

Morgan Park Sports Center Ground Breaking

On Wednesday, July 16th, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Chicago Park District General Superintendent Michael Kelly, and members of the Morgan Park and Beverly communities hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on the long awaited Morgan Park Sports Center at 11505 S. Western Ave.

"On the 10th anniversary of the opening of Millennium Park, we're breaking ground on a new sports complex that will do for the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhoods what Millennium Park has done for downtown Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "Chicago is only as strong as its neighborhoods and this facility is a prime example of the type of neighborhood investments we are making across the City to provide economic opportunities, recreational activities and the chance to strengthen the social fabric of this community."

Announced last year, the new 64,000 square foot sports facility will feature a state of the art indoor ice rink and world-class gymnastics center. Additional features will include skate rentals, concession area, meeting and party rooms,

viewing areas, offices, restrooms and team locker rooms. After a competitive process, Burling Builders was awarded the construction contract for this facility. Construction has already begun on the Center and completion is expected in the summer of 2015.

"This incredible new sports





complex will open the doors to two increasingly popular sports as well as other recreation opportunities in Beverly, Morgan Park and the surrounding communities," said Michael Kelly, General Superintendent and CEO of the Chicago Park District. "State-of-the-art facilities combined with specialized gymnastics and skating programs will give athletes, whether beginner or elite, the opportunity to learn and excel at these sports."

Morgan Park Sports Center will accommodate a range of ages, from preschool children to club-level athletes, and will feature a public viewing area and standard USGA competition events for men and women. The center will also feature a large pit area and in-ground trampolines for additional training opportunities. The indoor ice skating rink will have an 85' x 200' dimension with a seating capacity of 850-1,000 spectators. This facility will allow for year-round competitive hockey, figure-skating and recreational ice skating.

The \$16 million project is being completed with a combination of State of Illinois, Chicago Park District and TIF funding.

"The community is excited to have this new gymnastic centers and ice rink. This is a wonderful addition to our neighborhood and an excellent project to make use of property that has stood vacant for too long," said State Representative Fran Hurley.

"Providing recreation and physical education opportunities for children needs to be a priority for city and state government," State Senator Bill Cunningham said. "I am thrilled that Mayor Emanuel and Governor Quinn share this view and have made this investment in our community."

Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk; this year's race will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 through the historic streets of North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will benefit the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Register online at www.the19thward.com for both the run and family walk. The run will be chip timed on a certified 5K course. The untimed family walk allows people to take part in the festivities even if they are not serious runners. Please note, participants who register as a family will not be timed; if multiple family members wish to participate in the race with d-chip



The PrivateBank treatment of pediatric brain tumor patients by facilitating better coordination of information between patients and providers, improving the quality of life for patients, and funding specifically targeted pediatric brain ment options to achieve our ultimate goal: the eradication of pediatric brain tumors. The 19th Ward Youth Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that supports and hosts a wide variety of safe, healthy, educational youth programs for families in Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood. All programs are made available at little or no cost to participants and are intended to help neighborhood youngsters and teens make new friends and stay active in the community.



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timing, they must register individually.

CARA members are eligible for a \$5 registration discount. Runners will be divided by age and sex according to CARA recommended guidelines with awards given for each age group. All participants who pre-register will receive a tshirt and gift bag.

Additionally, a post-race party will be held at the Kellogg School field. The after-party will feature booths from sponsors and local vendors as well as entertainment. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-0288.

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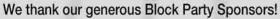
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Dear Neighbor,

As parents prepare for the start of a new school year, there are a number of interesting activities for people of all ages happening in our community. In the next few weeks, we can look forward to the conclusion of the BAC Challenge Campaign, the last few summer movies in the park, inaugural Beverly Art Walk, and the return of the 19th Ward's incredibly popular pumpkin patch! Please take a look at the information included to see what's happening in our neighborhood over the next few months.

Also in this issue, please find information about some major developments along our commercial strips and a variety of informative community meetings including a town hall meeting, property tax appeal night and free paper shredding. Hopefully you can take advantage of these services.

Finally, we have included a map of our community police

beats and a schedule of local CAPS meetings. Please note that the schedule for these meetings has recently changed; please see the map below for more details. CAPS 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.

19th Ward

YOUTH FOUNDATION

If you have any questions or would like information included in our next issue, please contact me at mattoshea@ the19thward.com. To receive regular community updates, 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

BEATS 2211 & 2212

First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm March, May, June, August, October, December 22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

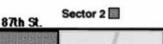
BEAT 2213

Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm March, April, May, June, July, September, October, Nov. Christ the King Parish Hall, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave

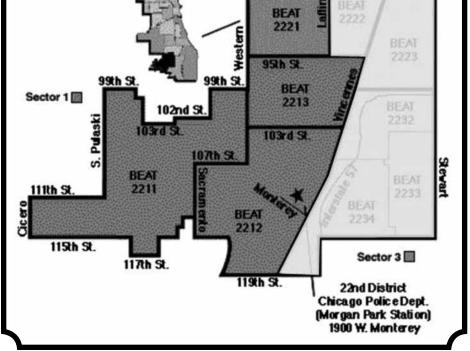
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Parks & Recreation

20th Annual Y-Me Softball Tournament – 8/23

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TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, August 23, 2014 Ginger Rugai's 20th Annual Y-Me Women's Softball

Tournament will be held at Mount Greenwood Park and St. Christina Fields. Since its inception, women of all ages have participated in this incredible event raising nearly half a million dollars for breast cancer charities. This year,

all tournament proceeds will directly fund the breast cancer research of University of Chicago's Dr. Kay McLeod.

