

19th WARD Quarterly

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Matthew J. O'Shea

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BARRACO'S Restaurant, Pizzeria and Catering

Seeks Second Location on 95th Street

Barraco's Restaurant has come forward with a proposal to redevelop the former Beverly Branch Library at 2105-2121 W. 95th St. Their plan would involve renovating the facility into banquet space for private events like rehearsal dinners, small weddings, communion/graduation parties, showers and funeral luncheons. Barraco's would also take over the parking lot at 9448 S. Pleasant Ave. to operate a valet service for this facility.

This project has a projected construction budget of more than \$2 million. It will create jobs for our community, as well as generate property taxes from two parcels that previously were not contributing to our tax base. More importantly, it will bring a locally owned and operated business to one of our major commercial strips.

To operate this facility, Barraco's would require a liquor license. Currently, the sale of any liquor products is prohibited on 95th Street. Changing this law is something that must be done by the most immediate neighbors; neither the City Council or local Alderman has the authority to make such a change.

There is currently an effort underway to allow the sale of alcohol on the south side of 95th Street, between Hamilton Avenue and

Hoyne Avenue. The redevelopment of this parcel cannot move forward unless the liquor issue is addressed first. To that end, Alderman O'Shea and the Barraco family have held two meetings with neighbors to discuss and address concerns.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, this project gained the approval of the Chicago Community Development Commission (CDC). The CDC reviews redevelopment projects that involve City owned assets. In this case, the Barraco Family will be acquiring the library building for \$1 and will be entering into a long term lease for the Pleasant Avenue parking lot with an option to purchase.

CDC approval is just a first step in the acquisition process. In the next few months, the Barraco family will work with the City on a redevelopment agreement. If both sides are comfortable with the language in the redevelopment agreement, and surrounding neighbors support the sale of alcohol at this location, the project will go before the full Chicago City Council for approval.

A community meeting about this project will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

Advocate Health Care Signs at Borders Location

Advocate Health Care has announced plans to open a care center at 2210 W. 95th St. This location, formerly Borders Bookstore, has been vacant since 2011. The Advocate Care Center, scheduled to open in July, 2016, will offer a wide variety of services specifically for senior citizens at one location.

This project represents a \$3.5 million investment in our community and will include upgrades to the physical building, parking lot, and surrounding property. Once complete, Advocate Care Center will create approximately 40 permanent jobs separate from jobs

created through the construction process. This facility will not only reactivate a long vacant building and generate badly needed property tax revenue for the City, but also fill a need for our aging population.

Initially, the care center will operate entirely from the ground floor with a possible expansion to the second floor in the future. Advocate has signed a 10 year lease with the building owner. The company cites the locations ample parking, as well as the clean, safe, inviting environment as the major draws of this location.



Register for the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot Today!

The Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run & Family Walk, presented by the PrivateBank, will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 9:00am. Proceeds from this CARA-certified race will benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. Registration is \$30 for individual runners or walkers, \$20 for youth or CARA members, and \$60 for the untimed family walk. Sign up today at www.the19thward.com or at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S. Western Ave.

This year's packet pickup schedule is: Saturday, November 14th, and Saturday November 21st from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the PrivateBank Mt. Greenwood Branch (3052 W. 111th St.), Monday, November 23rd from 3:00pm-7:00pm at Running Excels, 10328 S. Western Ave., and Friday, November 27th from 12:00pm-5:00pm at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave.



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Rain Barrel Winterization Tips

As temperatures drop, the 19th Ward Environmental Committee would like to offer a few quick and easy winterization tips for your rain barrel before snow arrives. To prevent freezing and cracking, consider taking the steps below to prolong the life of your rain barrel.

Save Your Back. A full, 55 gallon rain barrel can weigh upwards of 500 pounds. Drain the rain barrel completely before attempting to disconnect or move the unit.

Consider using the water from the rain barrel to saturate landscaping and lawn areas after removing all leaves and debris. Fall is a great time to add compost and mulch to plant beds, as well as aerating, seeding, de-thatching, and fertilizing lawns before watering thoroughly.

Save Your Barrel. Once the barrel has drained, disconnect it from the downspout. Remove all hoses and the top debris screen from the rain barrel. Store the hoses and the screen for winter. Open all spigots.

