

# 19th WARD Quarterly

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## Evergreen Plaza Redevelopment Project

On Thursday, May 10, 2012, Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton and GMX Real Estate Group outlined plans to redevelop the Evergreen Plaza at a public meeting. The Plaza has long been an eyesore just outside the 19th Ward. Through this project, most of the existing structure will be demolished and a large strip retail center will be constructed in its place.

According to GMX Realty, the mall has rapidly declined since 2007. In that time, the vacancy rate has skyrocketed to over 60% excluding Carson's and the assessed value has plummeted from \$8.5 million to \$4.9 million. Moreover, sales at Carson's alone have fallen by nearly \$9.5 million annually. These problems came to a head in 2011 when foreclosure proceedings started and a receiver was appointed.

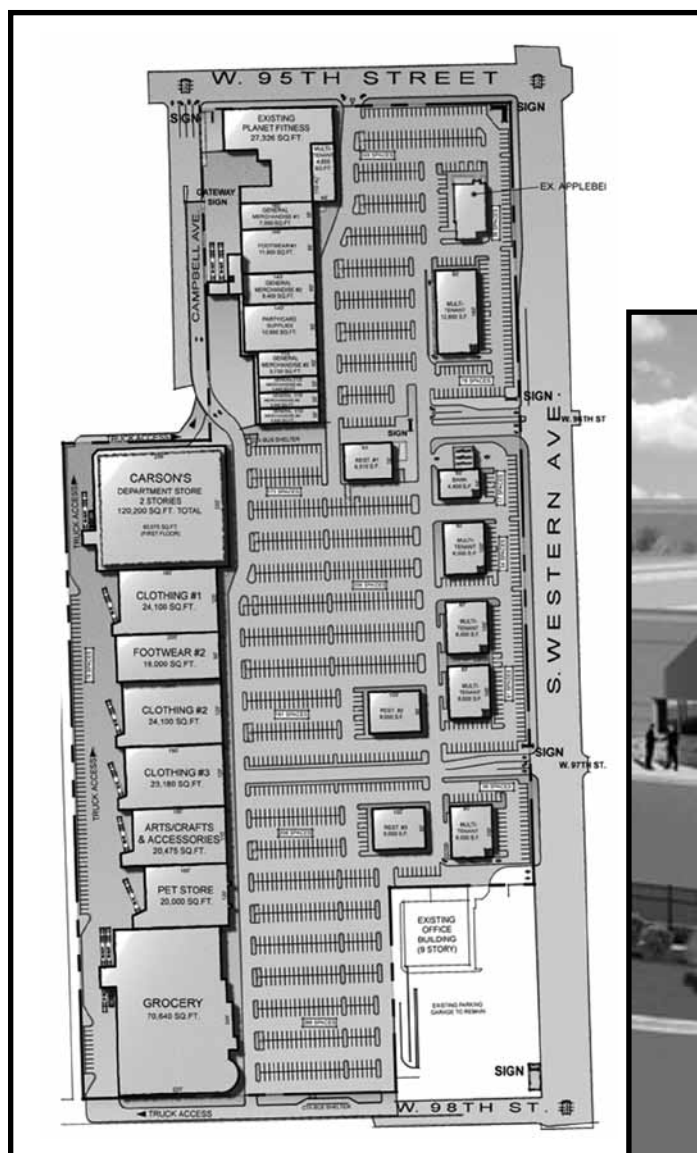
GMX Real Estate Group has been working with that receiver and currently

has the property under contract. Their redevelopment plan would maintain the north wing of the mall anchored by Planet Fitness. While the wing will remain intact, it will be renovated into an open-air retail strip. The portion of the mall between 96th St. & 98th St. would be demolished with new retail centers constructed.

Of the existing tenants, only Planet Fitness, Applebee's, and Carson's would remain. The developer will build a new, two story, 12,500 square foot space for Carson's at the corner of 96th & Campbell. The total project is approximately 500,000 square feet of retail space.



A very preliminary timeline would have the mall closing for business on January 31, 2013. Demolition would take place between March-November 2013. New construction could potentially begin as early as July 2013 and would take nearly one year. Developers expect the creation of 1,000 construction jobs and 500 retail jobs. For more information, please contact Alderman O'Shea's office at ward19@cityofchicago.org.



## Town Hall Meeting 5/31 at 22nd District

On Thursday, May 31, 2012, the Civic Association of Morgan Park, Old Morgan Park Civic Association, and the 19th Ward will co-host a Town Hall Meeting at the 22nd District Chicago Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey, at 7:00pm. There, Alderman Matt O'Shea, 22nd District Commander Jim Gibson, and representatives from various city departments



will be available to address community questions or concerns. Please join us for an update on neighborhood developments and to meet Commander Gibson.

If you have any questions, or there is a specific issue you would like to have addressed at the meeting, please contact Fran Hurlley at (773) 238-8766 or fran.hurlley@ex.cityofchicago.org.

## City Sticker Sale Dates: 5/21 & 6/6

Try our new "Will Call" option!

Many residents purchase their City of Chicago Vehicle Sticker through the ward office. We will be hosting sticker sales at the 19th Ward Office on Monday, May 21, 2012 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm and Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. These will be the only day's city stickers are sold at the ward office.

Don't want to wait in a long line? Drop off a check made out to "City Clerk" by Tuesday, May 29th. Stickers will then be available to

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## 19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

This Summer, we are hosting a variety of community activities and informational meetings for 19th Ward residents. From senior bingo to movies in the park, 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 new businesses coming to our area, and efforts to reduce basement flooding problems. You can also learn more about options for recycling household hazardous waste and purchasing your city vehicle sticker. 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 meet-

ings. 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 [mattoshea@the19thward.com](mailto:mattoshea@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 Ave.

### BEAT 2213

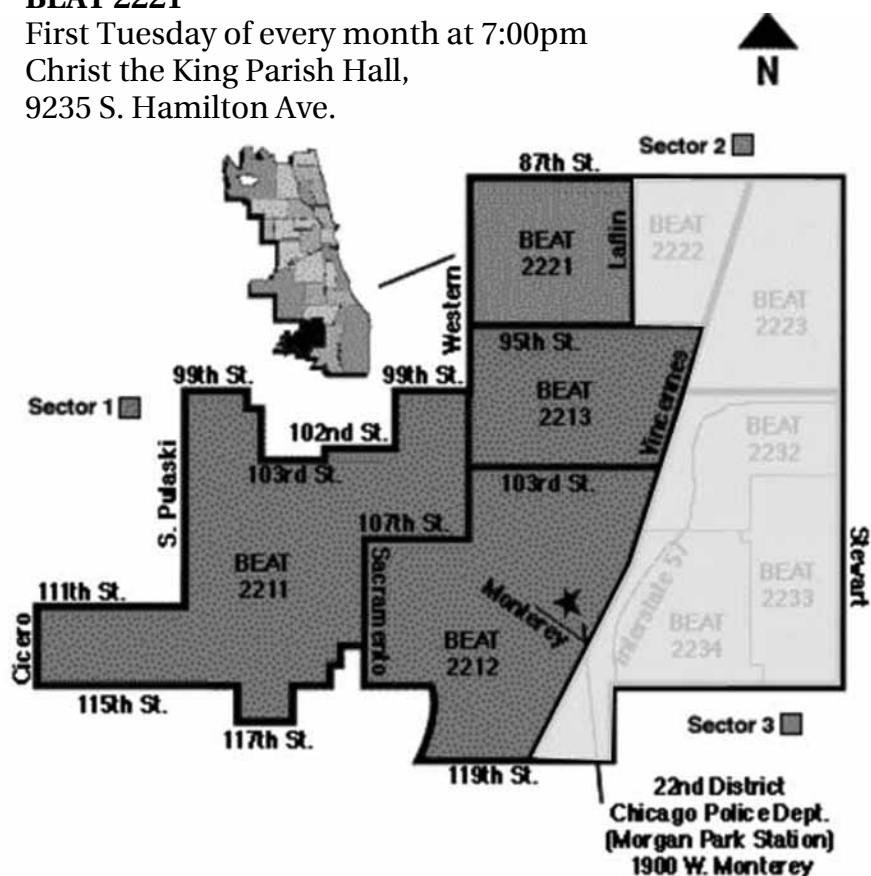
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm  
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

### BEAT 2211

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

### BEAT 2221

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



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# Neighborhood Developments

## Marie's Café & Catering Comes to 111th St.

On Monday, May 7, 2012 Marie's Café & Catering opened at 3660 W. 111th St. With a newly renovated building and modern interior styling, Marie's has opened its doors with customers' comfort in mind.

