th ward produced more

yard waste than any of the combined regional recycling clusters that include all or portions of several wards. Given the inordinately large amount of yard waste that we generate, it is possible that from time to time you might see yard waste in place for an extended period of time or workers other than your regular recycling crew come by and remove the accumulated yard waste.

Please continue to use your black cart with the green sticker for yard waste. Yard Waste may also be placed in paper or plastic bags (clear or translucent - preferred), next to your black cart on your Blue Cart recycling week.



Blue cart collection days for 2010 are during the following weeks:

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May 10, 2010
May 24, 2010
June 7, 2010
June 21, 2010
July 5, 2010
July 19, 2010
August 2, 2010
August 16, 2010
August 30, 2010
September 13, 2010
September 27, 2010
October 11, 2010
October 25, 2010
November 8, 2010
November 22, 2010
December 6, 2010
December 20, 2010

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May 17, 2010
May 31, 2010
June 14, 2010
June 28, 2010
July 12, 2010
July 26, 2010
August 9, 2010
August 23, 2010
September 6, 2010
September 20, 2010
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This fall, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Chicago Park District will once again sponsor a nerf football league at Beverly Park for 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls living in the 19th Ward. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning on September 23, 2010. Participation is free and all players will receive a t-shirt.

Register online now through September 13, 2010 at www.the19thward.com or in person on Monday, September 13, 2010 at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Volunteers, coaches and referees are still needed.

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