

19th WARD Quarterly

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Matthew J. O'Shea

MAY 2015

PBC Hiring for Mt. Greenwood School Modular

This February, Alderman Matt O'Shea announced plans to construct a six classroom modular and new playground at Mt. Greenwood Elementary School. The project will temporarily ease severe overcrowding at the school and has a \$3 million budget. The Public Building Commission will be facilitating two community hiring intake sessions at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St., on June 17, 2015 10:00am-3:00pm, and June 25, 2015 3:00pm-6:00pm.

At these fairs, applications for employment to work on this project will be accepted. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with the modular complete in time for the new school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Building Commission at (312) 744-3090 or visit www.pbc-chicago.com.

The modular building is only a temporary fix. Moving forward,



Alderman O'Shea is committed to finding a permanent solution to the growing overcrowding prob-

lem at Mt. Greenwood School. One potential solution that is being explored is an optional 7th and

8th program at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Thanks Community

Dear Friends:

Alderman Matthew O'Shea and thousands of 19th Ward residents have been hard at work in support of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest initiative.

The most dangerous part of the job for Chicago police officers is gun violence. In fact, 75 percent of line-of-duty deaths have been gun-fire related. Since 1980, 40 Chicago police officers have been shot in

the line of duty and saved by their bulletproof vests. Through this campaign, we hope to help protect those who protect us by purchasing replacement bulletproof vests for Chicago police officers.

Alderman O'Shea has taken up the cause of protecting Chicago's police officers and has enlisted schools in the 19th Ward to raise funds for the campaign by holding school wide dress down days, candy sales, bake sales and other

fundraising activities. So far, over \$19,000 has been raised through student based fundraisers at many area schools with several other school based events in the works!

Alderman O'Shea also enlisted the help of the Original Pancake House and St. Christina Parish in hosting a pancake breakfast in support of the initiative on February 22nd. Over 2,000 residents arrived at St. Christina School and took part in a delicious pancake breakfast generously supplied by the Harrigan Family and the Original House of Pancakes. Attendees included Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez and cast members of Chicago PD. Over \$10,000 was raised at the pancake breakfast and a great time was had by all.

The 19th Ward didn't stop! A Comedy Night event was held at Christ the King and the proceeds of that event were also generously donated to our Get Behind the Vest initiative. Over \$11,000 was raised during the night's festivities!

The communities of Beverly, Morgan Park and Mt. Greenwood continue to rally behind our police officers, most recently demonstrated by Tranquility Hair Salon, which opened on its day off and offered



\$25 men's haircuts, with all of the money collected during the day being donated to Get Behind the Vest. \$1,500 was raised!

Our sincere thanks goes out to Alderman O'Shea, his staff and the entire 19th Ward community for their strong support and hard work on behalf of the officers of the Chicago Police Department. With their help, over \$40,000 has been raised to date and 80 officers will receive replacement vests and be given a greater chance of returning to their families at the end of their shift.

Thank you 19th Ward!

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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

Spring is a very busy time in our community. Last week-end, nearly fourteen thousand people participated in the 15th Annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk to support the important work done at Little Company of Mary Hospital. In the coming weeks, we look forward to the 19th Ward's Family Bike Ride, Memorial Day Mass, 38th Annual Ridge Run and Memorial Day Parade.

In this issue, please find information about exciting improvements to our community including two streetscape projects, expansion of Mt. Greenwood Elementary School, and the opening of the Morgan Park Sports Center. The 19th Ward also has a variety of community events coming up, including a town hall meeting and free paper shredding. Hopefully you can take advantage of these services.

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

If you have any questions or would like information included in our next issue, please contact 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

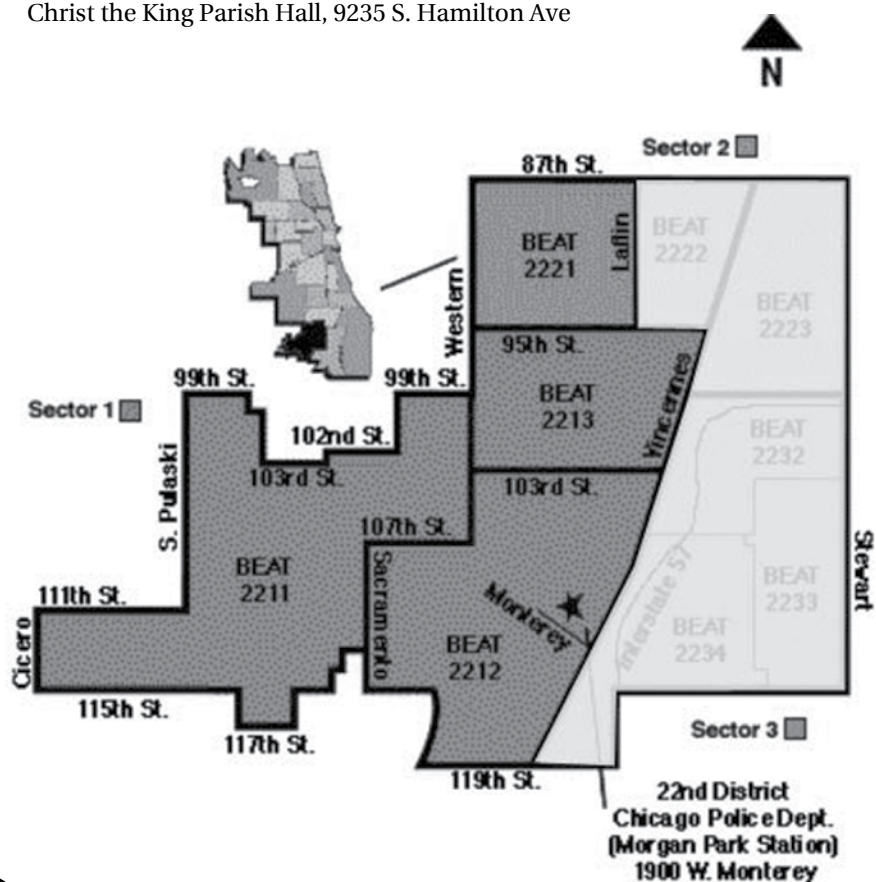
First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, May, June, August, October, December
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

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



EAT AND EARN

May is National Brain Tumor Awareness Month. The local restaurants listed below have agreed to donate a portion of sales to pediatric brain tumor research. Please visit them and help us wipe out pediatric brain tumors! Please mention Go Gray in May when ordering!