Breast cancer has touched the

lives of so many women and families not only in our com-

GINGER RUGAI'S munity, but throughout the world. This insidious disease does not discriminate as to race, age, ethnicity, or income. It is crucial that these research efforts continue at an accelerated pace;

that is only possible with your support.

For more information, 2014 please visit www.y-mesoftball. com or contact Kathy O'Shea at (773) 779-0172 or osheaschoolsrus@aol.com. Your involvement

will make a difference!

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Beverly Farmers Market Open through 10/26

Chicago's Farmers' Markets will remain open through October 26, 2014. Vendors sell fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, plants, desserts, and flowers Sunday mornings 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.





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Chicago Plays! to Replace Barnard Playground

The Chicago Plays! Initiative is replacing 300 playgrounds throughout Chicago over a five-year period. This month, Chicago Plays! completed work on the new playground at Maggie Cosme Park, 9201 S. Longwood

Dr. Work will begin shortly on new playground equipment at Barnard Park, 10431 S. Longwood Dr., and is expected to last approximately eight weeks.







August 21, 2014 Kennedy Park: Despicable Me 2

> September 26, 2014 Barnard School: TBA

October 3, 2014 Sutherland School: The Princess and the Frog

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S Pumpkin Patch Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. HAY RIDES INFLATABLES **Chicago High School** for Agricultural Sciences CONCESSIONS **CORN MAZE** GAMES 3857 W. 111th St. Free admission. FACE PUMPKINS **CRAFTS** PAINTING Nominal fee per activity.

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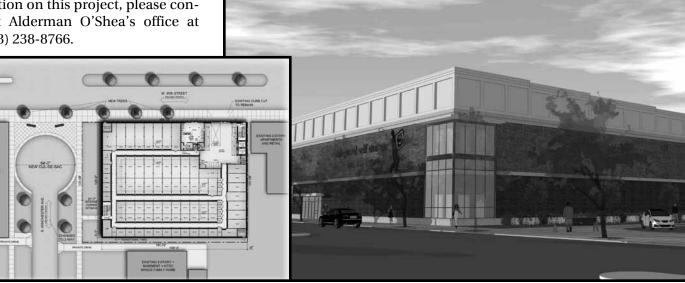


Community News

Safeguard Self Storage Coming to 95th & Winchester

Safeguard Self Storage, an Atlanta based company, has recently obtained the old vacant building at 1909 W. 95th St. (SE corner of 95th & Winchester). Safeguard plans to demolish the two story structure at this location and construct a new three story, 78,000 square foot selfstorage facility. In addition to the new building, Safeguard will also construct a cul-de-sac at the corner of the 9500 block of south Winchester Ave.

This project is a multi-million dollar investment in our community and will create new temporary and permanent jobs. Moreover, it will help address blight on 95th Street and a longtime traffic problem for residents on Winchester Ave. Construction timelines are still being finalized for more information on this project, please contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766.



Smith Village begins construction of lot for additional off-street parking

"Smith Village has cleared two lots it purchased at the northeast corner of 112th Place and Western Avenue to make way for additional parking for employees and visitors. We are completing the permitting process, and expect construction to begin sometime in September," announced Chris August, Smith Senior Living corporate environmental services and safety director.

"Our new parking lot accommodates 26 cars. We designed it with aesthetics, the environment and safety as our top priorities. Our design meets or exceeds all city requirements regarding safety, drainage, lighting, fencing and landscaping," said August.

"Our goal always is to be a good neighbor," added Kevin McGee, CEO and president of Smith Senior Living which sponsors the continuing care retirement community. "When our residents' guests and employees park on the streets surrounding Smith Village, they add to congestion in our neighborhood. So we took advantage of an opportunity that recently became available."

ty that recently became available." Alderman Matt O'Shea helped Smith Village navigate the entire process. "Matt and his staff helped us every step in the process, making all the difference as we anticipate a timely completion and enhancement for our community," said Mc-Gee.

Smith Village completed the construction of its new campus in November 2007. An increase in the number of residents—from independent and assisted living to rehab and skilled nursing care—increased the need for more off-street parking. Smith Village is located at 2320 West 113th Place in Chicago, between South Western Avenue and South Oakley Avenue and between 112th and 113th Places.

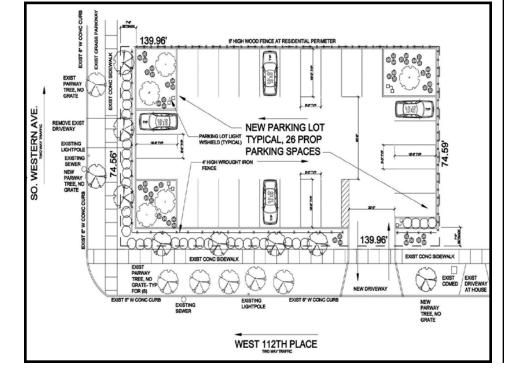
19th Ward Free Shredding Event – 9/13

On Saturday, September 13, 2014 Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Fran Hurley and Midway Document De struction will host a free paper shredding event at Crosswinds Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., from 9:00 am -11:00 am.

Residents can bring unwanted papers to the church to be shredded and later recycled by the Midway Document Destruction Mobile Shredding Truck.