Offering a fine selection of south side favorites, and a few delicious family recipes, it is their vision to create a warm and inviting place for quick eats, convenient delivery, and a wide selection of catering options for any special occasion.

For you early risers and always on-the-go commuters, Marie's has a wide selection of hot or iced coffee drinks, along with a delicious assortment of fresh made breakfast sandwiches, as well as featuring a wide assortment of fresh baked pastries. All hot and delicious and

ready for your commute! They also offer unique salads, exceptional sandwiches and a line of Specialty Burgers that will have your mouth watering every time!

From corporate and community events to your special family moments, Marie's will also have all the delicious dishes your party guests will

crave! Choose from a line of specialty sandwich trays, salads, pastas, and entrees along with all the tasty sides and drinks. Marie's Café & Catering has the fresh and fabulous taste and quality service for all of your special occasions and to suit any budget. They also feature free Wi-Fi access, Digital TV's, and great music all day long!

Check out Marie's Café & Catering online at <http://www.mariescafeandcatering.com/>.



## Memories to be Made Again at Janson's Drive In

Memories can be triggered by almost anything; smells, sounds, touch, and most commonly by taste. We have spoken to many people lately and it only seems to take one word to trigger a lifelong memory...Janson's. It may be the

first time they bit into and Oscar Mayer hot dog and relish and tomato juice dribble down their chin, the Saturday bike ride to get their favorite banana shake, or driving with friends to hang out in the parking lot to enjoy cheese fries and a loaded hamburger. As

the new owner of Janson's it was our mission to delve into those memories. We wanted to find out why Janson's was such an icon to the area. Many people we spoke to remember it fondly as one of their favorite places to eat. Memories, so many of them, are entrenched in the details of Janson's Drive In. The colors, the aromas, the taste, the iconic sign-this is all Janson's.

The original family owners of the Janson's Drive In are working hand in hand with us to rebuild the icon that was Janson's. Seeing the Drive In through their eyes, we are going to be able to bring the nostalgia of the old with the innovation of the new and make Janson's once again a place for great food and new memories. The family is help-

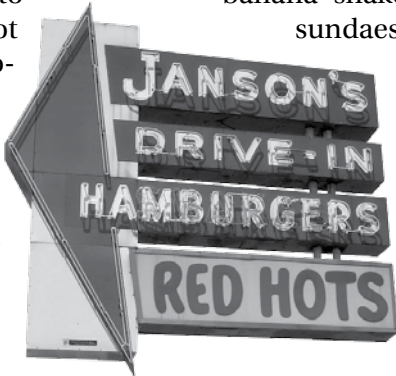
ing us with memorabilia, and history. We hope that you will share in our enthusiasm for the revival of a local icon. We have large ideas for the small hot dog stand. We plan serving up some of the summertime specialties such as the famous banana shakes, twist cones, and

sundaes. We will also revamp Janson's inside and out to make it a place that all can relish. Without losing any of the appealing retro style setup we will enhance the look and show you why the patrons fell in love with it the

first time around. With the addition of salads, the menu will stay as the founding owners of Janson's created, including their original recipes, and ingredients.

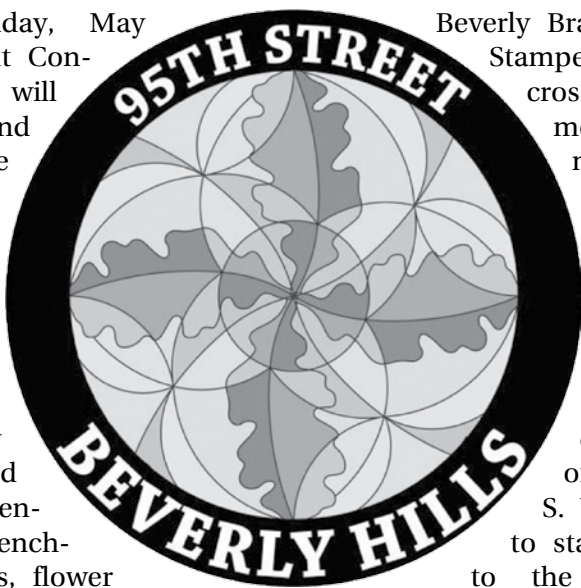
Our family has over 40 years of restaurant expertise, and we hope to put our own little touches into this establishment. We have many ideas that will keep us in touch and involved with the community that we serve. We are not only a business owner but will be an active part in this community.

Grand Opening is slated for the middle of June. We hope that everyone will come out and help us celebrate the re-opening of Janson's Drive In, where great food is served and new memories are made. We look forward to making a memory with you.



## Streetscape to Break Ground on 95th St.

On Monday, May 7, 2012 Summit Construction will break ground on streetscape improvements for 95th St. between Western Ave. & 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, matches an existing plaque on the old



Beverly Branch Library. Stamped concrete crosswalks and median treatments are also included.

The Department of Transportation has established a temporary construction office at 9415 S. Western Ave.

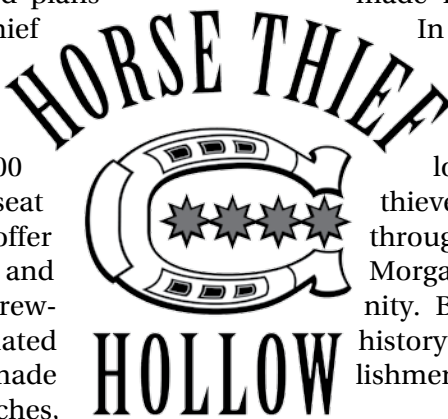
to stay connected to the community during the project. A work schedule has been coordinated with various utility companies and is expected to take 120 days. For more information, please contact the construction office at (123) 456-7890 or Alderman O'Shea's Office at [ward19@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward19@cityofchicago.org).

## Horse Thief Hollow Coming Soon

19th Ward resident Neil Byers recently announced plans to open Horse Thief Hollow, a new brewpub at 10426 S. Western Ave., this fall. The 5,900 square-foot 90 seat restaurant will offer smoked barbecue and on-sight beer brewing. The menu is slated to include homemade sausages, sandwiches,

smoked meats, and brewer's bread made from spent grains.

In the mid-19th century, our community was known as horse thief hollow because horse thieves hid in the woods throughout the Beverly Morgan Park community. Byers is using that history to brand his establishment.



## Home Run Inn Update

Many residents have questioned the status of the Home Run Inn at 109th & Western Ave. The exterior of the building is complete. Project managers have recently made changes to the interior lay-

out that required new drawings. Plans are currently under review at the Chicago Building Department. We look forward to work starting again once a permit is issued and are hoping for an opening in Fall 2012.





# Neighborhood Developments

## Re-Designed Mercy Circle Project Approved

On Thursday, April 19, 2012 the Chicago Plan Commission approved a scaled down plan for a three-story, 110-unit, Sisters of Mercy retirement center at 10024 S. Central Park Ave. The new Mercy Circle design significantly reduces the scope of a previously approved 5 story, 212-unit facility that would service a mixture of retired clergy and units open to the public. Current plans call for 44 independent living units, and 66 assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing units with 82 parking spaces to be available.

Mercy Circle is a 147,084 square foot facility with a 50% green roof. The building will be designed and constructed to achieve LEED Certi-

fication. The project is a \$44 million investment in our community that will create almost 300 construction jobs and 63 permanent jobs.

The site, bordered by Saint Xavier University on the south and Mother McAuley High School on the west, currently houses the regional offices of the Sisters of Mercy, a residence for 40 elderly clergy, a chapel, and several Mother McAuley classrooms. Through the new plan, the chapel, regional office and day care will all remain in place and the classrooms for Mother McAuley will be relocated. Those Sisters currently residing on the property will move in to the newly constructed Mercy Circle.



## Capital Improvements at Morgan Park High School

The Chicago Public Schools recently announced a 19.7 million dollar capital improvement project at Morgan Park High School. The work, scheduled to begin during the upcoming summer break, will include interior and exterior renovations, and new mechanical systems.