Fat Tommy's – 3031 W. 111th St.
20% on Tuesday, May 19th

Ricobene's – 252 W. 26th St.
A portion of all sales, dine in or delivery on Wednesday, May 20th

Janson's Drive-In – 9900 S. Western Ave.
20% Donation on Tuesday, May 26th

Fit Code –
10418 S. Western Ave.
\$20 9:00am class on Saturday, May 30th,
all proceeds benefit Live Like John



Free Rain Barrels Available

For its first major initiative, the new 19th Ward Environmental Committee, formed recently to improve the environment throughout Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood, is partnering with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to offer free rain barrels to residents. The City of Chicago is located in a combined sewer area, which means rain-water and sewage from homes flow through the same pipe before reaching the MWRD's wastewater treatment facility. During rain events, storm water hitting the roof flows through downspouts, which leads to the sewer system. Too much flow can result in basement backups and flooding.

Residents who agree to place rain barrels on each downspout where feasible will qualify for the complimentary barrels. Rain barrels

can be requested at www.the19thward.com.

"By disconnecting downspouts from the public drainage system, we can help minimize basement backups, combined sewer overflows, and flooding. By installing a 55 gallon rain barrel to each of your downspout(s), this water can be saved for reuse, and it may even reduce your water bill," said Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

"Residents in the 19th Ward are no strangers to flooding issues. By partnering with MWRD in this new program, we hope we to help mitigate the amount of water that ends up in our streets and basements" added Alderman O'Shea.

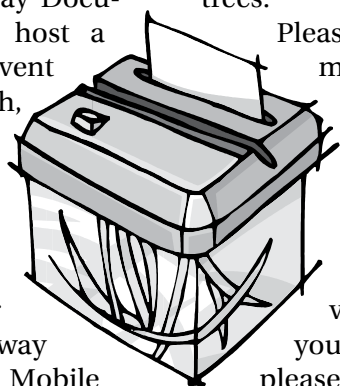
Rain barrels and the components needed for connection will be delivered directly to your home. Instructions for installing the barrels will be included.



Shredding Event – June 6th

On Saturday, June 6th Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Fran Hurley, and Midway Document Destruction will host a free paper-shredding event at Crosswinds Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Residents can bring any old or unwanted papers to the school to be shredded and later recycled by the Midway Document Destruction Mobile Shredding Truck. Shredding documents helps prevent identity theft,

recycling the paper benefits the environment by reducing the amount of waste in landfills and sparing trees.



Please note, all documents must be loose in order to be shredded; all paper clips, metal binders, rubber bands etc. must be removed before you arrive. This service is free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Tristan Angus at (773) 238-8766 or Tristan@the19thward.com.

Beverly Farmers' Market Opens this May

The City of Chicago's Farmers' Market is back! Vendors will be selling fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, plants, desserts and flowers in the Beverly area on Sunday's from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at the parking lot at 9501 S. Longwood Dr. The market began on Sunday, May 10th and will run



weekly through the end of October. For more information regarding this and other Farmers' Markets in Chicago, please visit www.cityofchicago.org. Any vendors interested in participating in the Beverly Farmers' Market should contact Erin Ross at erin@95thstreetba.org.

19th Ward Senior Fair – 6/1

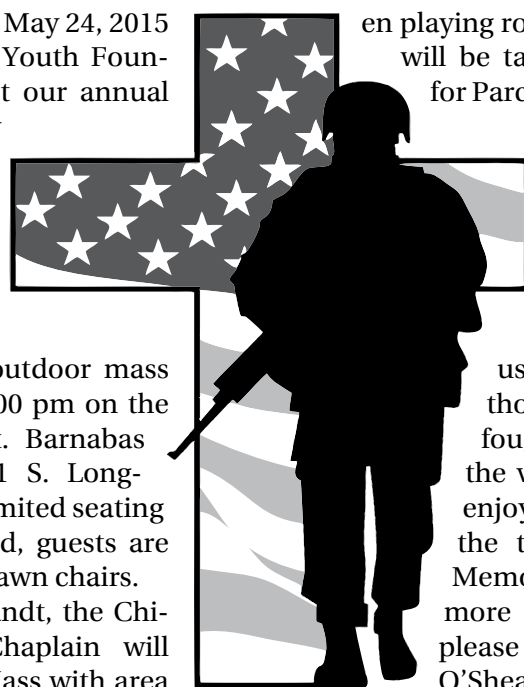
Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Fran Hurley and Congressman Dan Lipinski will co-host a Senior Citizen Resource Fair on Monday, June 1, 2015 from 10:00am-12:00pm at Mount Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St. Congressional staff, federal and local government agen-

cies, as well as local businesses will be available to assist constituents with any questions or concerns they have regarding federal issues and agencies, including Medicare, Social Security, veterans' benefits, and the Postal Service. For more information, please contact Tristan Angus at (773) 238-8766.

Memorial Day Mass to Honor Veterans and Active Servicemen

On Sunday, May 24, 2015 the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will host our annual Memorial Day Mass in honor of the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The outdoor mass will begin at 4:00 pm on the lawn of the St. Barnabas Convent, 10161 S. Longwood Drive. Limited seating will be provided, guests are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Fr. Dan Brandt, the Chicago Police Chaplain will celebrate the Mass with area veterans and the families of local active service men and wom-



en playing roles. A collection will be taken for Postage for Parcels, a Mt. Greenwood organization that provides care packages to troops serving overseas.

Please join us in honoring those who have fought to protect the very freedom we enjoy and remember the true purpose of Memorial Day. For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or by phone at (773) 238-0288.

Sale on June City Stickers

Did you know that City of Chicago Vehicle Stickers can be purchased online at www.ChiCityClerk.com? Last year one fourth of all customers skipped the lines and obtained their stickers through the Clerk's website. This is the easiest and fastest way to receive your vehicle sticker each year.