Mount Greenwood Town Hall Meeting – 9/23

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. If you have any questions, contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@ cityofchicago.org



On Tuesday, September 23, 2014, the 19th Ward, Mount Greenwood Community & TH WAR Business Association, Mount. Greenwood Associa-Civic tion, and Mount Greenwood **Residents Asso**ciation will cohost a town hall meeting at the HALL MEE Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St., at 7:00pm. There, Alderman Matt O'Shea and Chicago Police Commander Dan Godsel will provide an update about their work in

the community. A variety of city agencies and departments will also be present to address individual concerns from residents. If you have any questions, contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@ cityofchicago. org. Also, to receive information about community meetings and events like this electronically, please visit www.the19thward.com and sign up for our e-mail distribution list.

Community News

O'Shea Opposes CPS Preference in City Hiring

19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea, along with Alderman Mary

O'Connor (41) and Alderman Marty Quinn (13) recently called on City Hall to suspend the preference currently extended to Chicago Public School graduates in city hiring matters. The policy "creates an unfair hurdle to interested candidates that based on all other merits being equal,

are now viewed as less preferable" the Aldermen wrote in a letter to Human Resources Commissioner Soo Choi and Mayor Emanuel. "To treat one group of tax-paying residents differently could be viewed

as unfair" the letter goes on to say.

Providing this preference was an internal policy decision and therefore not subject to City Council approval. Still, the Aldermen are hoping to reach a compromise with the administration on this issue. One such idea could be removing

the CPS preference and replacing it with a preference for those candidates that currently reside within the city limits.

City of Chicago offers CFD Firefighter/EMT Exam

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The City of Chicago is currently accepting applications for the next Firefighter/EMT exam. To sit for the exam, applicants must reach their 18th birthday by Decem-

ber 31, 2014 and cannot be over the age of 37 per the Municipal Code of Chicago. Applications will be accepted online only at www. cityofchicago.org/ FireApplication now through September 16, 2014.

The application requires you to create a user name and password with the City of Chicago's Department of Human Resources. If your application is successfully received, you will be notified of the date and time of the exam, which will be on either December 13th or 14th of 2014. You will be provided adequate time to study for the exam.

All applicants who pass the exam are placed on an eligibility list that is then sorted in lottery order. Applicants will be referred to

During the past several months,

the 19th Ward has worked to ad-

dress several problem businesses

in our community. Last fall, the

Chicago Police Department noti-

fied Alderman O'Shea of the sus-

pected sale of drug paraphernalia

at T&M Cellular & Tobacco, located

the Chicago Fire Department, in lottery order, as vacancies become available.

If you are referred from the eligibility list, you must meet the following minimum qualifica-

> tions to become a Firefighter/EMT: You must be at least 18 years of age and possess either a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma by December 31, 2014. You must possess a current, valid State of

Illinois driver's license, and a valid, non-expired Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certification. Applicants must pass a background investigation, including fingerprinting, among other pre-employment procedures and be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and live in the City of Chicago at the time of hire.

For more information on the CPAT certification please visit www.iaff.org/hs/CPAT/cpat_ index.html.

Property Tax Appeal Assistance Seminar – 9/18

The Cook County Board of Review is now accepting property tax appeal applications for homeowners in our area. The appeal paperwork is very simple and can result in signifi-MTED STATES OF AVIEND cant tax savings. There is no fee involved for applicants and appealing cannot increase current assessments.

Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers and Alderman Matt O'Shea will host an appeal assistance night on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St., from 7:00-9:00pm. Staff from the Board of Review will be available to help residents com-

plete appeal paperwork and address any questions or concerns. All homeowners are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Please bring your tax bill or property index number to complete the paperwork. If you are not able

to attend, appeal paperwork is available online at www.the19thward.com. If you have any questions, contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@ cityofchicago.org.

Election Judges Needed

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

19th Ward Cracks Down

On Problem Businesses

use of extension cords in wet areas. These conditions, amongst others, posed an electrical fire hazard and possible electrocution to patrons and employees. Beverly Hills Food Mart was immediately shut down; the owner obtained the proper

and Public Health each conducted investigations at this location. The Department of Buildings observed several hazardous situations related to the electrical operations of the facility including missing slots and exposed live wires on the electrical service panel and gross over-

partment of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP) conducted an investigation at



is currently recruiting judges of election for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Election Judges are the officials responsible for administering the election in each polling place. The judges of election are the backbone of the electoral process.

On Election Day, every precinct has a team of judges that is responsible for setting up voting equipment at 5:00 am, conducting a fair, impartial and secure election, allowing voting from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, and tabulating the vote totals and transmitting them to the Board of Elections after the polls close. Judges of election are paid \$170 upon completion of training and service on Election Day. Exwho pick up the key envelope on either the Saturday or Sunday prior to Election Day, allow the use of their cell phone by all judges within the polling place on Election Day, or return the election materials to a receiving station on Election Night, or serve additional days in absentee voting, nursing-home voting or in post-election counting activities in the warehouse.

Please note, to serve as an Election Judge, you must be a registered voter in Cook County, and be able to speak, read and write English and perform basic math. Applications for Election Judge are available at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., or online at www.chicagoelections.com.

that location and ultimately began the lengthy license revocation process. After several hearings on the

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matter, the business license for T&M Cellular & Tobacco was revoked on June 26, 2014. Thanks to the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection for their assistance in shutting down this problem business.

After receiving several complaints regarding the cleanliness and operations of Beverly Hills Food Mart at 2156 W. 95th St., the Departments of Buildings, Business Affairs and Consumer Protection,

permits and completed the necessary repairs.

In addition to these issues, there is an ongoing case in circuit court related to other electrical and plumbing infractions. Inspectors also found evidence of expired food being sold and issued eight additional citations for those violations. Moving forward, staff from Alderman O'Shea's office will be present at future court dates on these violations to speak on behalf of the community.