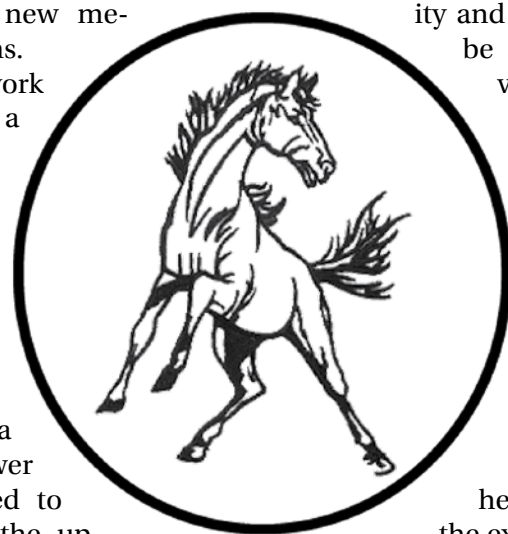
Exterior work will include a new roof, exterior doors, and select window replacement and renovation. The cafeteria curtain wall will be replaced, and a new cooling tower will be installed to accommodate the upgraded mechanical systems. All masonry and terra cotta on the exterior of the main building and additions will be tuckpointed, renovated, or rebuilt depending on needs.

Interior renovations include the student corridor, stairway, and

cafeteria. The auditorium will receive ADA improvements as well as renovations. Water damage that has impacted several computer rooms and classrooms will be repaired. Basement air tunnels will be upgraded to improve air quality and boiler rooms will be structurally renovated for the new mechanical systems.

The existing mechanical heating system will be replaced with a system that includes dehumidification. High efficiency hot water heaters will replace the existing steam boilers, and all air handling and ventilation systems will be upgraded or replaced. An emergency generator will also be installed.

This project will significantly increase energy efficiency and help bring the school into the 21st Century.





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# Parks & Recreation

## Register for Nerf Football League

Area 3rd & 4th grade students invited to participate

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation, Chicago Park District, and Brother Rice High School will sponsor the 2012 Nerf Football League. Games will be played at Beverly Park, 2460 W. 102nd St., on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The league will begin on Thursday, September 20, 2012; participation is free and all players receive a t-shirt jersey.

All 19th Ward 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls are invited to participate in this league. Registration is now open online at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com). For more information or to volunteer, please call (773) 238-0288 or e-mail [ward19@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward19@cityofchicago.org).

## Mass to Honor Veteran's & Active Servicemen

On Sunday, May 27, 2012, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation & Chicago Park District will host an outdoor Memorial Day Mass in honor of the brave men and women of our armed forces. Mass will be begin at 4:00pm at Beverly Park, 2460 W. 102nd St.

Fr. Bill McFarland will celebrate the mass with area veterans, and families of active service men



and women playing roles. A collection will be taken at the mass and donated to postage for parcels, a local organization that provides care packages to troops serving overseas. Please join us for this very special Memorial Day service. For more information, or to help organize the mass, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-0288 or [mattoshea@the19thward.com](mailto:mattoshea@the19thward.com).

## Matt O'Shea

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## 8th Annual Play for Maeve

In 2005, St. John Fisher parishoners Matt and Denise (Lawler) McNicholas started The Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation in memory of their 2-year old daughter, Maeve, who died in the summer of 2004, just 36 hours after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. The foundation was established to help raise funds to support the research of pediatric brain tumors.

**Please mark your calendars and join us on:**

**Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 1 - 6 P.M.**

**for the 8th Annual Play for Maeve**

This family-oriented fundraiser will be held at Beverly Park. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago Research Center's endless work in hopes of eliminating pediatric brain tumors. Maeve's Foundation has proudly donated over \$500,000 to Children's from this event alone and is honored to be an Affiliated Organization of the hospital.

We look forward to another fun-filled day for both kids of all ages and adults. Included with admission: games and activities; music; raffles; a silent auction; an event t-shirt; food; and non-alcoholic beverages.

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# Parks & Recreation

## RIDGE RUN Set for Memorial Day

“Every day we see more runners out training and more runners signing up for the 35th annual Ridge Run,” said Ridge Run Race Director Pat Rohan. “Already the excitement is building for the big race on Memorial Day.”

The Beverly Area Planning Association, planners of the popular event, expect to welcome more than 3,500 athletes to the starting line on Mon., May 28.

With start times at 8 a.m. for the 10K, 8:10 a.m. for the youth mile, and 9:30 a.m. for the 5K run/walk, there’s plenty of time to run or cheer on runners, watch the Memorial Day Parade, then relax at home with a barbecue.

The Ridge Run’s three races start and finish at Ridge Park, 96th and Longwood Drive, where families can also enjoy refreshments, get information from race sponsors, and keep track of race results, and where the youngsters can bring their “ailing” toys for a check up at the popular Little Company of Mary Hospital teddy bear clinic and compete in the tot trot.

This year, the Ridge Run youth

event has been rechristened the Richard O’Neill Youth Mile. Dick O’Neill, who passed away last year, was a longtime member of the Ridge Run committee.

“Dick oversaw many different tasks, but his favorite was the Youth Mile,” Rohan said, adding that Dick is very much missed by BAPA and the Ridge Run committee, and by many others whose lives he touched.

Dick O’Neill served 15 years in the Army, National Guard and Reserve, attaining the rank of Captain. An outdoor enthusiast, he ran more than 50 marathons and several triathalons, was race director for fun runs in Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park. Formerly the Oak Lawn Village Manager, he served several civic agencies and also founded Oak Lawn Family Services.




Chicago White Sox mascot South Paw will be at Ridge Park from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. cheering on Richard O’Neill Youth Mile participants at the start and finish of that race. He will also be available for pictures with the kids. Bring your camera!

### Chicago’s Friendliest Race

Recently named one of the Runner’s Choice races by members of the Chicago Area Runner’s Association (CARA), the Ridge Run is known as one of Chicago’s friendliest races because of the thousands of Beverly/Morgan Park neighbors line who the route, playing music, cheering on the runners and offer-


ing water throughout the course. The Ridge Run is tag-timed, using a disposable timing tag that runners receive at packet pickup with their race bib. Tags provide accurate timing, there are no fees for lost or unreturned tags, and they eliminate the need for pre-race check-in and post-race tag turn-in.





# MOVIES IN THE PARK

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## 19th Ward

YOUTH FOUNDATION

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation & Chicago Park District are pleased to announce the 2012 Summer Outdoor Movie Schedule. All outdoor movies are free and open to the community. All movies begin at dusk. Parents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray for their families. A complete schedule is listed below as well as on our website at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com).

June 21	Kellogg School	Puss In Boots
June 28	Ridge Park	Cars 2
July 12	Crescent Park	The Muppets
July 19	Mt. Greenwood Park	Ghostbusters
July 26	Munroe Park	Bedtime Stories
August 2	Blackwelder Park	Kung Fu Panda 2
August 9	McKiernan Park	Hop
August 16	Cassell School	E.T.
August 23	Kennedy Park	A Bugs Life




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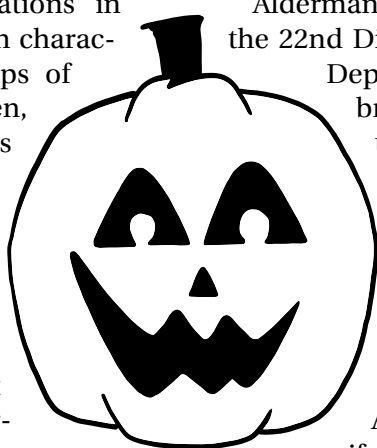
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# Halloween Safety Meeting - June 5th

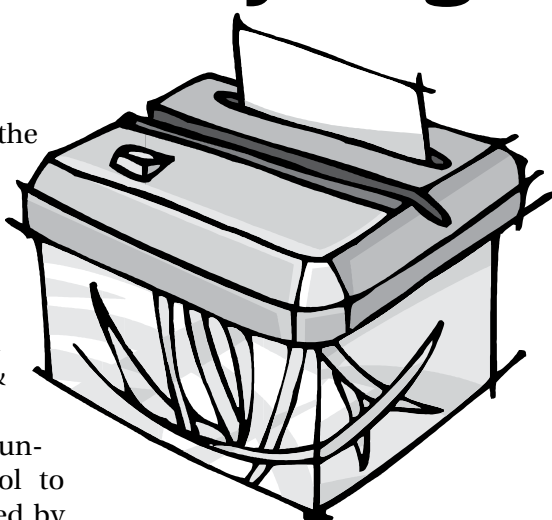
Halloween celebrations in recent years have been characterized by large groups of unsupervised children, teens and young adults from other communities flooding our streets. Often groups continue their celebrations well beyond our established preferred trick or treat hours and the City curfew. Many residents have expressed growing concern for public safety related to the crowds and late hours that we have witnessed.



Alderman Matt O'Shea and the 22nd District Chicago Police Department will host a brainstorming meeting to discuss plans for a safer, family friendly Halloween celebration on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00pm at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S. Western Ave. Please join us if you would like to be part of efforts to make this holiday safer. Any plan established will require the strong support of the community in order to succeed.