However, if you prefer to purchase your sticker in person, Alderman Matt O'Shea and City Clerk Susana Mendoza will host sales on Thursday, June 18th from

1:00-6:00pm at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr., and Wednesday, July 8th from 1:00-6:00pm at the 19th Ward's Mt. Greenwood Service Office, 3215 W. 111th St. To purchase a vehicle sticker, you must bring your 2015 Chicago City

Vehicle Sticker courtesy reminder form. If your courtesy reminder is lost, please bring your State Vehicle Registration ID Card, which includes your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number).

Check, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Discover Card are accepted at Ward Sales. Please remember, we are now in the Year-



Round Vehicle Sticker era. Ward Sales this year will be limited to customers with June vehicle sticker expirations. These are vehicle stickers

with "6/15" printed on them with an expiration date of June 30. The grace period is still in effect; motorists with a June 30 expiration date have until July 15, 2015 to purchase their sticker.

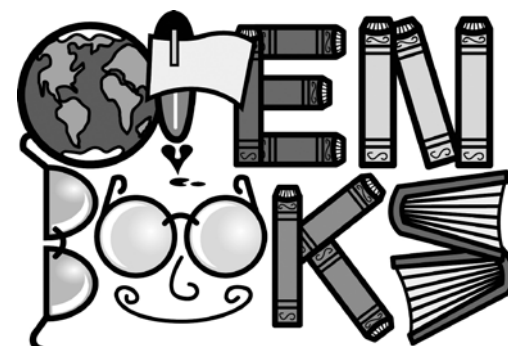
Used Children's Book Drive

Did spring cleaning turn up piles of old books? This June, Alderman Matt O'Shea is hosting a used children's book drive in conjunction with Open Books. Residents are encouraged to drop off any unneeded books at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., from June 1st to June 15th.

Most commonly requested books include Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants, Judy Moody, Divergent, Hunger Games, Percy Jackson, and Maze Runner. While children's books are in the highest demand, Open Books will

accept any gently used book.

All books will be donated to Open Books, a non-profit social venture that provides literacy experiences for tens



of thousands of readers each year through inspiring programs and the creative capitalization of books. Open Books sells the books in their stores and on-

line to help fund literacy programs, use and give them away in their instructional and book grant programs, and recycle any that are unusable. For more information on Open Books, please visit www.open-books.org.

Town Hall Meeting – June 11th @ 22nd District

On Thursday, June 11, 2015, the 19th Ward, Civic Association of Morgan Park, and Old Morgan Park Civic Association will co-host a town hall meeting at the 22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave. at 7:00 pm. 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 or would like more information, please contact Tristan Angus at (773) 238-8766 or Tristan.Angus@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.

Odelson & Sterk Offers Free Tax Appeals

Lauren Brougham Glennon, an attorney from the law firm of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd., along with two or three other attorneys from her firm will be on hand at Cork & Kerry, located at 10614 South Western Avenue, on Wednesday, May 20th, from 6:00-8:00pm to provide assistance with property tax appeals and questions. This is a community property tax outreach event organized and sponsored by Al-

derman Matt O’Shea and the 19th Ward Office in conjunction with the law firm of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. The attorneys will provide free property tax appeal assistance for single family residential properties. The Cook County Assessor’s Office is scheduled to mail reassessment notices for the 19th Ward (Lake Township) on May 8th, 2015; please bring a copy of this notice.

Financial Empowerment Resource Fair – 6/4

Plan for the future by attending a free community event on home ownership while learning the steps to building a good credit score at An Evening for Financial Empowerment. The event will be held Thursday, June 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Morgan Park High School, 1744 W. Pryor, in Chicago.

The educational sessions are sponsored by Chicago City Treasurer Kurt Summers, Alderman Matthew O’Shea (19th Ward), the Chicago Urban League and The PrivateBank.

“The PrivateBank is committed to helping build strong, vibrant communities and we believe home ownership is an essential element to creating neighborhood stability,” said Brant Ahrens, President, Personal Client Services at The PrivateBank. “We are proud to partner with Treasurer Summers, Alderman O’Shea and the Chicago Urban League to give families the information they need to take those important steps to being home owners.”

“The PrivateBank and Chicago Urban League have assembled a wealth of resources to help people take control of their finances and

plan for a better tomorrow,” said Alderman Matthew O’Shea (19th Ward). “We encourage neighborhood residents to come out and learn more about the benefits of home ownership and what it takes to improve their credit.”

“Our goal is to establish a legacy of financial empowerment that will last for generations,” said Margaret Wooten, Senior Director of Housing and Financial Empowerment, Chicago Urban League. “This is an opportunity for the community to ask questions and learn about the key steps to home ownership, effective budget planning and steps to a better credit score.”

Participants will have an opportunity to sign up for private financial coaching as well as enjoy the benefits of a resource fair with informational booths on various topics.

In addition, community residents who visit every resource fair booth will be eligible for raffle prizes. Refreshments will be provided.

Space is limited. To register, contact the Chicago Urban League at (773) 285-1500.




Hosted by
19th Ward Alderman Matt O’Shea,
President Mariyana Spyropoulos of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District,
and the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association


BASEMENT FLOODING:
Understanding Your Sewers &
Reducing Flooding Risks on Your Property

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 | 7:00pm
BEVERLY ARTS CENTER
2407 W. 111th St.
Chicago, IL 60655

All attendees can request a free rain barrel for their home!
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We need more than 200 volunteers to help us give more than 3,220 kids per year, the childhood they deserve by building a new playground.

Please join us to bring play to more kids in Chicago and show that #playmatters to you.

DATE: June 18, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Beacon Therapeutic
10650 S. Longwood Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60643



❖ Volunteers should be age 18+ and will assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch, etc.

❖ Wear comfortable clothes you don’t mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.

❖ Gloves, goggles, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Interested in volunteering to build this playground?
RSVP to Peggy Rourke at (773) 298-6441 or proureke@beacon-therapeutic.org

Save the Date: June 11, 2015, 6 to 9 p.m., Beacon Bash for Homeless Kids, Joe’s Sports Bar, for info, contact Peggy Rourke at (773) 298-6441 or proureke@beacon-therapeutic.org.