Legislative Update

Summer is in full swing, but State Rep. Fran Hurley hasn't slowed down



"The summer recess gives me the opportunity to spend time in my district, going door-to-door to meet residents, and listening to the concerns of local families," said Hurley. "This is the best time to reconnect with residents and business owners and brainstorm new ways to improve our communities."

Last spring, Hurley sponsored and passed legislation to create a special Lottery scratch off game, with the proceeds benefitting the Special Olympics organizations in Illinois and Chicago. The bill was signed into law earlier this summer, ensuring a revenue boost for adults and children with disabilities. The new Lottery game is expected to be available for purchase in early 2015.

A measure introduced by Rep. Kelly Burke and co-sponsored by Hurley to guarantee that every police officer has access to life saving resources was also signed into law. The law provides that local law enforcement agencies utilize federal funding to equip every officer with a bulletproof vest upon hire and replacements as needed.

"Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for our families every day," Hurley said. "It is only right that they are given every available resource to help keep them safe for their own families."

Another new law will help pro-

tect kids from bullying at school. HB 5707 requires public schools to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with incidences of bullying. To further keep children safe at school, Hurley supported

a new law allowing trained school personnel to administer EpiPens to students having severe allergic reactions. Currently, only school nurses are permitted to give EpiPen injections, а problem as schools

eliminate full-time nurse positions and some severe allergies require necessitate treatment within minutes.

The legislature is scheduled to

return to Springfield in November for the fall veto session. One of her top priorities this fall is pushing legislation she introduced last year to increase penalties for assault of a peace officer, firefighter

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or emergency meditechnician. Hurley plans to hold a number of public hearings on the issue find to ways to best protect the community's safety personnel.

For more information or to

sign up for Rep. Hurley's e-newsletter for updates on legislation and community events, please call (773) 445-8128 or email RepFranHurley@gmail.com.

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Legislative Update

Update from State Representative Kelly Burke

Constantly working hard to better our state, Representative Kelly Burke (36th District) passed several bills in the spring session of the General Assembly which have been signed into law by Governor Quinn.

Funding for Bullet Proof Vests -HB5688 provides a funding source for police departments to purchase bullet proof vests for their officers. The lack of funding in many smaller departments causes officers to wear their vests after the warranty has expired or, in some cases, to share vests with other officers. These officers routinely put their lives on the line for us and deserve to have the proper equipment.

Increasing Mental Health Funding in Our Area - SB822 works to increase mental health funding on the Southwest Side and southwest suburbs. Since Tinley Park Mental Health closed two years ago, community based mental health providers have picked up

the slack. SB822 would distribute 40% of the net proceeds of the sale of the Tinley Park property to community based mental health and substance abuse providers in our area to better serve those needing the services.

Protecting Construction Contractors and Workers - SB3023

follows up on legislation Rep. Burke passed two years ago strengthening the mechanic's lien protections for construction contractors and the men and women who work in the construction industry. The bill allows a lien to be subordinated

> only if the work on the project is over 50% completed. This bill would prohibit banks from forcing a contractor to waive the protections provided by mechanic's liens in order for a project to be financed.

K e e p i n g Our Waterways Safe for Boating - Rep. Burke also sponsored a trio

of boating safety bills. The first is SB2731, which requires boats that are towing tubers, skiers, or others to fly an orange flag. Several other

states, including Missouri, already have a similar law.

Another part of the plan, SB3433, requires boating safety education for boaters born after 1998. It applies to boats with more than 10 hp motors. The bill also includes a provision that renters receive some training before they access state waterways.

The third bill in the package is SB3434, which allows law enforcement officials to seize boats used in the commission of serious crimes. These crimes include operating a watercraft under the influence after your boating privileges have been suspended, operating a watercraft under the influence for the third time, and causing an accident that results in death. A similar law is already in place for cars and other motor vehicles used in the commission of crimes.

Cunningham joins local officials to address area freight train problems



Mounting complaints about traffic delays and pollution concerns along the CSX freight lines has prompted State Senator Bill Cunningham and other local officials to push rail road executives for answers and consider legislation to address the problem.

we breath."

Problems along the freight lines in the community began to grow early last year when CSX, which already operated the rail line that runs parallel to Rockwell St., acquired the Canadian National rail line that runs parallel to Sacramento Ave. and angles west across Kedzie Ave. just north of 95th Street in Evergreen Park. In seeking approval from the federal government for acquiring the Sacramento line, CSX said they would primarily use the track as a link between existing rail yards in Mc-Cook and Riverdale. Though they intended to increase the number of trains on the line, CSX promised local officials that traffic disruptions and the environmental impact would be limited because the trains would move quickly and not that required more extensive repairs than they expected. Making problems worse, the harsh winter caused damage to the track sensors that regulate the crossing gates on both lines, which resulted in gates going to the down position when trains weren't present.

While CSX has addressed many of the traffic related concerns and the number of crossing delays has subsided this Summer, a different problem related to CSX has gotten worse: the amount of trains parked and idling during night time hours.

"Idling trains regularly parked in the middle of a residential neighborhood are unacceptable," Cunningham said. "In our community, too many houses are located too close to the tracks. The people who bought those homes knew and accepted the fact that they would have to live with passing trains, but they did not expect trains would be parked a hundred feet from their houses for hours, belching smoke into their homes." the community. However, state and municipal officials have been prevented from taking action against rail roads in the past. State laws and local ordinances regulating rail roads have been struck down by the courts for violating the "commerce clause" of the U.S. Constitution. The courts have ruled that rail roads are engaged in interstate commerce, which can only be regulated by the federal government. As such, Cunningham has reached out to U.S. Senator Dick Durbin's office for help.