Manufacturers suggest scrubbing the barrel out before storage

to discourage mold and fungus growth. Use a weak hypochlorite solution (3/4 cup of bleach per one gallon of water) to scrub the interior of the barrel, as well as the debris screen, and dispose of this cleaning solution properly.

Save Your Basement. Attach a flexible, temporary, downspout extension to the gutter that was feeding the rain barrel. Make sure to direct the rainwater away from your foundation – and away from your neighbor's home as well.

Save Your Neighbor. To store your rain barrel outside, turn upside down to prevent water accumulation and cover with a tarp for protection from ice and snow. Since the barrel is empty, it will be relatively light and could possibly tip and roll during heavy winter storms.

To eliminate the possibility of the rain barrel ending up in your neighbor's yard, driveway, or the street, consider weighing the barrel down with a few bricks or a concrete block. If space permits, store your barrel in the garage or basement for the winter season.



Shared Cost Sidewalk Program Returns This January

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program is an extremely popular program in which residents share the cost of sidewalk repair with the City. The program has been a huge success for many years. All property owners pay the same square-foot cost for new sidewalk: \$4 per square foot--well below what a private contractor would charge. Funding for the Shared Cost program is extremely limited.

The City will begin taking applications in January 2016 through the 3-1-1 system. Please note, you cannot apply for shared cost sidewalk by calling or leaving a message at the Ward Office; you must call 3-1-1. In 2015, the shared cost program closed within hours of applications being accepted. If you are interested in this program, and would like to receive an email reminder when the opening date is announced, please visit www.the19thward.com and sign up for the 19th Ward's email distribution list.

The scope of a Shared Cost project includes the main walk, the courtesy walk (which runs perpendicular from the main sidewalk to the curb), and existing catwalks/ landing steps (the small strip of concrete sometimes found adjacent to the curb). Owner-occupants of corner properties will continue to be charged for both the main (address side) sidewalk and the sidewalk on the non-address side of the property. CDOT will continue to build ADA-compliant corner ramps where applicable, with the city paying the entire cost of the ramps. The scope of work does not include replacing the driveway apron. If your driveway crosses the sidewalk, the scope of work will only include the sidewalk through the driveway. Abandoned driveways no longer in use will be removed only and backfilled. If you are 65 or older, or a disabled person, you are eligible for special discounted rate. For more information about the discounted rate, please call (312) 744-1746.



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New Business Development

Bridgeport Coffee Company Comes to Beverly!

Bridgeport Coffee Company will open its fourth coffee shop location at 9135 S. Western Ave. in December, 2015. The south side roaster, retailer and importer of specialty coffees ranks among Chicago's best. Known for its direct relationships with coffee farmers, Bridgeport Coffee offers the highest quality coffee, light meals and snacks in a comfortable environment with free WiFi. Find out more at bridgeportcoffee.net.



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Quilters Trunk Opens on Western Ave.

The Quilter's Trunk is now open at 10352 S. Western Avenue. Katie Nathwani is the owner and Lisa Wilberding is the store manager. The Quilter's Trunk is a retailer of Baby Lock brand sewing machines, and has its own factory trained technician to service and repair any Baby Lock machine as well as many other brands. Katie and Lisa chose to carry Baby Lock for many reasons. First, Baby Lock USA a second generation family owned company headquartered in nearby St. Louis. Second, their product line includes high quality machines for sewing, embroidery, quilting and surging. No matter what type of sewing a customer does, there is a Baby Lock machine that is right for them. In addition to sewing machines, The Quilter's Trunk stocks nearly 3,000 bolts of



fabric, 2,000 spools of thread, 1,000 styles of buttons and numerous other sewing, quilting and embroidery notions, patterns and supplies. The store is not just for quilters. You will find projects for the home including pillows, table runners and wall hangings. In addition, The Quilter's Trunk features many apparel designs including dresses for adults and children, jackets and pajamas. Also very popular are patterns and fabrics for making tote bags, diaper bags and purses. Katie and Lisa chose fabrics which are bright and colorful, including a large selection of world fabrics from Africa and Japan. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff can help customers get started on new projects, or help get them the boost needed to finish projects. Stop in today and get inspired!