# Free Shredding & Electronics Recycling June 9th

On Saturday, June 9, 2012 the 19th Ward, Midway Document Destruction and Sims Recycling Solutions will host a free paper shredding and electronics recycling drop off at the Saint John Fisher Parish parking lot located at 103rd & Fairfield from 9:00-11:00am.



Residents can bring unwanted papers to the school to be shredded and later recycled by Midway Document Destruction's Mobile Shredding Truck. Document shredding is one of the most effective tools in preventing identity theft. Shredding documents also has positive environmental impacts; once shredded, all paper is recycled, thereby reducing the amount of waste in landfills.

At the same time, Sims Recycling Solutions will be on site to collect any unwanted or unused electronic equipment. You may bring computers, monitors, televi-

sion sets, printers, fax machines, VCR/DVD players, DVRs, PDAs, MP3 players, video game consoles, keyboard/mouse, computer cables, zip drives and cell phones. Please note, you may not bring home appliances or other household hazardous waste.

This service is free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-8766 or mattoshea@the19thward.com.

# 115th & Western Meeting - June 13th

The City owned property on the east side of 115th & Western Ave. has been a blighted eyesore for over 20 years. In that time, City officials have worked with various public and private developers to bring a recreational use to this location consistent with the wishes of the most immediate neighbors. Indoor ice rinks, multi-sport center complexes, and artificial turf soccer fields have all been explored with no success.

Moving forward, Alderman Matt O'Shea is exploring a possible partnership with the Chicago Park District to clean up the space and plant grass, and create a parking

lot on the north side of the Western Ave. Under this partnership, the Park District would operate the green space for special events and for youth sports programs while still allowing the City to pursue funding for a larger facility in the future. Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Southwest Morgan Park Civic Association will co-host an open meeting to discuss this partnership on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Ave. Please attend this meeting for more information about the plan or to offer other ideas and suggestions.

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2. Throughout the month of May many local schools and businesses will be helping us raise awareness and funds for pediatric brain tumors. If you would like to participate, we have t-shirts, ribbons and window clings available to help get your family, friends, and even your office prepared to **Go Gray for a Day in May!**
3. Upload, Tag and Like photos of how you are "Going Gray" to help spread awareness. The photo with the most likes will win a Live Like John Tumbler and a \$10 Starbucks card.

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## Stop for School Buses

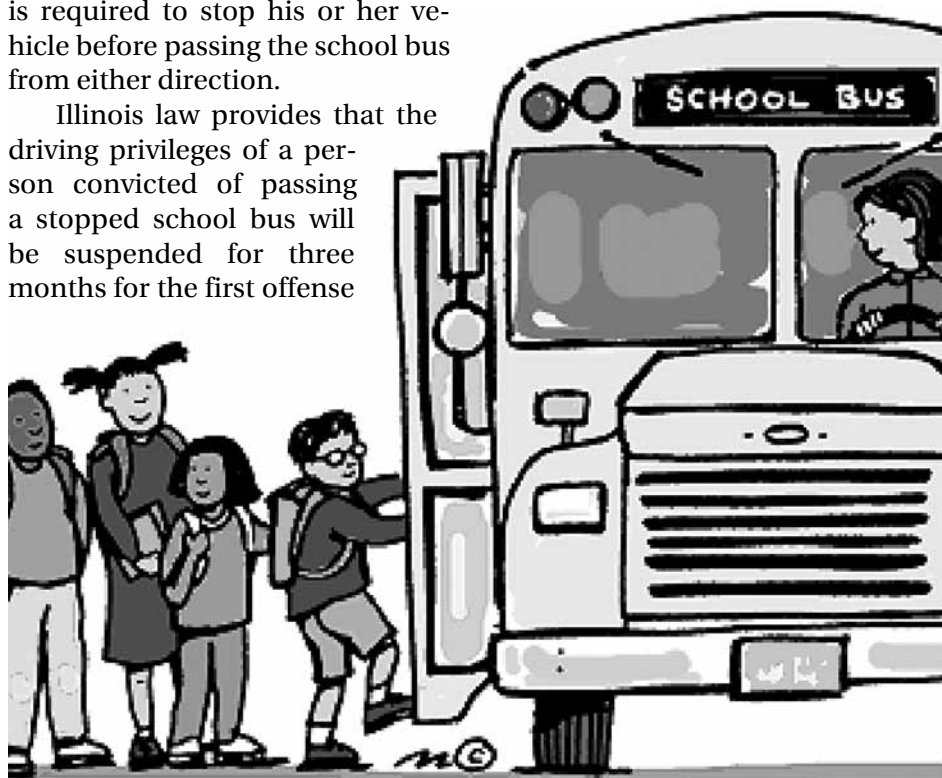
Some children in our community rely on school busses to transport them to and from school. Often times, the students who require bussing are children with disabilities. These children are picked up in front of their homes in our neighborhood. Please be aware that it is not only dangerous, but also illegal, to pass a stopped school bus.

According to Illinois state law, it is unlawful for a driver to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload children when its stop signal arm is extended. The driver is required to stop his or her vehicle before passing the school bus from either direction.

Illinois law provides that the driving privileges of a person convicted of passing a stopped school bus will be suspended for three months for the first offense

and one year for the second, if the second conviction occurs within five years. Additionally, the fine for a first conviction is \$150 and \$500 for a second or subsequent conviction.

School bus drivers may call police with the license plate number of vehicles that illegally pass them. In those instances, the owner is responsible for identifying the operator of the vehicle if they were not the driver when the violation occurred. Otherwise, the owner faces the charges.



## 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 pick-up trucks, and vans weighing under 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 is-

sued 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 under 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).

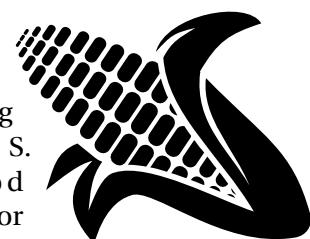


## Beverly Farmers' Market Opens May 13th

Chicago's Farmers' Market will return this summer and fall beginning on Sunday, May 13, 2012. Vendors will be selling fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, plants, desserts, and flowers every Sunday from 7:00am to 1:00pm from May 13 through October 28. The Farmer's Market will be located in

the parking lot at 9501 S. Longwood Dr.

For more information regarding this and other Farmers' Markets in Chicago, please visit [www.explorechicago.org](http://www.explorechicago.org).



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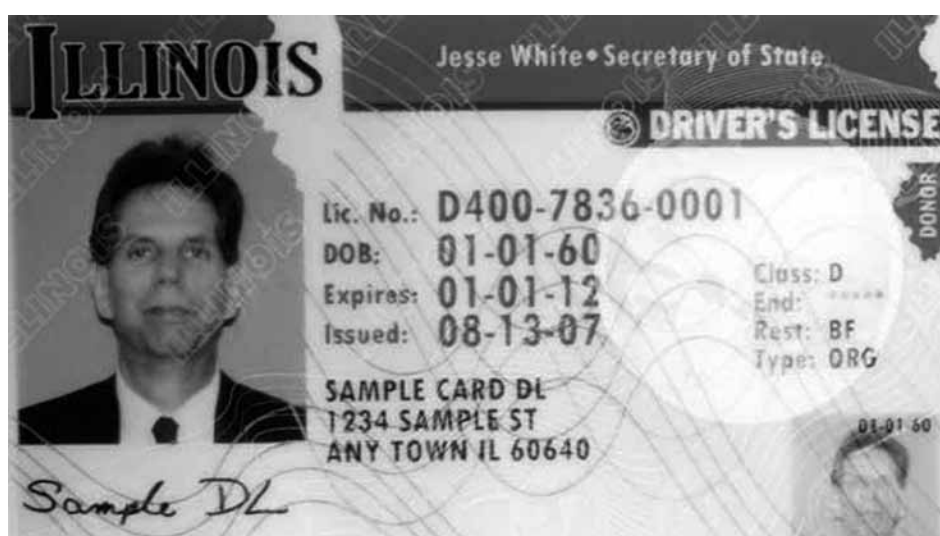
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# Renew or Replace Your Drivers License at Chicago Ag

On Tuesday, June 5, 2012 State Representatives Bill Cunningham & Kelly Burke are partnering with Secretary of State Jesse White to offer services through the mobile services unit from 12-2pm at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. The mobile unit offers residents the opportunity to renew their drivers' license, obtain a duplicate or corrected license, or obtain an Illinois identification card. An applicant renewing a current Illinois driver's license



or identification card need only present a current valid driver's license or identification card. If the applicant is applying for either a duplicate or corrected driver's license or identification card the applicant must present 2 forms of identification. To find out what documents are considered acceptable identification and the fees involved, please call 217-782-7044 or visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_a1751.pdf](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a1751.pdf).