Parks & Recreation

BINGO

Senior Bingo Returns to Kennedy Park

State Senator Bill Cunningham and State Representative Fran Hurley will, once again, host free bingo for seniors citizens on Monday afternoons in June. Bingo will begin at 5:00 pm at Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Ave.; 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 attend for a fun filled hour of bingo. For more information contact Rep. Hurley's Office at (773) 445-8128.



This summer, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will sponsor a series of family friendly outdoor events. In addition to our popular Movies in the Park, there will also be a series of concerts and other great events. Parents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray and enjoy an evening outdoors with your neighbors.

Fri., June 19	Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Kellogg School (9241 S. Leavitt St.)
Thurs., June 25	The Boxtrolls	Graver Park (1518 W. 102nd Pl.)
Thurs., July 9	Live Jazz Concert	Chicago State House (10400 S. Longwood Dr.)
Thurs., July 16	Pool Party / Concert	Kennedy Park (11320 S. Western Ave.)
Thurs., July 23	Big Hero 6	Crescent Park (2200 W. 108th Pl.)
Thurs., July 30	The City Lights Orchestra	Mt. Greenwood Park (3721 W. 111th)
Thurs., Aug. 6	Penguins of Madagascar	McKiernan Park (10714 S. Sawyer)
Thurs., Aug. 13	Shakespeare in the Park	Ridge Park (9625 S. Longwood Dr.)
Thurs., Aug. 20	Movie TBD	Munroe Park (2617 W. 105th St.)

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For tickets please contact Mary at (773) 881-0622 or mgcba2013@gmail.com
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Senator Bill Cunningham & Representative Fran Hurley *PRESENT*

Bike Across America without leaving the 19th Ward



Saturday, May 16, 2015
10:00 A.M.

McKiernan Park 10714 S. Sawyer Ave.

For more information contact:
Colleen Hayes at (773) 238-8776 or hayes@the19thward.com.



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Tickets/more info
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Red Molly
Special Guest Tim Shelton
Sat, May 23, 8pm
\$25 / \$22 BAC members

Americana powerhouse vocal trio is known for their musicianship and engaging stage presence. Folk roots to bluegrass, heartbreaking ballads to barn-burning honky tonk, served up with caramel voices in soaring harmonies. *Only Chicago appearance.*



The Best of The Second City
Sat, June 13, 8pm
\$25 / \$22 BAC members

Performed by The Second City Touring Company, this show features some of the best sketches, songs, and improvisations from SC's 55-year history. Catch the next big star where it all began for talented SC alums Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell and more!

Alexandre "Sandro" Tsomaia
Sun, June 14, 3pm
\$12 / \$10 BAC members

Acclaimed local pianist has appeared as a featured soloist at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC and on NPR's *From the Top* to critical praise from the New York Times and Wall Street Journal. Solo piano program includes Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin.

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John Hammond
Sat, June 27, 8pm
\$30 / \$27 BAC members

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BACinema

Join us in the Baffes Theatre for a carefully curated selection of critically-acclaimed new releases, indie, foreign, classic and children's films. Affordable wine, beer and snacks available, free parking.

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May 20 **Citizen Kane**
June 3 **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**
June 10 **Song of the Sea**

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George Gershwin's Crazy For You
August 7, 8, 9, 2015
Directed by Shellee Frazee

This high-energy comedy with plot twists, mistaken identity, fabulous dance numbers and classic Gershwin music tells the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930's playboy whose biggest dream in life is to dance. Gershwin classics include I Can't Be Bothered Now, I Got Rhythm, They Can't Take That



Away from Me, and Someone to Watch Over Me.

Featuring a very special appearance by 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea!

A generous NEA grant makes this joint professional and community theatre workshop and full-scale production possible.

Art Gallery | Exhibitions

ARC 40th Anniversary Exhibit
May 1 - May 31, 2015 East Gallery

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of ARC Gallery and Educational Foundation, this exhibit will showcase the works of over 50 current and former members of the oldest and longest continually operating women's co-operative gallery in Chicago.

Reflections Terrence Reese
June 5- July 12 2015 Atrium Gallery
Opening Reception June 13, 7 - 9pm

Documentary-style black and white photography series captures the personal living spaces of renowned Americans whose lives and careers have addressed fundamental political, economic, and social realities of the 20th century and beyond.



Polymorphous Microtexture:
Works by Susan G. Emmerson and Vera Sceikic
June 5- July 5, 2015 East and Theatre Galleries
Opening Reception TBA



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Legislative Update

State Representative Fran Hurley

Over the last few weeks, state Rep. Fran Hurley and the General Assembly have passed many pieces of legislation through the House that will now be considered by the Senate.

Among these measures was Hurley's House Bill 3148, which classifies an attack against an on-duty police officer, fire fighter or emergency medical technician as a Class 4 felony, punishable by up to three years in prison. Currently, the aggravated assault of a first responder is a Class A misdemeanor. This measure brings penalties in line with those for assaults against process servers and correctional officers.

Continuing her efforts to support the many special needs indi-

viduals and their families across our state, Hurley was the chief sponsor of House Resolution 198 which designated July 2015 "Special Olympics Month" in the state of Illinois. She is also working with state Sen. Bill Cunningham to pass Senate Bill 1549 that creates an income tax check off to allow taxpayers to make contributions to the Special Olympics Illinois and Special Children's Charities Fund.

To benefit local teachers in our area and stabilize the pension fund, Hurley supported House Bill 3695 which dedicates a portion of the tax levy of Chicago Public Schools specifically for contribution to the

Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund beginning in FY 2016. This bill does not increase the overall tax rate of CPS; it simply clarifies that a percentage of the levy be directed to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund.

Increasing transparency in state government is essential, which is why Hurley was a chief co-sponsor of House Bill 303 providing that confidentiality clauses in severance agreements cannot be enforced. Severance agreements that involve public funding and taxpayer dollars should be transparent and open to the public and this bill ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent respon-

sibly in these situations.

The prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses and the recent investigation of over 100 institutions of higher learning indicate that current laws intended to protect victims are not working. That is why Hurley sponsored House Bill 821, creating the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. This legislation is critically important to protecting women and men at Illinois colleges and universities and in breaking the silence that often surrounds rape and sexual violence.

For more information about legislation, or for assistance with state services, please contact Hurley's constituent office at 773-445-8128.



Cunningham pushes legislation to prevent "squatters" from taking over empty homes

State Senator Bill Cunningham recently passed legislation in the Illinois General Assembly aimed at preventing con artist and squatters from taking possession of homes that are subject to foreclosure proceedings in the court system. If it becomes law, Senate Bill 1487 would shield properties that are in financial distress from a new form of fraud in which individuals file bogus legal documents in an attempt to claim ownership of the home.

"This fraudulent practice is particularly damaging to our communities because it not only victimizes some homeowners, but it can victimize an entire neighborhood by enabling squatters to take over an empty house," Cunningham said. "SB 1487 will close a loophole in existing law and make it more difficult for these con artists to succeed."

Starting in 2008, the "Great

Recession" resulted in record numbers of home foreclosures throughout the country. In a four year period, mortgage foreclosures were filed in court on more than eight million homes nationwide.

Every community in Cook County, included the most affluent neighborhoods, were hit by the crisis. As banks completed foreclosure and eviction proceedings against scores of homeowners, they eventually found themselves in legal possession of thousands of empty houses in Cook County – houses they could not sell because of the poor economy.

It didn't take long for con-artist to take advantage of the situation. Reports of squatters moving into empty homes began to soar. In some cases, the squatters filed paperwork with the Cook County

Recorder of Deeds Office declaring themselves "sovereign citizens" who have the right to take possession of property abandoned after foreclosure proceedings. Their claims had no legal merit,

but it didn't stop them from moving into empty homes.

Shortly after taking office, Cook County Recorder Karen Yarbrough began implementing policies and proposing new laws designed to stop the fraudulent practices of so-called "sovereign citizens." But under

current state law, her office must accept all filings of claims against properties in Cook County, leaving it to the courts to sort out the validity of the documents at a later date. To cut off wrongful claims against properties on the front end, Yarbrough joined forces with

Senator Cunningham on SB 1487, which will change the existing law and allow her office to reject claims against properties that are in foreclosure court unless a judge has approved the filing.

"It is in the best interest of the community – when all measures to prevent a foreclosure have failed – that a vacant home be put back on the market as soon as possible, so it can contribute to a better economy," Yarbrough said. "People who squat in vacant homes seek a narrow, personal benefit at the expense of the community, and activity like this causes fear and panic in neighborhoods."

"SB 1487 will enable the Recorder's Office to refuse to allow bogus documents to muddy an already cumbersome process."

The legislation is now under consideration in the Illinois House.



Service & Technology

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Gas Project Coming to North Beverly This Summer

Peoples Gas is preparing to deliver its infrastructure modernization program to upgrade the natural distribution system in North Beverly. Gas pipes in the North Beverly area are safe and reliable, but at 80-110 years old, it is time to replace them. The area identified for likely upgrades starting this summer and over the next two years, spans from 87th to 95th streets from Western Avenue to Wood Street. Customers affected this summer, have already received letters from Peoples Gas.

Most of the 19th ward will need the natural gas infrastructure upgraded over the next 15 years, with some phases in Mount Greenwood and Morgan Park already complete. Another part of the project is already underway in Beverly on west 99th Street ahead of the streetscape work planned later this summer. Work near the 99th street Metra station is due to be completed mid-May and a second stretch between Western and South Bell will be completed mid-June.

“Our infrastructure modernization plan is to deliver ongoing safe and reliable natural gas service with enhanced safety features, newer pipes, more modern pressure, and less inconvenience,” said Yvette Pittman, community relations representative for Peoples Gas.

Before construction begins, Peoples Gas will set up appointments to mark where the new service and outside meter will be located and installed at the property. Their workers will need to inspect the inside and outsides of homes and businesses affected to see where the gas enters the property and where current pipes and appliances are located. Peoples Gas employees and contractors all carry proper identification, so always ask to see identification before allowing workers to enter.

“Outside meters are a critical feature of the new system design,” Pittman said, “In the event of an

emergency; first responders will be able to swiftly access and shut off the gas where necessary. Other new safety features include service valves which shut off the gas when damage to the line is detected and new pipe materials which allow the company to isolate outages to a much smaller area.”

When construction begins, natural gas mains which bring gas to each block will be installed either under the street, in the parkway or under the sidewalk, frequently on both sides of the street. This type of work is likely to result in parking restrictions while this part of construction is taking place.

Services, the pipes that bring natural gas to your home, will be installed under the lawn or sidewalk. In order to minimize disruption to lawns and sidewalks, Peoples Gas and their contractors will be using construction equipment that bores underground for long stretches where possible. Lawns, sidewalks and other surfaces that are disturbed during construction will be temporarily restored until the old natural gas main is retired in the area.

Once the new main and services are installed, appointments will be made to move gas meters outside to the customer agreed-upon locations. After all of the properties in an area have been hooked up to the new main, the old main will be retired from service.

“The last step of the project is restoration,” said Pittman. “After all the construction is complete and the old pipes are retired, restoration crews will repair everything that was disturbed. It is important to note that restoration can only be done when the weather is warm enough for concrete to set and sod to take root, which is normally from May through November in Chicago,” Pittman added.

If your home is part of this project and you encounter any problems, please call (312)-240-7688.

Do You Wanna Build a Playlot?

Beacon Therapeutic in partnership with Radio Flyer and Ka Boom are building a play lot in 6 hours!! We need YOU to help, and join in the fun by being part of this great community effort to bring Play to children.