Beverly Barre Comes to Walden Parkway

Beverly Barre is a low-impact, high-result exercise class that is truly designed for everyone! Each class will tone and tighten your body by engaging your core with a combination of yoga, pilates and strength-training movements.

Whether you're a novice or a natural, an amateur or an athlete, you'll feel right at home here. This isn't a competition. This isn't ballet. This isn't a weight-loss bootcamp. This isn't yoga, pilates or an aerobic exercise class. What Beverly Barre is is an individual-oriented class focused on strength-training, muscle-lengthening, and self-

improvement, open to beginners and non-beginners alike. All movements are low-impact and can be modified to match your personal fitness level. And don't be fooled by the "barre" - this is nothing like a ballet class. No grace or rhythm required! For the cardio lovers out there, we have recently added a barre cardio class on Saturday mornings at 8am. Come check us out!

For our schedule, deals and promotions, be sure to check out our website, [www. BeverlyBarreChicago.com](http://www.BeverlyBarreChicago.com) or "Like" us on Facebook, Beverly Barre.



Barre It All in Mount Greenwood

This fall, Barre It All, LLC opened at 11114 1/2 S. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago's Mount Greenwood neighborhood, providing residents with the area's first-ever barre workout. In addition to the studio's signature ballet-centric strength training class, Barre It All offers a full schedule of cardio, pilates and yoga workouts.

"I'm thrilled to bring a new and exciting fitness regime to my hometown that anybody can do," says Founder/Owner Kelly Lynch. "I've seen first-hand how this highly effective workout has transformed students and can't wait to see the positive effect it has on south side residents."

Just in time for the holiday season, Barre It All is offering new students the "Holiday Burn" special—two months of unlimited classes for just \$100 (must activate by December 31, 2015). Guests who sign-up for an unlimited auto-pay membership in January of 2016 will receive their first month

for just \$50 (with a six-month contract) and \$25 voucher for a single service at Nicole Marie Salon.

In addition to encouraging women to become their best selves, Barre It All has given back to the community and numerous charities including Diveheart, Girls on the Run, St. Linus School and Church, Misericordia Heart of Mercy and more.

Barre It All's signature class uses a combination of postures inspired by ballet and other disciplines like yoga and pilates to achieve long, lean muscles. The barre is used as a prop to balance while doing exercises that focus on isometric strength training (holding your body still while you contract a specific set of muscles) combined with high reps of small range-of-motion movements. The class often incorporates light handheld weights to bring the burn during all those reps, as well as mats for targeted core work.



Treadfit Brings Interval Training to Beverly

Treadfit, a new fitness facility in the Beverly neighborhood, offers classes six days a week geared towards all fitness levels. Treadfit's fifty minute, high energy classes incorporate periods of intense anaerobic exercise with strength building exercises geared toward increasing endurance and kick starting metabolism. At Treadfit, no class is ever the same!

High intensity interval training has been proven to increase endurance and improve fat burning resulting in a stronger, faster, and leaner you. Each client receives a heart-rate monitor to track heart rate zones and accurate calorie burn. Throughout the 50-minute workout, clients strive to complete 10 to 18 minutes of training 84% or

higher than maximum heart rate. Hitting this target will produce an increased metabolic rate for 24 to 36 hours after the workout. Clients on average will burn between 400-800 calories per class. Everyone is welcome at Treadfit: walkers, joggers and hardcore runners. Clients pick their easy pace, a pace you can keep for one hour, and the workout builds from there.

Treadfit is located at 10326 S. Western Ave., next to Running Excels. Classes are open to all adults and teens, ages 16 and older. A variety of class packages are offered including a discounted package for police, fire, and teachers. For more information on Treadfit, or to register for classes, visit treadfitbeverly.com.



Cheers for Charity – 12/17

Save the Date! Thursday, December 17, 2015 will be the 7th Annual Cheers for Charity Christmas Party at Cork & Kerry, 10614 S. Western Ave., 7:00 - 10:00 pm. For the past six years, this has been an evening for friends and neighbors to celebrate while supporting local families in need during the holiday season. With your help, that tradition will continue this year.