"Senator Durbin's office is fully engaged in this issue and has been in contact with the chairman of the National Surface Transportation Board, which is the government agency that has regulatory oversight of rail roads," Cunningham said. "We are anticipating a visit from NTSB officials in the coming weeks, during which they will see first-hand the difficulties we are experiencing. We are hopeful that pressure from the NTSB and Senator Durbin will get CSX's attention."

"Rail roads are an important part of our local history and a vital component of the Chicago area economy," Cunningham said. "And those of us who have lived in the community our entire lives have learned to live with the noise and occasional inconvenience of getting stopped in traffic by a passing train. But there is no good reason for trains to come to a complete stop and block major streets for several minutes. And our neighborhood is not a rail yard. We shouldn't be subjected to parked trains idling for hours, pumping smoke and diesel fumes into the air

during peak rush hour traffic.

"Unfortunately, what was promised to the community did not materialize," Cunningham said. "We experienced stopped and extremely slow moving trains on a daily basis, oftentimes during the middle of the morning and afternoon rush hours."

Cunningham joined with Alderman Matt O'Shea, State Representatives Fran Hurley and Kelly Burke, Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton, and representatives from Congressmen Dan Lipinski and

Bobby Rush's offices in demanding corrective action from CSX. During a series of meetings, CSX blamed the delays on poor track conditions Cunningham is currently considering legislative action to prevent idling trains from parking in



Morgan Park High School

Mellody Hobson to Visit Morgan Park High School

On Tuesday, September 23rd, Mellody Hobson, President of Ariel Investments will visit Morgan Park High School (MPHS) as the keynote speaker for this year's career day. A Morgan Park High School student will interview Ms. Hobson at an assembly for all Junior and



Senior class members; immediately following the interview, Hobson will take questions from individual students. Hobson's interview will kick-off a full day of different presentations by various professionals from throughout Chicagoland.

As president of Ariel Investments, Mellody is responsible for firm-wide management and strategic planning, overseeing all operations outside of research and portfolio management. Beyond her work at Ariel, Hobson has become a nationally recognized voice on financial literacy and investor education. She is a regular contributor and analyst on finance, the markets and economic trends for CBS News. She also contributes weekly money tips on the Tom Joyner Morning Show and pens a column for Black Enterprise magazine.

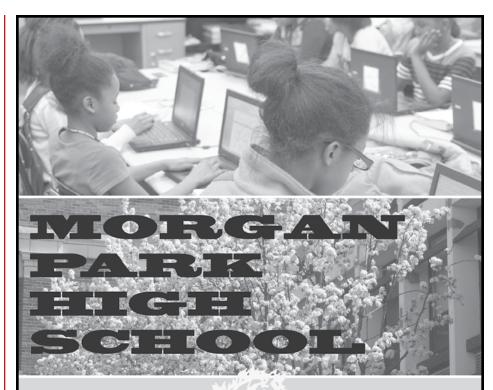
Mellody is chairman of the board for DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc., as well as director of The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. and Starbucks Corporation. Her community outreach includes serving as chairman of After School Matters, a non-profit that provides Chicago teens with high-quality, out-of-school time programs. She is a board member of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art. The Chicago Public Education Fund, and Sundance Institute, where she has been appointed emeritus trustee. She is also on the executive committee of the Investment Company Institute's Board of Governors. Mellody earned her AB from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of International Relations and Public Policy. She has also received honorary doctorate degrees in humanities from both Howard University and St. Mary's College.

Career Day at Morgan Park High School is sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. Our goal is to expose students to a wide variety of careers as they consider their options after high school. Following the Hobson interview, various speakers will visit individual classrooms to share their personal narrative and insights about specific professions. Volunteer speakers are still needed; if you are interested please contact Tristan Angus at (773) 238-8766 or tristan@the19thward.com.

Saint Xavier University Announces Morgan Park High School Partnership

Earlier this summer, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, SXU President Christine Wiseman, CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett and Alderman Matt O'Shea announced an innovative new educational partnership between Saint Xavier University (SXU) and Morgan Park High School (MPHS). The talent and resources of Saint Xavier will compliment the planned expansion of the International Baccalaureate program at MPHS. Together, they will dramatically enhance the caliber of our neighborhood high school. MPHS teachers will also benefit from this partnership. SXU will provide professional development opportunities covering the most recent advances in teacher practices, assistance with the shift to wall-towall IB format, and specific subject area focuses.

Finally, the partnership will facilitate an expanded student teaching relationship between the two schools. SXU student teachers will fulfill both their observation and student teaching requirements at Morgan Park High School. This relationship will establish a pipeline of young IB certified teachers with CPS experience to fill the ongoing need for great instructors. This partnership is the third major improvement at Morgan Park High School in recent years. Last December, the Chicago Board of Education announced the expansion of the well-respected International Baccalaureate program at Morgan Park. Starting this fall, the school will operate as a wall-to-wall IB campus. Over the past 3 years, CPS has invested over \$20 million in the campus including a cooling system and new auditorium. This summer, several science labs were upgraded to accommodate the new curriculum.



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Through this partnership, MPHS students will participate in both summer programs and actual college courses on the SXU campus. While there, they will have access to a wide variety of support services typically offered to incoming freshman including training on time management, note taking, college writing, health and wellness, career services, and much more.

SXU will also bring its expertise to MPHS by providing guidance to parents and students on the college application process, writing personal essays, and financial aid options. Once students have finalized their college plans, Saint Xavier will offer information sessions to help prepare students and parents for the transition to college life. Offers 7th and 8th Grade **Gifted Academic Center Program** for current 6th grade students.