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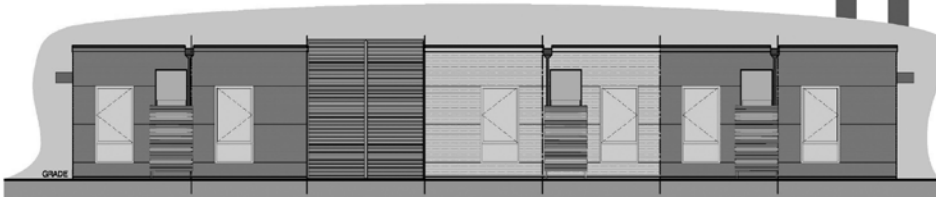
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Construction Update

There will be plenty of construction crews working in the 19th Ward this summer. Work is steadily progressing on the new Morgan Park Sports Center at 115th and Western Ave. This state of the art indoor skating rink and gymnastics center is on track to open late this summer.

Demolition for the new Buona Restaurant at 10633 S. Western Ave. is complete. The developer is in the process of finalizing contracts and hopes to break ground by early June. If all goes well, the

Buonavolanto family looks forward to a grand opening at this location in late 2015.

After many delays, Streetscape improvements on 95th Street between Leavitt and Damen are finally nearing completion. Summit Construction anticipates finishing this project this July, 2015. Meanwhile, a contract was recently awarded for Streetscape improvements on 99th Street and Walden Pkwy. That construction is anticipated to begin this June.



19th Ward Pet Supply Drive

This May, Alderman Matt O’Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham and Representative Fran Hurley are hosting a pet supply drive to benefit PAWS Chicago Animal Shelter. Since 1998, PAWS Chicago has worked to build “No Kill” communities that respect and value the life of every cat and dog. They seek to end the overpopulation of homeless animals through solutions, practices, and education and to transform animal welfare by setting higher standards in the way animals are treated.

Caring for homeless animals is very expensive. PAWS is dependent on the generosity of the public to survive. If you would like to aid this effort, please drop off anything from the wish list below to the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., between now and June 1st; monetary donations are also accepted in the form of checks made payable to “PAWS Chicago.”

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- Cat brushes (new)

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Both BAPA and BHRA see neighborhood beautification at the top of their agenda, and are reaching out to the Beverly Improvement Association (BIA,), the Southwest Beverly Improvement Association (SWBIA) and the South West Morgan Park Civic Association (SWMPCA) and others to encourage participation as well. They have two upcoming projects in the works and are hoping for more residents to join in the fun.

First, have you lost an ash tree on your block? "It is our hope to replace many of the ash trees we have lost due to the infestation of the emerald ash borer," said BAPA and BRHA Board Member Mary Jo Viero. "We have partnered with Openlands, a Chicago based nonprofit, that will supply us with the trees, but we need to bring the volunteers to plant them."

Secondly, we are also working to beautify the parkway landscaping along the steps on the south hill of 103rd and Longwood across from the historic Castle. As of now, BAPA, BRHA and SWBIA have raised \$1200 for beautification project on 103rd and Longwood. The area has some significant needs and we ask that you make a donation to BAPA for us to reach our goal of \$3000.

Please call BAPA offices, 773-233-3100 to sign up to help volunteer and pledge your donation for these vital programs, you can also email, Margot Holland at mholland@bapa.org with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for considering making a contribution to these important projects. **Your community needs you!**

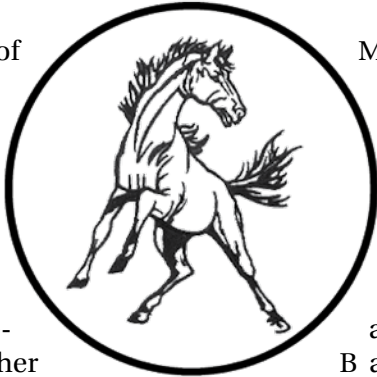
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SXU / MPHS Partnership Moves Forward

Saint Xavier University is looking forward, continuing its partnership with Morgan Park High School. The 4 key priorities of the partnership, identified spring 2014 in collaboration among SXU, MPHS, and CPS OS4 include: dual enrollment, pre-service teaching, teacher professional development in International Baccalaureate, and college transition and engagement. This partnership began with the School of Education administration and faculty and morphed to a university-wide initiative including the College of Arts and Sciences dean and faculty, the Registrar, and Student Services.

This academic year (2014-15), 10 enrollments in college level courses at SXU were taken by 6 MPHS students. Two students from SXU student taught at MPHS during the 2014-15 academic year, while staff and professors at SXU coordinated field experience tutoring hours so that SXU teacher

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candidates could benefit from tutoring experiences required by their course. Next year, SXU will work with MPHS to identify student teaching and field experience hours, benefiting students on both campuses. This summer 5 SXU professors will attend International Baccalaureate conferences in Chicago and Lake Tahoe in anticipation of designing teacher professional development in IB for MPHS teachers.

A funded 21stCentury Learning Community Grant, submitted by CPS with input from SXU and MPHS, allows the college transition and engagement key priority to move forward. Student Services at SXU, the STRONG initiative, and MathLab (an initiative that combines teacher professional development with student college readiness), are 3 projects that support MPHS students so they are college ready and college successful.

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Timothy Herring Convicted

A Cook County jury has convicted a Chicago man for a double murder in which he gunned down an on-duty Chicago Police Officer who was investigating a burglary on Chicago's South Side as well as a retired Chicago Housing Authority police officer who had reported the crime, according to the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Timothy Herring, Jr., 24, was convicted of First Degree Murder and Burglary for the Nov. 26, 2010 murders of Chicago Police Evidence Technician Michael Flisk, 46, and retired Chicago Housing Authority Police Officer Stephen Peters, 44. Herring was 19 years old and on parole at the time of the double murder.

The victims were both shot in the head at close range by Herring, who lived nearby and had returned to the scene of a burglary he had committed hours

earlier to collect the proceeds. Flisk was processing the crime scene in a garage at 8140 S. Burnham where Herring had broken into Peters' garage and burglarized his vehicle.

The jury began deliberations Tuesday afternoon and returned the verdict Wednesday morning. Herring faces a mandatory natural life sentence when he is sentenced.

"We welcome this guilty verdict on behalf of the Flisk and Peters' families as well as all of the citizens of Cook County who understand and appreciate the unexpected dangers that police officers face in their daily work," said State's Attorney Alvarez.