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# Neighborhood Flooding Update

During the past two years, residents of our community have suffered significant flooding problems. As a homeowner who has experienced basement flooding myself, I understand the concern that comes with every storm. After last summer's flooding problems, I hosted a series of public meetings with the Chicago Department of Water Management and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to gather information about our flooding problems. Since then, City crews have been working in our area to address as many issues as possible in preparing for this summer.

Based on the information collected by my office, 3-1-1, and at the community meetings, we have cleaned 527 catch basins, power rodded 57,208 feet of sewer main lines, lined 37 blocks of sewers, inspected 527 rain blocker valves, and constructed 2,379 feet of new sewer. This year, we are planning an additional 2,500 feet of sewer lining replacement projects that will increase our capacity for storm water retention. While I cannot guarantee that basements will not flood again, the City has invested considerable resources to address as many sewer problems as possible. As homeowners, there are additional steps we can take to reduce the risk of basement flooding.

In an effort to protect against future flooding problems, the City and neighbors must work together to divert as much storm water from our sewers as possible. The best way to do this is through the use of rain blockers. These devices are designed to slow the flow of rainwater into the sewers and use the street as a temporary reservoir. As the flow in the sewers subsides, the water in the streets will drain into the sewers when capacity becomes available. These rain blockers – also known as “restrictors” because they restrict the flow of water -- have been installed in catch basins throughout our community.

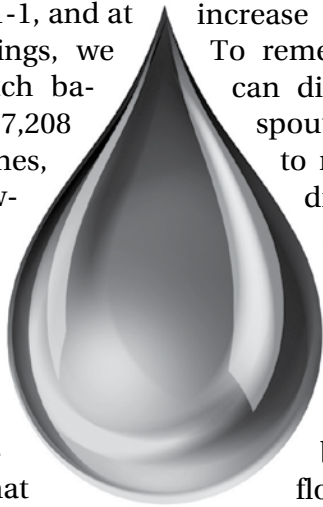
While the rain blockers are an effective way to prevent flooding basements, they do force water to remain on our streets for 3 to 5 hours after a heavy storm. These devices are very easily tampered with; many residents who do not want storm water held on their streets disable or remove these

rain blockers. After last summer's storms, the Department of Water Management inspected the rain blockers on every block that reported a flooded basement. Through that process they inspected, repaired, or replaced 527 rain blockers. If you see someone tampering with your catch basin or suspect someone may have damaged or removed your rain blocker, please report it to 3-1-1 immediately. Better on the street than in your basement!

Disconnecting downspouts is the next best way to divert storm water from our sewers. Downspouts that flow directly into the sewers can overload sewer capacity and significantly increase your risk of flooding. To remedy this, homeowners can disconnect their downspouts and connect them to rain barrels, or simply direct the flow of water into a yard, garden, or street with a functioning rain blocker. Be careful not to direct water onto neighboring properties. If your block suffered heavy flooding problems, I would ask that you organize a block meeting and encourage everyone on the block to disconnect their downspouts. When entire blocks make this type of shift, the impact on storm water management is substantial.

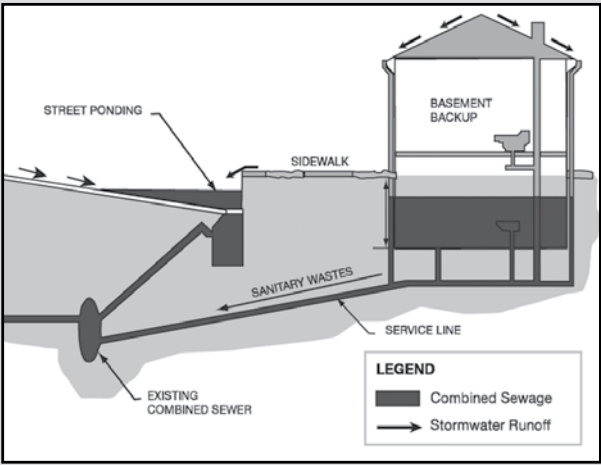
Finally, there are a number of deep-rooted plants and trees that help direct rainwater into the soil if planted in back yards. The City of Chicago currently offers a 50% rebate on many of these plants as well as rain barrels and compost bins through the Chicago Sustainable Backyards Program. For more information about the program, or to obtain rebate forms, please visit [www.cityofchicago.org/rainbarrel](http://www.cityofchicago.org/rainbarrel). The MWRD also sells rain barrels for \$58, including delivery. The District will begin selling rain barrels in early April. See <http://www.mwr.org/irj/portal/anonymous/rain-barrel>.

I will continue to work with the Department of Water Management and the MWRD to address infrastructure issues that contribute to our flooding problems. Those efforts, combined with steps that can be taken by individual homeowners, can significantly reduce the risk of flooding in the future. If you have any questions please contact me at (773) 238-8766 or [ward19@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward19@cityofchicago.org).



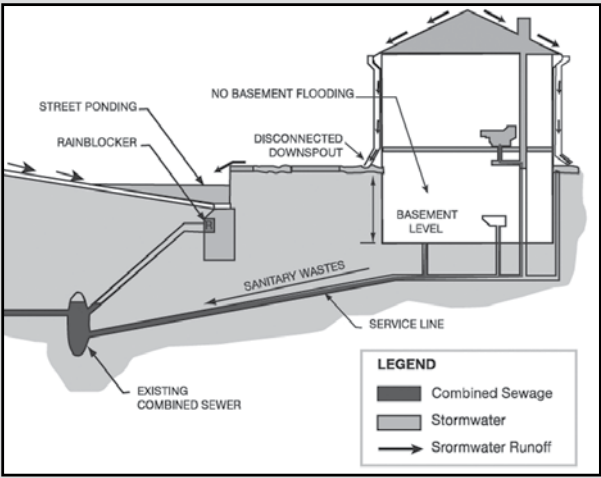
After stormwater falls on your roof and travels down your downspouts, it combines with wastewater from your house, and flows to the city's sewer.

## I. Basement Flooding



**Diagram I:** During heavy rains, the sewer system can become too full, causing untreated combined sewage to both back up into basements and the street and flow into the river system (this is called combined sewer overflow, or CSO).

## II. Disconnected Downspouts and Rainblockers



**Diagram II:** Keeping stormwater out of the sewers helps to prevent basement back-ups and combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

Disconnected downspouts, if directed to pervious surfaces, allow stormwater to soak in the ground. Rainblockers, placed in the catch basins by the City, also help by slowing the flow of stormwater entering the sewers, causing temporary street ponding of stormwater. Additional features such as rain barrels, permeable paving, deep-rooted landscaping and green roofs also help to keep water out of the sewers.

Note: Disconnecting your downspout is not always appropriate.

# Why Install a Rain Barrel at Home?

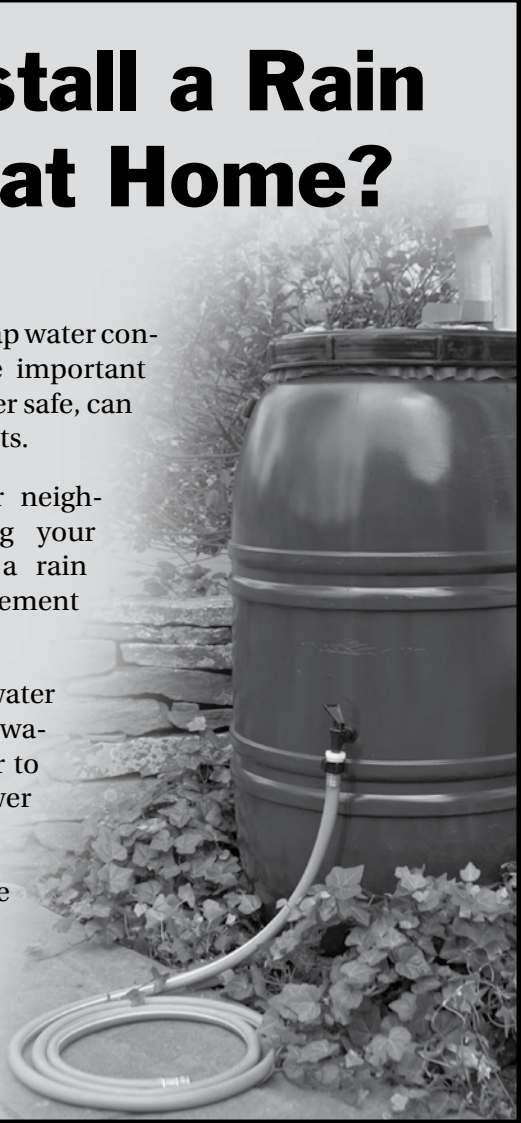
Rain water is free!