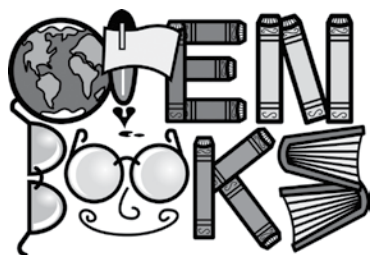
Cheers for Charity requests a \$40 minimum donation and provides bottled beer, wine and soda,

as well as a great atmosphere to celebrate the holiday season. All proceeds will be donated to local charitable organizations that can identify local families in need during this time of year. While the names of the families helped will remain private, supporters will know the number of families that benefit from this event.

Please join us for an evening of holiday cheer and help make this Christmas a bit merrier for local families in need.

Used Children’s Book Drive

Is your house cluttered with old books? This December, 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 December 1st - December 11th. 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, especially during the



holidays, 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 online 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.

Shredding & Electronics Recycling - 12/5

On Saturday, December 5th, Alderman Matt O’Shea, Sheriff Tom Dart, Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Fran Hurley and R4 Services will host a document shredding and electronics recycling for 19th Ward residents at the Saint Barnabas School parking Lot, 10121 S. Longwood Drive, 9:00 – 11:00 am. Residents can bring unwanted papers to the parking lot to be shredded and later recycled by the R4 Services

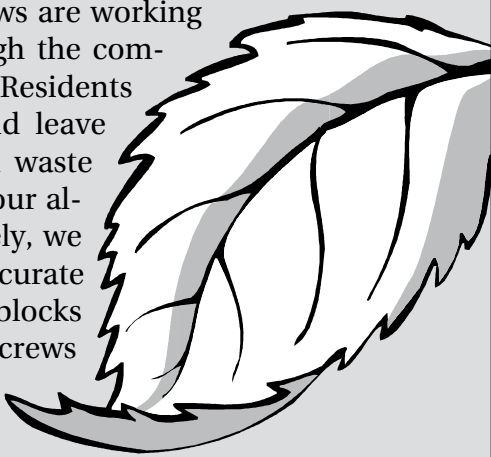
Mobile Shredding Truck. Document shredding is one of the most effective tools in preventing identity theft. Only loose, unbound papers can be shredded; all staples or binders must be removed in advance.

The Cook County Sheriff’s Office will also be on site to accept electronic materials that you would like to recycle. Please note, this service is provided free of charge, but is available only to 19th Ward residents.



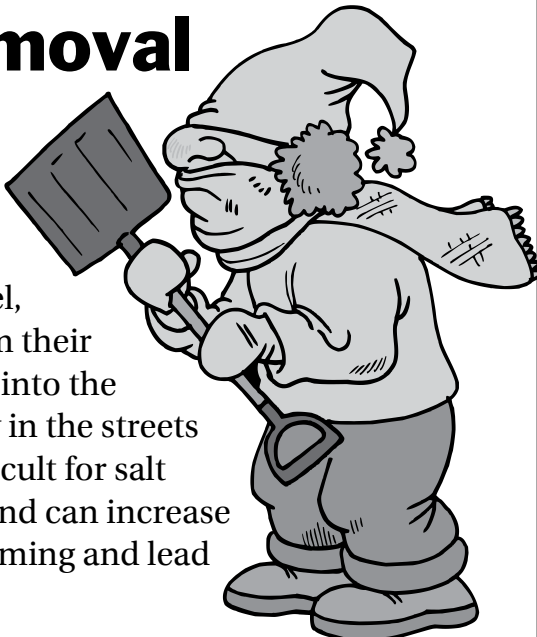
Yard Waste & Leaf Pick Up

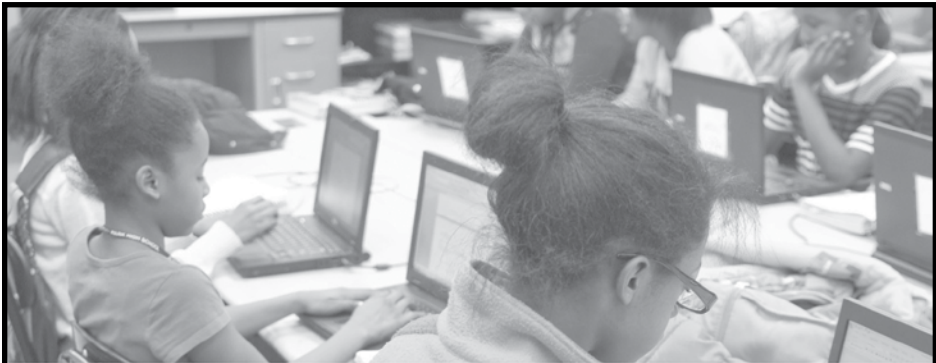
Collection of yard waste and leaves has been extremely backed up. Our crews are working hard each day to get through the community as fast as they can. Residents are asked to be patient and leave yard waste in either a yard waste garbage cart or bagged in your alley or parkway. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide an accurate schedule of when individual blocks will be picked up, but the crews will continue working until they have collected from the entire ward.