"This was an evil and heinous crime that stole the lives of two brave men who did not deserve to have their futures cut short. We hope that this verdict brings some

measure of justice and closure for the families of Officer Michael Flisk and Stephen Peters."

According to prosecutors, Peters owned a red Mustang that was parked inside of the garage behind the home where his mother lived and he had called police to report a burglary after discovering that stereo equipment and other parts had been taken from the vehicle. Officer Flisk, who had served as a Chicago Police Officer for nearly 20 years, was on duty and in full uniform when he responded to the call in his marked squad car.



According to prosecutors, Peters was standing in the alley as Officer Flisk processed the crime scene and took photographs, including photos of a garbage can near the garage that contained some of the stereo equipment that had been stolen from the car.

While Officer Flisk and Peters were in the alley, Peters' mother heard two gun shots from her home. When Peters' mother looked out the window she saw Peters lying in the alley bleeding and immediately called 911.

As she cried out for emergency assistance in the 911 call, she heard two more gun shots and observed a male with a hood covering his head walking in the alley and pushing the garbage cans. Both men sustained two fatal gunshot wounds to the head.

State's Attorney Alvarez thanked the trial team of Assistant State's Attorneys Joseph Magats and Thomas Mahoney as well as the members of the State's Attorney's Victim Witness Unit and the Chicago Police Department for their dedicated work on the case.

Street Sweeping Begins

Street sweeping season officially began this April. Every street in our community should be swept a minimum of 3 times each year. A complete street sweeping schedule can be found online at www.the19thward.com.

Bright orange "no parking" street sweeping signs will be posted on residential streets 24 hours prior to a sweeping. Tickets are issued for any cars that remain on the street during scheduled street sweeping. Please keep an eye out for the orange signs and remind your neighbors to move their cars



on street sweeping days.

Street sweepers are slowed down significantly by large volumes of leaves or litter. Please refrain from raking leaves or other debris into the streets and pick up any litter along the curb rather than leaving it for the street sweep-

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Stay & Play: BAPA Presents Summer in the City



The Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) kicks off its 2015 special events season with the revitalized **Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Home Tour** on Sunday, May 17. Five private residences significant for their history, architecture and/or decorating – including a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home never before opened on the tour -- and the historic Irish Castle/Beverly Unitarian Church will be showcased on one of Chicago's longest-running and most anticipated home tours. New on the tour are the House Guests – experts offering free advice, cooking demos, vendors and giveaways, and representatives from the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Historic Chicago Bungalow Association, Glessner House Museum -- will make the day even more fun. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. All tours begin at the BAPA Community Room 11109 S. Longwood Dr. Homes are open 12 to 5 p.m. and the church is open 12:30 to 5 p.m. Tickets and information: www.bapa.org/hometour.

Just one week later, BAPA's 38th annual **Ridge Run** and the **Beverly Hills/Morgan Park/Mount Greenwood Memorial Day Parade** will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Ridge Run race day registration opens at 6:30 a.m. with the 10K at 8 a.m., followed by the Youth Mile at 8:10 and 5K run/walk at 9:30 a.m. The start/finish and all the race-day action takes place at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr. For registration and information, visit www.bapa.org/ridgerun. Chicago's oldest community Memorial Day Parade steps off following the last of the Ridge Run competitors at about 10:30 a.m. Filled with floats, marchers, bands and more, this year's Grand Marshals are World War II veterans and the special honoree is the Dewalt Mechlin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Republic. For informa-



tion on participating in the parade, email bapa@bapa.org.

The **Beverly Hills Cycling Classic & Festival** is back on a Friday night -- July 17! The Prairie State Cycling Series returns with top professional and amateur male and female riders competing in a multi-day series that starts right here in the neighborhood. Look for an expanded festival hosted on the grounds of Beacon School, 107th and Longwood Drive, plus music,

the Longwood 100 Big Wheel race and lots more beginning at 4 p.m. Information: bapa@bapa.org.

The new **Hilltop Art & Music Festival** launches Saturday, Aug. 8, to 2 to 9:30 p.m., and it is already creating a buzz! 93XRT is the Hilltop media sponsor and the event features several live bands, craft beers, art & vendor fairs and lots more on the grounds of Morgan Park Academy, 2153 W. 111th St.

BAPA's Summer in the City events are a great reason to stay in town and play with your friends and neighbors! Give BAPA a call at 773-233-3100 for more information or to join in as a volunteer, sponsor, vendor or just to have a great time in Beverly Hills/Morgan Park.



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Smith Village supports intergenerational activities



Daniel O'Grady, a third grader at St. John Fisher Catholic School, teaches Smith Village resident Margaret Lane how to weave while his mother Sheila O'Grady watches.

Daniel O'Grady, a third grader at St. John Fisher Catholic School, recently taught a weaving workshop for residents of Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community at 2320 w. 113th Place. "Over under, over under, over under," says Daniel, guiding a thick strand of turquoise yarn through a weft of black cotton string stretched over a pot-holder size piece of cardboard.

Smith Village residents Margaret Lane and Janis McHugh seem to find 9-year-old Daniel as entertaining as the favorite school craft project he decided to share with them. "You're very confident," says Margaret, wearing a big smile. The women say they will keep their items as decorative art or coasters.

Smith Village is home to nearly 300 older adults, but for years it has welcomed younger generations as participants in the lives of its residents.

"Smith Village not only provides a close-knit, supportive community for residents, but also serves as a welcoming place for their families and friends," says Marti Jatis, executive director. "By organizing intergenerational activities that attract children and younger adults, our intention is that Smith Village residents remain young at heart and in

tune with younger generations."

On any given day, residents can be found eating a mid-day meal with relatives and friends who visit the Marketplace Café, where self-service creates a casual ambiance. After the lunch hour rush, many remain to play cards or just enjoy the afternoon.

Daniel's grandparents, Walter and Beth O'Grady, moved to Smith Village from their home in Beverly in January 2014. Since then Daniel, who insists the Marketplace burgers are "awesome," has gotten to care about so many residents. "He'll see someone drop a fork, for instance, and go get them another one," says his mother Sheila O'Grady. "He loves it here. They seem to love him too!"