Offers accelerated International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for Chicago residents. This is an academically challenging and balanced program of education that prepares students for success at university and life beyond.

Offers accelerated International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for Chicago residents. The program provides an academic challenge that encourages students to understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world and become critical and reflective thinkers.







Retirement is that unique and special phase of life when you have the time and opportunity to explore all the things you love to do. It's also a time to expand your interests, learn something new and make new discoveries. The maintenance-free lifestyle at Smith Village gives you the freedom to do all of this and more whether you're diving deeper into a long-



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A New Direction (A.N.D.) Reception 10/18

On Saturday, October 18th, A New Direction will host its annual cocktail reception fundraiser at Beverly Country Club from 7:00 -10:00 pm. All proceeds from this

event will help continue the incredible work done by this vital domestic violence support organization. Domestic Violence is a serious problem impacting families from all walks of life. Families in our community who are affected by domestic



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violence can receive counseling and support by the compassionate professionals at A New Direction. Please consider making a donation to A.N.D. to ensure that these important services remain available to all in need.

A NEW DIRECTION is a community-based response to domestic violence in Beverly-Morgan Park. They provide counseling,

> education, support and advocacy to individuals and families affected by domestic violence. The effects of abuse - physical, financial, sexual, or emotional - are devastating. The cycle of abuse, when unbroken, is too likely to re-

peat with the next generation. Children who are witnesses often grow up to be abusers or victims. A.N.D. provides confidential counseling and advocacy services for families in need.

Windy City Thunderbolts Outing – 9/4

On Thursday, September 4, 2014 the Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association (MGCBA) and 95th Street Business Association will host a Windy City

Thunderbolts outing. The game will begin at 7:05 pm at Standard Bank Stadium, 14011 S. Kenton Ave., in Crestwood. T

Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association will host a free tailgate party one hour before the game begins. Tickets are \$10 per person and will benefit these two wonderful community organizations. Please come out, meet your local busi-

ness owners and enjoy some fun family time at the ballpark for the Thunderbolts last game of the season! For more in-

formation, please contact Mary Gill at (773) 881-0622 / mgcba2013@gmail.com or Erin Ross at (773) 238-4094 / erin@95thstreetba.org.

Roof / Porch Assistance Program

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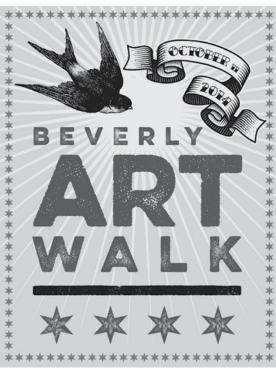
Beverly Art Walk – 10/11

The Inaugural Beverly Art Walk will be held on Saturday, October 11th, from 2:00 - 7:00 pm, celebrating art in our community and showcase the venues and businesses that support the arts. The Bever-

ly Art Walk is taking place in October, Chicago Artists Month. and will feature anchor arts and culture organizations in our neighborhood, The Beverly Arts Center, Vanderpoel Arts Association and Ridge Historical Society, as well as our small businesses

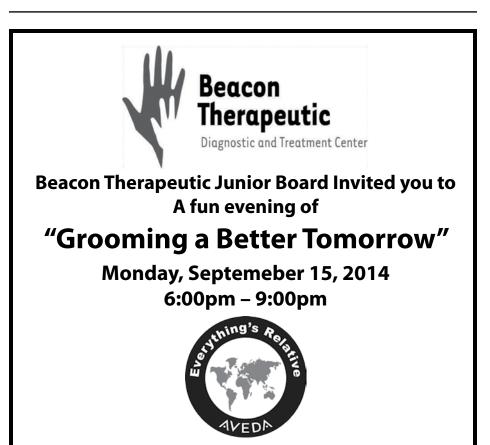
and organizations that will exhibit work from local artists, including Horse Thief Hollow, Beverly Bakery, Roots, Beverly Area Planning Association, the 19th Ward Office, Heritage Gallery, RMH, Blossom Boys, Tranquility Salon, Smith Village, and more. The Beverly Art Walk is also developing three murals in the neighborhood that will be special legacy

The walk will be a familyfriendly event – participating busi-



nesses will be identified on a "gallery" map and will have signage to indicate hours of participation. The walk is a great way to showcase your local business and to encourage pedestrian traffic from within and beyond our neighborhood. As the

locations are spread across Beverly, we will also have trolleys as to not increase car traffic. The Art Walk will also show the importance of the arts in our community and the value of it as a means of economic development.



The City of Chicago offers one time roof and porch repair/replacement for eligible homeowners accepted into the Roof/Porch Assistance Program. Applications for the 2014 program will be accepted at 9:00am on Thursday, September 4th. To initiate the application process, homeowners must call 3-1-1 to be placed on the intake list. Registration will be open until 1,000 applications have been received.

Eligible properties must be located in Chicago, habitable, owner-occupied, and not at risk of foreclosure. All applicants must be income eligible and can only receive a one-time service for roof and porch repair/replacement. Exception to the one-time assistance policy may be granted to homeowners who face heating emergencies even though they already have received roof or porch assistance.

Households earning 80% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI) are eligible to participate in the program. The total gross income of all owners and other household members shall be included and may not exceed this limit. The gross incomes of all adults, 18 and older, who reside in the property, are included to determine income eligibility. If the owner sells, transfers title or no longer occupies the unit within one year of the grant, the owner will be required to pay back the grant in its entirety.