Your plants will thank you. Tap water contains chlorine, which, while important for keeping our drinking water safe, can inhibit the health of our plants.

When combined with your neighbors' efforts, disconnecting your downspout and installing a rain barrel reduces the risk of basement flooding in your area.

Keep water in the natural water cycle and increase groundwater supply by directing water to your yard instead of the sewer system.

Improve water quality in the Chicago, Calumet and Des Plaines Rivers by helping to prevent combined sewer overflows.





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### Free Upcoming Events

#### SUMMER CONCERT

On Sunday, June 24, Saint Xavier University will host its annual 16th free summer concert and fireworks. The New Odyssey Band, offering a unique entertainment experience, will perform on the front steps of the Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The concert will conclude with a patriotic finale and fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. (dusk).

The community is encouraged to come out and bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the show. Concessions will be available. Attendees also may bring their own refreshments.

#### PROTECT YOUR FUTURE: ESTATE PLANNING 101

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Estate planning is a process of identifying your assets and making a plan for how to manage these assets in your lifetime and how to distribute them after your death.

##### Protect Your Future: Estate Planning 101

**When:** Saturday, May 5, 2012  
9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Seminar

**Where:** Saint Xavier University, Warde Academic Center  
Butler Reception Room, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago

This event is free and open to the public - seating is limited and refreshments will be served. It is the first in a series of programs to provide information on the topic of estate planning.

**For more information** contact University Advancement at 773-298-3940 or e-mail [advancement@sxu.edu](mailto:advancement@sxu.edu) if you have any questions.

**To register in advance**, you may do so online or call University Advancement at 773-298-3940.

This event is sponsored by Saint Xavier University.

## Learn to Earn a Free Apple iPad Summer Camp

St. Rita of Cascia High School is offering a Business Camp this summer where campers will partner with local businesses and work toward earning enough money for each camper to purchase his/her own Apple iPad. Camp will teach grade school students about investing in the stock market and the concept that "there is no such thing as a free lunch". Camp runs June 18 - 29 (Monday through Friday) from 12:30pm - 1:30pm and is open to male and female students currently in the 5th through the 7th grades.

Campers will participate in two live interactive exercises via video conference. One will be with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the second with the Baseball Hall of Fame. Campers will run the finances for a rock band and then get insight into the finances of baseball.

Local business owners will come to St. Rita to talk to campers about some of the challenges they face, the value of customer service, as well as specific strategies that these businesses use to make a profit. Local businesses will also be asked to partner with campers who in turn will work to generate new customer business June 21 -

24 in exchange for a percentage of the additional revenue. The more revenue the campers generate for participating businesses, the more money they will earn toward their iPad. Parents of potential campers should contact camp instructor Mike Gallagher, St. Rita Stock Club moderator and CFO, at 773 925 6600 x6625 or [mgallagher@stritahs.com](mailto:mgallagher@stritahs.com).

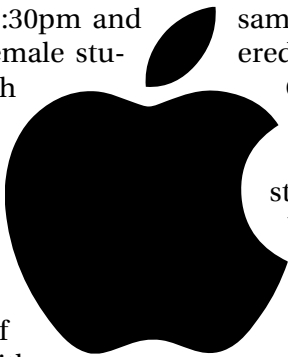
Campers will be taught the same investing basics as covered with the St. Rita Stock Club which took second place in the City of Chicago fall 2011 high school stock market competition.

We will discuss Warren Buffet's basic stock market investing concepts. A walkathon will be held the second week of camp on the

St. Rita track to give campers an opportunity to raise additional funds toward their iPad purchase. Apple has offered to sell the iPad's to the campers at a discounted price through the camp.

Learn to Earn a Free Apple iPad camp cost is \$90 (checks payable to St. Rita High School). Space is limited, payment will reserve a spot in the camp.

More information on St. Rita summer camps is available at [www.stritahs.com](http://www.stritahs.com).



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# Cunningham Pushes Public Safety Agenda in Springfield

State Rep. Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago) introduced and passed several new bills this spring to help improve public safety in Chicago and suburban Cook County. Cunningham's legislative initiatives targeted criminals accused of stalking and child sex offenses, as well as prison inmates who take advantage of public access laws to collect personal information on prison employees.

"We need to make sure that our communities remain safe places to live, work, raise a family and retire," Cunningham said. "To accomplish

that in this modern information age, the legislature needs to ensure that criminal statutes are frequently updated to remain a step ahead of would be criminals."

In an effort to keep child sex offenders under close watch after they are released from prison, Cunningham introduced and passed House Bill 5280, which will force individuals who are convicted of "luring a minor" to spend up to the rest of the natural life under mandatory supervision. Additionally, Cunningham introduced a measure that will require registered sex

offender to provide police officials with information on any internet-based storage devices they use – commonly known as "clouds." Law enforcement experts believe the proposal will make it easier for authorities to crackdown on child pornographers who use the internet to trade images of child pornography.

Cunningham also passed legislation that will make it easier for law enforcement to serve civil orders of protection against individuals accused of stalking. House Bill 5922 gives police officers the ability to issue civil "no contact" orders to offenders. Currently, only deputies and special process servers appointed by the court can issue the orders.

Cunningham also introduced and passed House Bill 4592, will place limits on Illinois prison inmates' ability to access personnel information on the correctional officers assigned to guard them. Under current law, prisoners can file a Freedom of Information Act request and unseal documents in employee's personnel files, which create security risks and privacy concerns for correctional officers. Some individual inmates have filed dozens of frivolous FOIA requests for prison records, creating a huge clerical burden for prison staff. The Illinois state prison system estimates they spent more than a



*State Representative Bill Cunningham*

million dollars in resources and personal cost answer FOIA's last year alone. Cunningham's bill is designed to put and end to this expensive and potentially dangerous practice.

Cunningham's public safety agenda was developed with assistance of local and state law enforcement officials, as well as district residents.

"We have some of the best public servants in law enforcement in our state and I want to make sure they have every tool possible to keep resident safe," Cunningham said.

For more information, please contact Cunningham at his constituent service office at (773) 445-8128, or e-mail [staterepbillcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:staterepbillcunningham@gmail.com).



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# Senior Citizen Update

## Smith Village interior designer encourages retirees to welcome spring as a chance to de-clutter and revitalize

Taking cues from Mother Nature by dressing up personal spaces with blooming branches, flowers, plant cuttings and pods—especially during changes of season—can be especially rewarding, says MerryKay Davis, an Illinois-licensed interior designer. She is responsible for decorating model apartments and refreshing common areas with color and other accents for Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community, located at 2320 W. 113th Place, in Beverly, and is also available to assist retirees in relocating there.

“More than any other season, spring urges people to get in the spirit of clearing out the old and embracing what is fresh and new,” Davis says. There’s more light and people tend to become more active. The added light also enables them to see more clearly and realize what needs to go. “Cleaning and clearing away clutter makes any space—old or new—more inviting and enjoyable. It’s a nice way to wrap things up and consider what’s been most important,” she says.

“Decreasing the clutter makes way for adding a few fresh elements to the home décor,” states Davis.

“Garden cuttings can produce splashes of bold color in the home throughout spring, summer and fall months,” Davis says. “Spring is moving fast into summer this year so peonies and irises, azaleas and hydrangeas will be nice for the table. To make the most of those beautiful colors, it’s good to repeat similar hues throughout the living space with colorful placemats, napkins, furniture throws and pillows,” she adds.

Davis recommends staying away from pastels like baby blue and light pink for decorating spaces for adults. Instead, she recommends combining neutrals and bold colors. “When changing wall colors, bolder, darker colors don’t have to cover an entire living space,” she says. “Often just one

wall will make a statement.”

Davis disagrees with many realtors and home-staging experts who insist on keeping everything neutral and bland so homebuyers can imagine how their furnishings would look. “I think it’s much better to make a place appear inviting,” she says. “That seems to influence buyers more.” Davis has a knack for making a bolder décor appeal to seniors’ taste and style. All the model apartments at Smith Village that Davis has decorated are now occupied by new residents, and she’s in the process of designing fresh décor ideas for new models.