In summer, Smith Village holds two family-oriented events. The annual Family Fun Day draws grandchildren and families with a variety of outdoor games, a cookout-style menu and petting zoo.

For the annual pet show, residents and their families have entered their pets—cats, dogs, rats, mice, snakes, guinea pigs, even a goat—to win prizes for doing tricks, wearing costumes or just being special.

Smith Village has fostered warm relationships with local schools. Throughout the year, Marist High School volunteers earn community service credits by escorting residents to exercise classes and physical therapy, assisting with games and activities, or just spending time with residents.

Smith Village encouraged a pen pal program between St. Cajetan kindergartners and residents. The program yielded special friendships after the class visited their Smith Village pen pals to become better acquainted.

Annie Gainer, granddaughter of Smith Village memory support resident Charles Lavin, participated in the Verizon Innovation App Challenge as a school project. Working with sixth-grade classmates from

ents or residents whom they've gotten to know. Plus, residents share stories about their own prom nights and provide pointers on clothing selection and dating tips.

St. Xavier University students interview residents as part of a collective history project. Computer science majors at St. Xavier share computer expertise as miSmith interns. Nursing students and gerontology majors at Moraine Valley Community College conduct research projects and complete internships as well.

"We're more than just a retirement community," Jatis says. "We like to think of ourselves as an intergenerational hub for Beverly-Morgan Park and neighboring communities."

About Smith Village

Smith Village is sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization serving older adults since 1924. It provides spacious residences and engaging programs for independent living, as well as assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Smith Village also offers short-term rehabilitation services for residents and others requiring assistance after surgery or a medical incident. For more information, call 773-474-7300 or visit SmithVillage.org.

St. Catherine of Alexandria School in Oak Lawn, she helped develop a phone app to help Charles remember names and faces. The app won state and regional competitions, and the entire group was photographed at Smith Village by numerous media outlets.

Prior to high school prom nights, several teens visit their grandpar-

Last year, Carey Barkmeier—an eighth grader who graduates from St. Catherine's of Alexandria Catholic School in Oak Lawn this spring—volunteered to collect donations for the Alzheimer's Association during Smith Village's Longest Day Bridge Marathon game-playing event. Having grandparents afflicted with Alzheimer's inspired Carey to help raise \$600. Carey plans to volunteer again for this year's event on Friday, June 19, at Smith Village. The public is invited to play Bridge, Canasta, Mahjong or Scrabble in time slots from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested donation to play is \$25. To find out more about this year's Longest Day Bridge Marathon or to sign up, please visit SmithSeniorLiving.org or call 773-239-1689 to request more information.



Growing up with grandparents who struggled with Alzheimer's disease, Carey Barkmeier volunteered last year to collect donations to the Alzheimer's Association during Smith Village's Longest Day Bridge and Scrabble playing event.



Smith Village resident Ethel Orszulak visits with her pen pal Nathan Pawlak, a St. Cajetan kindergarten student.

Family and Friends Rally to Answer a Friend's Dying Wish: Please Take Care of My Girls

Spring Benefit to be held in Memory of Brian Volkman

In September of 2014, Brian Volkman, who was born and raised in Chicago's West Beverly neighborhood, lost his battle to cancer at the young age of forty. He left behind a wife and two young daughters, ages 2 and 4.

To help ease the financial burden that this sudden and devastating disease has left on his young family, Brian's family and friends have come together and established the Volkman Foundation. The overall mission of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance to families due to financial hardship caused by health or life

changing events.

"Brian's love, courage, determination, and dedication are an inspiration to all who knew him," said Melissa Lupo, sister of Brian. "We are committed to providing the life we knew Brian wanted for his girls, and your support—no matter how big or how small—is greatly appreciated."

This Volkman Foundation is planning a benefit on **Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Bourbon Street from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in an effort to provide financial support to Brian's family. Tickets are \$35 each, and there will also be an assortment of gift baskets, as well as silent and live auction items.

For more information about the Volkman Foundation, visit www.volkmanfoundation.com.

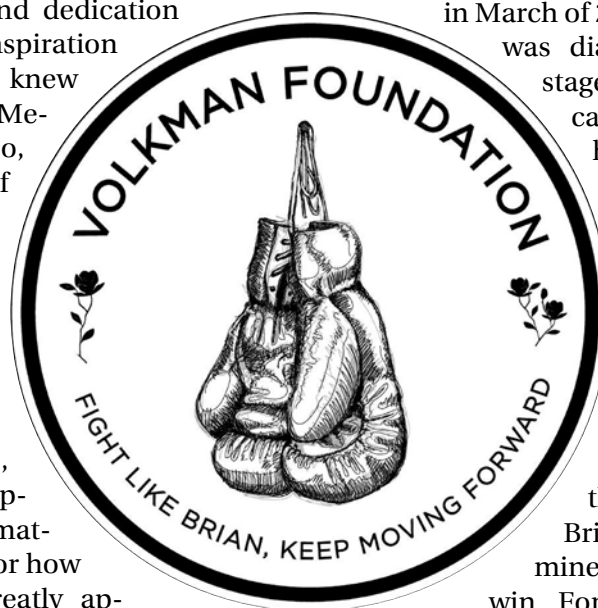
ABOUT BRIAN'S FIGHT

Brian's fight against cancer began in March of 2014, when he was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Given his age, overall good health, and fact that he did not smoke, the news was devastating. Regardless of how grim the outlook, Brian was determined to fight and win. For the next six months, Brian underwent aggressive treatments, various bone fractures, surgeries, and long hospital stays. Both Brian and his wife Liz were unable to work during this time; Liz as a nurse and Brian as an Assistant States Attorney and college professor. Brian remained optimistic and went out of his way to make sure he made time to joke and play with his baby girls. While Brian loved his life and did everything he could to fight, he

succumbed to cancer in early September surrounded by his family and friends.

ABOUT THE VOLKMAN FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Volkman Foundation is to provide financial assistance to families subject to financial hardship caused by health or life changing events, including but not limited to the family of Brian Volkman. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any federal future federal code.



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