Snow Removal Notice

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






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Barnard Elementary School Reaches Level 1 Status

Chicago Public Schools announced this week that Barnard Elementary has earned a Level One school quality rating. While the 19th Ward has touted exemplary schools for years, East Beverly's Barnard, a previously well performing school, had fallen to probationary status by the 2011/2012 school year. Upon the arrival of new principal Patrick MacMahon and assistant principal Meg Burns in early 2013, Barnard began a 3 year climb to its current high quality rating. Within the first year of the new administration, Barnard had increased its rating to a Level Two, then Two Plus the following year.

Capitalizing on strong teaching practices and building a culture of collaboration were high priorities at Barnard School from the beginning. Barnard has worked hard to re-establish strong community ties by investing energy in relationships with BAPA, the 19th Ward, Beverly Arts Center and residents of East Beverly. Barnard has also reached out to local attendance area families with its "Learn Local" campaign, encouraging local families to invest in the educational future of their community. In the course of the past 3 years, Barnard has also earned a 5 year \$500,000 grant to provide Community School programs for students, families

and community members as well as a TIF grant that was awarded to the school to fund the hiring of an art teacher. This summer, the Community School grant funded Barnard's first ever summer enrichment program, designed and implemented by Barnard teachers and staff.

Barnard has invested in training and supports to strengthen its IB Middle Years Programme and has added a second 6th-8th math teacher for leveled, small group math instruction in the upper grades. There has been an investment in best teaching practices to promote school-wide academic

improvement for students.

Mr. MacMahon and Ms. Burns worked with the Local School Council to reallocate monies for an overhaul of the classroom and school wide technology, increasing the student to technology ratio to 2:1 throughout the school. Each classroom now has an interactive Smart Board and upgraded wireless connections. Differentiated software has been purchased so that students can continue to study and work at their own level and parents can be more knowledgeable about their students' curriculum.

Additionally, more and more local families have committed to

Barnard Elementary, and area enrollments are growing. Another positive turn has been a decrease in student mobility, signaling a stronger, supportive family base.

One of the most valuable resources key to the improvement at Barnard has been optimizing the talents of exceptional teachers, and the additional hiring of new high quality, dedicated staff. Through the collaboration of all these partners, Barnard Elementary School has continued to advance. We're very proud of the progress that has been made and we expect it to continue due to the perseverance and support of all partners.



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Legislative Update

Hurley introduces bill to train salon workers in identifying signs of domestic violence

With broad bipartisan support, state Rep. Fran Hurley has introduced legislation to train hair stylists, cosmetologists, and nail technicians to spot signs of domestic abuse.

“The relationship between a hair stylist and client is special, and we have an opportunity to capitalize on the trust between them to move towards a future with less domestic violence,” said Hurley. “Sexual assault survivors often have difficulty going to the authorities to report crimes they’ve endured, but by increasing training on this topic, these professionals who are uniquely close with victims may be able to identify signs of violence and offer support and even useful information.”

Hurley’s House Bill 4264 requires people seeking licenses for professions including hairstylist, esthetician, cosmetologist, and more, to complete training in do-

mestic violence and sexual assault education to receive or renew their license. Training will be an hour-long informational session, funded privately by non-profit groups, and there is no civil or criminal penalty to those who act, or fail to act, in good faith on this training.

“Domestic abuse and sexual assault are incredibly complex crimes, and we need to take a multi-faceted approach to reducing incidences across the state,” said Hurley. “This is one piece of a complicated puzzle, and every little bit we can do to educate our communities can help.”