“I encourage our new residents to keep in mind this is not just about decorating their new space,” Davis says. She encourages those still living in their original homes and placing them on the market to enjoy flowers and greenery from their yards and to revisit old memories during the process of de-cluttering and downsizing. “Clean spaces make rooms look bigger,” Davis continues. “Prospective buyers will appreciate otherwise overlooked outdoor attributes of



*MerryKay Davis decorates model apartments and refreshes common areas for Smith Village, and is also available to assist retirees in relocating there.*

# Smith VILLAGE

the property when greeted with an artfully displayed palette of color from the yard.”

Davis currently is working with some future residents who live in the neighborhood or nearby suburbs who are moving to Smith Village from large two- and three-story homes. “Most are taking favorite pieces of furniture which we are working into their new floor plan at Smith Village,” Davis says. “Having favorite and familiar furnishings

and objects makes their new apartment homey and personal not only for the person who relocates but for family members who visit.” The perfect way to see how Davis applies her own design tips is to visit Smith Village display models. Call 773-474-7300 for an appointment.

### About Smith Village

Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community

(CCRC) at 2320 W. 113th Place in Chicago’s Beverly neighborhood, offers resort-style retirement living with apartments and appealing common areas for residents at all levels of care.

Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization serving older adults since 1924, Smith Village provides spacious residences and engaging programs for independent living, as well as assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Smith Village also provides short-term rehabilitation services for residents and others requiring assistance after surgery or a medical incident.

For more information about Smith Village, call 773-474-7300 or visit [SmithVillage.org](http://SmithVillage.org).

## Thank You to Spring Fling Sponsors & Volunteers

On Sunday, March 17th, Alderman O’Shea hosted the Senior Citizen Spring Fling at Marist High School. Over three hundred area seniors enjoyed an afternoon of dancing, dining, and reminiscing with old friends. The Spring Fling was generously sponsored by Smith Village Continuing Care Community, Marist High School and 115 Bourbon Street.

Guests were treated to corsages courtesy of Steuber Florist and sou-

venir photos compliments of CVS Pharmacy. The Marist High School Student Ambassadors volunteered to setup and breakdown the event, serve food, and provide dance partners when needed. Thank you to all of the local businesses who donated door prizes, and to the dedicated volunteers who helped make the day so special. We look forward to seeing everyone back again next year.





# Senior Citizen Update

19TH WARD



## Senior Citizen Sock Hop

**Monday, June 4, 2012**  
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BINGO

Senior Citizen Bingo at Kennedy Park

Alderman Matt O'Shea & State Representative Bill Cunningham will host free bingo for senior citizens on Monday afternoons in June. Bingo will begin at 5:00pm at Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Avenue; light refreshments will be provided. There is no cost to play and cash prizes are given to winners. All senior citizens in the 19th Ward are welcome to join us for a fun filled hour of Bingo.

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# What is the Chicago Infrastructure Trust?

On March 1, 2012 the Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT) was announced as a way for various city departments and sister agencies (CTA, Board of Education, Park District, City Colleges, CHA, and Public Building Commission) to access financial resources needed to upgrade and replace crumbling infrastructure. The proposal has been met with confusion and resistance from some Chicagoans. This stems from a void of accurate information about the Trust, its mission, structure, and organization, and how it compares to existing financial tools.

Local infrastructure is traditionally maintained through the menu program, an annual allotment of dollars for each of the City's 50 wards. The menu program is funded through the issuance of general obligation bonds. As Alderman, I also seek creative partnerships with Federal, State, and County government to supplement our menu.

One such partnership is seen in the Mt. Greenwood Park play-lot, a community improvement costing over \$1 million dollars. This project was funded by a mixture of community donations and City, State, and Federal dollars. Without assistance from Washington and Springfield, the play-lot would not exist today.

Unfortunately, under current economic conditions budgets everywhere are shrinking. Key infrastructure projects historically funded by the federal government, such as WPA street reconstruction, have come to a halt and Congress has not passed a highway bill since 2005. Similarly, the State of Illinois has no plans for a capital improvement bill this legislative session.

As these revenue sources dry up, the rapid deterioration of our sewer and water mains, roads, bridges, and public buildings continues. The primary function of the CIT is to match large-scale infrastructure projects with private financing options. The focus will be on projects that would not be possible through traditional bonding models because of the City's mounting debt levels, or those that can be financed more affordably through the private sector.

The CIT will work closely with City officials to investigate each potential project as to the overall public benefit, compatibility with a private financing structure, and repayment mechanisms. In outlining a project, the Trust will also line up potential investors. Once that process is complete, findings will be reported to the City department or sister agency. **No project can move forward without approval from the City Council or governing board of a sister agency.**

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One of the key differences between CIT investments and a bond issuance is the assumption of risk. When general obligation bonds are issued, bond holders provide up front capital to fund a variety of projects. As the bonds mature, investors are repaid and collect interest from the city. In this scenario, the City's costs are fixed and the return on investment is guaranteed by the taxpayers, with no risk to the investor. CIT financing agreements are NOT guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the taxpayers. As such, the City is insulated from any risk should the potential profit from a given project not develop as predicted.

For example, Retrofit Chicago will modernize public buildings with private dollars and use the resulting energy savings to repay the investors. In doing so, we reduce our energy consumption, lower utility budgets and create jobs. As this project is not backed by the full credit of the City, the taxpayers are not liable for the debt if for some reason the energy savings do not materialize as planned.

CIT projects do not differ from typical private financing agreements. If a specific project is appealing, and investors believe it will generate sufficient revenue to repay the debt with interest, they will provide the capital. In doing so, they assume any and all risk involved. The structure of each deal will vary, and the rate of return to investors will correlate directly to the degree of risk involved.

Mounting frustration over privatization of the parking meters and the skyway has created an apprehension towards efforts to infuse

private investment into public projects. Many residents also fear that the CIT investors will have greater control over projects than our elected leaders. **To clarify, CIT does not privatize any City asset or building, nor does it have legal authority to act on behalf of the taxpayers.** Before any project can move forward, it must receive the approval of the City Council or governing board of a sister agency.

Protecting the taxpayers is the role of the City Council, and the governing boards of the sister agencies. These groups have the authority and responsibility to rigorously vet any proposal that comes before them. CIT financed projects are subject to the same scrutiny as any other financial transaction. These entities currently have the ability to, and in fact, do already enter into financial agreements to fulfill their mission.

Many have suggested this ordinance be amended to require City Council approval of trust projects involving the sister agencies. While I support this concept, the City Council has never had authority over financial transactions of these agencies. The Corporation Counsel recently issued a legal opinion reaffirming this position. While such an amendment makes for a good sound bite, it is unrealistic without proper legal authority to back it up, and ultimately misleads the public.

To ensure all potential projects receive appropriate public scrutiny, each proposal will include a comprehensive analysis completed by an independent, third party financial advisor. An annual as-

essment will also be completed to analyze the overall impact of the Trust and the projects it has undertaken. These reports will be made available to the Mayor, the City Council, and the public.

There have been modifications to the original proposal that allow for increased public scrutiny and openness. Voting members of the oversight board are subject to Board of Ethics rules and must recuse themselves from any matter in which they have a financial interest. CIT will also require financial disclosure from investors on all projects, and comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. Projects must also adhere to existing City procurement rules.

The Chicago Infrastructure Trust is a innovative way of investing in our neighborhoods and creating jobs. I will not expose the taxpayers to undo risk, nor will I sit idly by when thousands of 19th Ward residents are unemployed. **We need to put people back to work now.**

Thousands of our neighbors are unemployed or underemployed. Foreclosures continue to plague our communities and we are beginning to see a higher rate of vacant, boarded homes and businesses. Restaurants have closed because people cannot afford to eat out, and public schools are overcrowded because parents cannot afford to pay tuition. **We need to put people back to work now, and the Chicago Infrastructure Trust can help us do that.**





# Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Options

**Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Drive  
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:  
Tuesdays 7 am – 12 pm Thursdays 2- 7 pm & 1st Saturday of every month 8 am – 3 pm

Information may change without notice, check with facility if you have any questions.