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Sept. 12- Oct. 26

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Crossing Into Dream: A Surrealist Fashion Show

Oct. 10, Reception 6:30 pm, Show 8 pm

Kick off for the Beverly Art Walk! Join us for a cocktail reception and fashion show expressing the Chicago Artists Month theme *Crossing Borders*. Sponsored by the BAC Auxiliary Board.

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7pm General Admission \$30/\$35 Day of Event

20+ craft breweries, music, food and art, with Live music by Leadfoot and Brown Bag, commemorative festival glass, tour info and signups with Chicago Brews Cruise, beer art demonstrations by artist Kyle Bice. Early VIP Hour features short lines and beer-centered food pairings.

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Protect Your Home from Property Fraud

Homeownership is a source of security for middle-class families. For many, owning a home is their most valuable investment. Homeownership is not only a significant personal investment, but it also helps to build strong neighborhoods that improve the quality of life and safety of entire communities. That is why it is so important to be on the lookout for fraud that

can place the security of your home in jeopardy.

Property and recording fraud is one of the fastest-growing crimes affecting home-

owners. Swindlers often target homes that are fully paid for and have no mortgage, usually owned by an elderly person who may have no heirs, by filing forged ownership documents with the county recorder. Some victims have returned to their homes to find the doors locks have been changed. Others have been approached by con artists who show them fraudulently obtained paperwork stating the home has been turned over to another person.

Without warning, the lives of many local residents have been turned upside-down by this scam, causing them enormous emotional stress and great financial burdens. But you can take steps to help protect yourself with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' Property Alert Program.

By subscribing to this free program, you are actively participat-

ing in the process protecting of your home from fraud and theft. This system monitors your mortgage deed twenty-four hours a day, sev-

en days a week. The Free Property Fraud Alert will call or email you any time a document is recorded against your property.

To protect yourself and your family from property fraud, please contact Alderman O'Shea's Office at (773)-238-8766. Please make sure to have your Property Index Number available when calling. Our office will register your home online and send you confirmation that you are registered in the program.

BAC Challenge Phone-A-Thon 8/19

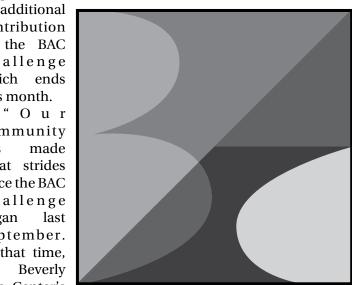
On Tuesday, August 19th, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., you can call (773) 445-0386 to personally talk with a member of the Beverly Arts Center Board or BAC Challenge Committee and make a first

or additional contribution to the BAC Challenge which ends this month.

community has made great strides since the BAC Challenge began last September. At that time, the Beverly Arts Center's

long-term debt was \$4.713 million. Since then, we have met and exceeded Fifth Third Bank's fourfor-one challenge with the contributions of 1,285 generous individuals and community businesses. Thanks to these supporters and discounts from the bank, the Beverly Arts Center now owes \$1.039 million," stated BAC Challenge Committee co-chair Mike Stanton.

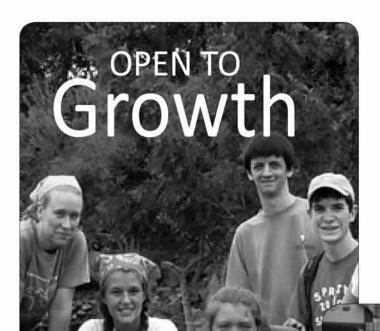
"Inspired by our community's initial generosity, we believe that others will support the BAC Challenge this month with a first-time gift. We also hope many of our current donors will make another contribution as we race toward the finish line. We're focused on



our ultimate goal of raising a second \$500,000 before August 2014," 31, said Stanton. "Our donors' support to reduce our debt makes it possible for the Beverly Arts Center commit to additional

resources to producing great programs for everyone," added BAC **Executive Director Heather Ireland** Robinson. "There's still time to make a difference."

It's also easy to contribute to the BAC Challenge anytime by donating online at www.beverlyartcenter.org or mailing a check, payable to the BAC Challenge, to the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL, 60655.



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Lions Club to Hold Vision & Hearing Screening

The Mount Greenwood Lions Club will offer free hearing and vision screenings on Sunday, September 7th, in conjunction with the annual "Mount Greenwood Fest". The mobile screening unit will be in the parking lot of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St. Free hearing tests for persons 18 years and older will be held from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Tests for those under 18 years of age will require written parental consent; forms will be available on site. The screening unit is wheelchair accessible.

The mobile screening unit is provided by the Lions of Illinois Foundation and made possible and supported by funds collected during the Lions annual "Candy Days for Humanitarian Services." This year's candy day is scheduled for Friday, 10/10/14 and Saturday, 10/11/14. Used eyeglasses and hearing aids will be accepted at this time.



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Midway Fly Away 5K Run/Walk – 9/21

Runners and walkers of all fitness levels are invited to take part in the second annual Midway Fly Away, located directly on the airfield of Midway International Airport, on Sunday, September 21 beginning at 9 am. The Midway Fly Away 5K will benefit SCC/Special Olympics Chicago.

Now in its second year, the Midway Fly Away 5K attracted nearly 1000 participants in 2013. This year's event is expected to be even larger with a family focus, including new elements, such as face painters, balloon artists, and activities for children of all ages.