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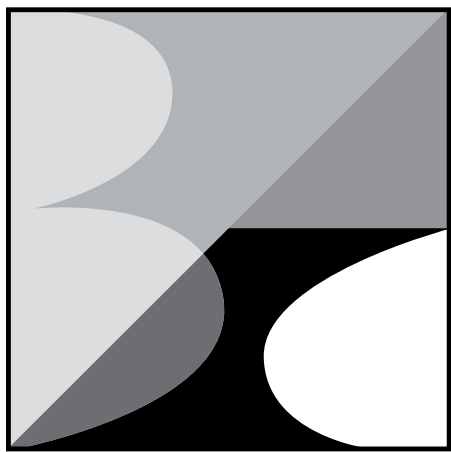
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# Beverly Arts Center Schedule



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

## Events:

Friends of the Beverly Arts Center will be teeing up at the Center's **4th Annual Fore Art Golf Outing**, Mon., June 25 at Ridge Country Club, 10522 S. California Ave. Registration will open at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start begins at 12:30 p.m. Register online at [www.beverlyartcenter.org](http://www.beverlyartcenter.org). For information on sponsorship, email [kate@beverlyartcenter.org](mailto:kate@beverlyartcenter.org).



## Mainstage Entertainment:

**The System** will perform a tribute concert to Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Bob Seger, Sat., May 19, 8 p.m. The System has been performing to Bob Seger fans across the midwest for almost a decade, recreating a classic 1970s era concert experience with a playlist of all of the radio hits and fan favorites, from "Betty Lou" to "Hollywood Nights," "Night Moves" to "Old Time Rock and Roll." \$20 (\$18/BAC members).



Incorporating music, sketch comedy and hilarious tales told grown-up style, Beverly-born Victoria Zielinski and her husband, former Saturday Night Live writer Paul Barrosse -- founding members of Chicago's famed Practical Theatre Company in the 1980s -- bring their smart and snappy comedy back to the Chicago stage after a 20 year intermission in **"The Vic and Paul Show."** Married in real life, the couple raised their kids then decided to return to what brought them together in the first place: Live comedy. Musical director Steve Rashid accompanies on keyboards and provides his own brand of satirical songwriting. Two weekends: June 15, 8 p.m., June 16, 4 and 8 p.m., June 17, 3 p.m., June 21, 2 p.m., June 22, 8 p.m., June 23, 4 and 8 p.m., and June 24, 3 p.m. \$22 (\$20/BAC members).



## Theater:

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** – a hilarious musical in which over-achieving, angst-ridden preteen spellers compete before an array of adults who are almost as childish as the kids – will be performed at Fri., May 4, 7:30 p.m., Sat., May 5, 7:30 p.m., Sun., May 6, 3:30 p.m., Fri., May 11, 7:30 p.m., Sat., May 12, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sun., May 13, 3:30 p.m. Set in a school gym during a highly competitive county spelling bee, this professional run of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a clever musical that spells out the variety of quirky issues that face the contestants in songs like "I'm Not That Smart" and "My Friend the Dictionary." At each performance, audience members will be invited to compete, so sharpen up your spelling skills! This show rated PG-13 with mature content. \$22 (\$20/BAC members). Group rates available.



Chicago Kids Company, **"Rapunzel,"** May 2 through Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m. on select weekdays, 1 p.m. on select Saturdays and Sundays. Based on the original Grimm Fairy Tale, this brand new CKC show story tells the tale of a young girl with a beautiful singing voice who is locked away in a very, very tall tower. \$12 per person, group rates available.



## BACinema:

"A Separation," May 9, 7:30 p.m. Rated PG-13. OSCAR WINNER BEST FOREIGN FILM. A married couple is faced with a difficult decision - to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or to stay in Iran and look after a deteriorating parent who has Alzheimer's disease. \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

"The Salt of Life," Wed., May 16, 7:30 p.m., Not Rated. Gianni is a retiree who has become invisible to most everyone around him. In response, he tries his best to generate some kind of extracurricular love life. Gianni Di Gregorio wrote the screenplay with Valerio Attanasio, a follow up his charming 2010 film, "Mid-August Lunch." \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

## Gallery:

Entries are now being accepted for the **5th Annual Digital Photo Contest and Exhibit**, hosted by the BAC Young Adult Board and open to individuals age 21 to 35. Entry deadline is Sat., May 13. Applications are available from the Center and online at [www.beverlyartcenter.org](http://www.beverlyartcenter.org). Works by winners and finalists will be exhibited at the Beverly Arts Center June 1 through 25. Information [laura@beverlyartcenter.org](mailto:laura@beverlyartcenter.org).

***At the Heart of the City: Western Avenue in 24 Paintings.*** Artist Jane Sloss documents each mile of Western Avenue in watercolors on exhibit May 5 through 28. Artist reception May 19, 7 to 9 p.m. The paintings provide glimpses of the neighborhoods through which Western passes, illustrate places which evoke nostalgia, and reveal portions of the street unknown to Chicagoans who live at opposite extremes of the avenue. 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.

Chicago-based artists Marilyn and Peter Franks and Brian Yates will exhibit sculpture, painting, and photography in ***Adventures in Polysemantics***, May 12 through June 16. The artists share an interest in working concurrently across several media while allowing each to inform the other. 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.

Members Only Show, on exhibit June 26 through July 26. Submission deadline June 12.

## BAC Star Productions:

### SUMMER STUDENT SHOWS

**"The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley Jr.,"** Sat., July 7, 7 p.m. and Sun., July 8, 2 p.m. \$8 (\$6/BAC members)

**"Rugrats: A Live Adventure,"** Sat., July 21, 7 p.m. and Sun., July 22, 2 p.m. \$8 (\$6/BAC members)

**"Legally Blonde, the Musical,"** Fri., Aug., 7 p.m., Sat., Aug. 4, 7 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 5, 2 p.m. \$13 (\$11/BAC members)

## 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, Sept. through May and the 2nd Monday of the month in June, July and August, 7 p.m. \$5 (\$3/BAC members) per session. Information: [grace@beverlyartcenter.org](mailto:grace@beverlyartcenter.org).

***Join the Beverly Arts Center and start saving on classes and shows today!***



# “Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence” Benefit Day a Success

On Saturday, March 24, 2012 the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club hosted their “Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence” benefiting A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park (A.N.D.), a non-profit counseling and advocacy agency serving domestic violence victims. The day was an overwhelming success with over 135 participants taking part in various fitness activities offered by 12 partner businesses. The dollars raised for A.N.D. greatly exceeded expectations and send a clear message that domestic violence is not acceptable in our community.

Funds were raised through a participation fee, as well as the sale of t-shirts at the various activities. Participants wore purple wristbands to show support for the cause. 12 area businesses partnered in this event including Yoga with Donna Wilkinson, Core Fitness & Physical Therapy, Tsai's Kung Fu International, Fit Code Bootcamps, Curves Beverly/Evergreen Park, Crossfit Beverly, Beverly Ride On, Natural Instincts Physical Therapy and Wellness Center, Beverly Yoga Center, Running Excels, Shannon Center – Saint Xavier University, and Klees Golf Shop.

A special thanks to supporting sponsor Standard Bank & Trust whose generosity made this event possible. Also thanks to the Classmate, Ltd. for hosting a benefit day and donated a generous portion of the day's sales to our cause and to the Saint Barnabas Women's Club who donated the proceeds from a Zumba class.

In addition to the fitness benefit day, the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club also hosted a “Break the Cycle” domestic violence seminar on March 10th at Morgan Park United Methodist Church. The Morgan Park Juniors are a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs ([www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)), an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Since its organization in 1934, the GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club has participated in local activities supporting a variety of causes in Beverly/Morgan Park and surrounding communities. Membership is open to women of all ages and volunteers are welcome; please direct e-mail inquiries to: [morganparkjuniors@yahoo.com](mailto:morganparkjuniors@yahoo.com).



*Fit Code Bootcamps instructors, Shelton Matsey and Maria Torres lead a room full of Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence benefit day participants. Upon making a donation to A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park, a non-profit counseling and advocacy agency serving victims of domestic violence, each participant was lead through a 1 hour series of bodyweight boot camp exercises scaled to each individual's fitness level. A DJ provided the music and a good fun workout was had by all!*



## SUMMER CAMP

### ATHLETIC CAMPS

*All Athletic Camps take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

**Baseball:** June 11-14

**Football:** June 18-21

**Golf I:** June 18-21

**Soccer:** June 25-28

**Basketball:** June 25-28

**Wrestling:** June 25-28

**Golf II:** July 16-19

### ACADEMIC CAMPS

*All Academic Camps take place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.*

**Web and Video Production:** June 11-14

**Art & Architecture in Chicago:** June 18-21

**Science Fun:** June 25-28

Football and volleyball participants must be entering 5th through 8th grade or be an incoming MC freshman. All other camps are open to kindergartners through 8th graders and incoming MC freshmen. \*Golf camps take place at Meadows Golf Course. All other camps take place at Mount Carmel.



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