With stunning views of Chicago's skyline as the backdrop and jumbo jets taking off and landing overhead, the Midway Fly Away 5K is one of the most unique events in the city. Participants may run or walk the 3.1 mile course, while getting a sneak peek inside the Southwest Airlines hangar, where all prerace activities will take place. Registration is \$40 and is now open through September 18, by visiting www.sochicago.org. At that website, participants can create a personal fundraising page where supporters can make tax deductible donations. Registration must take place in advance of the event. On-site registration will not be available.

ceive a commemorative Those who raise more than \$250 will automatically be entered to win two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States that Southwest Airlines flies - with no restrictions or blackout dates. The Midway runner, the person who places in the middle of the race, will also win Southwest Airlines tickets. First place male and female winners will also be awarded a prize to be de-

termined. Doors to

the Southwest Airlines hangar will open at 8:00 am. Participants are required to bring a photo id for check-in at the Southwest Airlines Hangar, located at 5035 W. 55th Street at Midway Airport. No backpacks/ bags will be allowed on the course; however, there will be gear check available the day of the race. No "wheels", including strollers, bicycles, tricycles, rollerblades, inline skates, will be allowed on the airfield.

Free parking will be available for all participants in the Mid-



way Airport Economy Parking lot, located at 5050 W. 55th Street.

Special Olympics was born in Chicago at Soldier Field 46 years ago, in 1968. The Chicago program is now the largest in the State of Illinois. Today, there are more than 4.2 million athletes that take part in Special Olympics programs in-

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The Sound of Music

Smith Village residents make music a part of their day

Whether they listen, hum, sing, play an instrument, write lyrics or offer instruction, the residents of Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) located at 2320 W. 113th Place in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, seem to revel in the sound of music.

Some, like Carol Kamp, are trained musicians.

At Smith Village, Kamp plays the piano for the congregation to sing during Catholic Mass on Mondays and for special events including the community's annual fashion show. She also has instructed and accompanied members of the Village Players, the CCRC's resident acting troupe.

"I have a great love of music and sharing it makes me happy," Kamp says. "When I first arrived here two years ago, I was dealing with a difficult situation. By volunteering, I benefited from meeting people at Smith Village. They really made a difference. I've had a lot of fun and it's been very gratifying."



Mary Christianson enjoys participating in the Smith Village Chorale and recently wrote the lyrics for the Smith Village theme song, now performed regularly by the group.

Kamp earned a bachelor's of arts in organ performance from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. Over the years, she has trained many people to play piano, and provided musical accompaniment and instruction for choir groups.

"Many of our residents are educators, and regard music as essential for leading a full and engaging life," says Marti Jatis, Smith Village executive director. "By providing a variety of opportunities to enjoy and participate in musical performances, we provide an enriched and rewarding lifestyle."

About 20 residents perform and practice regularly in the newly formed Smith Village Chorale. The community hired Patti Van Groningen, a retired local music teacher and choir director, to provide instruction and piano accompaniment on a part-time basis for residents in all lifestyle settings.

Smith Village resident Sig Erber had belonged to the choir at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Oak Lawn, where Van Groningen served as choir director for 15 years. He invited her to play piano for Smith Village's Christmas play last December. "We loved her so much, Marti brought her back," says Erber, who is well-known at Smith Village for his booming baritone voice in Village Player productions and for his performances in musicals at local community theaters.

Some residents without any formal training or musical experience have embraced the opportunity to create music. Mary Christianson, for instance, wrote the lyrics for the Smith Village theme song, now performed regularly by the group. "It just hit me that it would be nice to do this," Christianson says. "It's not that I have any special musical background."

The song begins: "Hello! Hello! We are the guys and we are the gals of Smith Village. We are friendly to each other, enjoying all we do...."

"Now, the 'Hello! Hello!' part-

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Smith Village resident Carol Kamp plays the piano to accompany residents who model during the community's annual Spring Fashion Show to benefit Emilie's Fund.

that's got to be loud," Van Groningen tells the group. "That's so you capture the audience's attention."

Several members of the Smith Village Chorale gladly comply with Van Groningen's instruction. Later, they can't seem to say enough good things about having the chance to sing in a group.

"I find it wonderfully relaxing and entertaining," says Sandra Morrison, a retired clinical social worker and child therapist who moved to Smith Village from her Beverly home two years ago. "I always sang in school. I even had fantasies of becoming an opera singer, but I never had the nerve to go on stage and sing solo. Being able to participate with the Smith Chorale brings a lot of joy to my heart."

For several years, Marjorie Schnierer sang in the Community Renewal Chorus, an organization dedicated to promoting diversity, peace and justice through music. "I'm delighted to have the opportunity to sing again," says the retired schoolteacher who moved from Blue Island a year ago. "This has been wonderful and it's provided a good way to get to know people and make friends."

The magic and joy of music doesn't stop with independent living residents at Smith Village. Van Groningen also plays piano and leads informative sing-alongs in the community's assisted living, rehab, memory support and skilled nursing care settings.

About Smith Village

Smith Senior Living, a not-forprofit organization serving older adults, sponsors Smith Village in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood and Smith Crossing in Orland Park, Ill. They are the only CCRC's located in the Southwest sector of metropolitan Chicago. An innovative leader in providing the finest services and care for seniors, Smith established its first community in 1924, on the same city block where Smith Village stands today.

Both CCRCs provide spacious residences for independent living and for assisted living, as well as memory support and skilled nursing care. In addition, they offer short-term rehab programs for residents and others who have had surgery or a medical incident.

For more information about how Smith Senior Living can help seniors enjoy their retirement, contact Smith Crossing at 708-326-2300 or SmithCrossing.org and Smith Village at 773-474-7300 or SmithVillage.org.



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