Hurley worked closely with non-profit group Chicago Says No More, a group dedicated to raising awareness and bringing communities together to change the culture surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault. The bill also received support from the

Chicago City Council, with the passage of a resolution introduced by 19th Ward Alderman O’Shea in favor of the legislation in late October. Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez spoke before the City Council Committee on Public Safety in favor of the bill, saying that it would utilize the safe environment of a salon to help victims open up.

“Too often, victims of domestic abuse have no one to turn to, and they stay silent,” said Hurley. “If we

can arm our cosmetologists across the state with the ability to see the warning signs of violence, then we have a chance to intervene appropriately and ultimately, save lives.”

Currently, the bill has over 30 sponsors and if it is signed into law, Illinois would be the first state in the nation to implement this practice. For more information on this or other legislation, contact Rep. Hurley’s office at 773-445-8128 or email RepFranHurley@gmail.com.



State Representative Fran Hurley



State's Attorney Anita Alvarez

State Budget

Dear Neighbors:

Throughout the past five months, we’ve spoken to hundreds of friends and neighbors about the state budget problem. As your elected representatives in General Assembly, we’ve heard and share your frustrations regarding the budget standoff in Springfield. We consider ourselves to be middle-of-the-road legislators who are dedicated first and foremost to problem solving, not scoring partisan political points.

If the legislature and governor would stay focused on the basics of budget making -- establishing spending priorities and determining revenue policies -- we believe the stalemate would end relatively quickly. Unfortunately, we are not sticking to the basics of budget making. The process has been fundamentally changed by Governor Rauner, who has introduced non-budgetary issues to the mix. Before the governor will negotiate on the budget, he has demanded that the legislature adopt several agenda items, including

new laws that would eliminate collective bargaining rights for workers and end prevailing wage rules for construction projects.

The governor has every right to advocate for policy changes he believes in, but holding the budget process hostage is an unproductive approach to governing, and it is having profoundly negative effects on some of our most vulnerable citizens. We look forward to working with the governor to solve the problems facing our state, but we will not sacrifice our commitment to working families in the process.

We look forward to receiving your input as we move forward. Please don’t hesitate to contact us to express your thoughts.

Sincerely,
Bill Cunningham
State Senator, 18th District
Fran Hurley
State Representative, 35th District
Kelly Burke
State Representative, 36th District



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The Spring Session starts January 4, 2016! Applicants should send their completed internship application form, cover letter and resume, and a professional or academic reference to the attention of Alicia Johnson. Applicants are encouraged to send their materials via fax to (312) 353-0150. To obtain a copy of the Application and for more information, please visit the website: <http://durbin.senate.gov>.

Any questions regarding the application process or the program should be directed to Alicia Johnson at (312) 353-4952.

Holiday Activities

8th Annual

19TH WARD CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Movie Schedule

WED., DEC. 30, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Minions

2:00 p.m.

Inside Out

On Wednesday, December 30th, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will host the 8th Annual Children's Film Festival at the Beverly Arts Center. Admission is \$1 per person, per film, and includes the movie and snacks during the show. Tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis and space is limited.

The Film Festival will feature a 10:00am showing of Minions and a 2:00pm showing of Inside Out. I hope that you and your family can join us for a fun day at the movies! Parent chaperones are appreciated.

Please note, this year there will be no reservations, tickets can only be purchased the day of the event.

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Winter Wonderland Comes to Mt. Greenwood Park

Alderman Matt O'Shea will host Winter Wonderland at Mount Greenwood Park (3721 W. 111th St.) on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. 19th Ward families are invited to enjoy a fun filled afternoon of holiday activities including ice-skating, carriage rides, holiday crafts, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies and tree lighting ceremony. Santa Claus will be available for photos so don't forget your camera!

Winter Wonderland is sponsored by State Representative Fran Hurley, Senator Bill Cunningham, Chicago Park District, Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association, Mount Greenwood Civic Association, Mount Greenwood Garden Club, Mount Greenwood Park Advisory Council, Mount Greenwood Residents Association, Mount Greenwood Lions Club, Mount Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Representative Fran Hurley's Office at (773) 445-8128 or visit repfranhurley@gmail.com.

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Dec. 28 & 29, 2015

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Lynch Family Sends Thanks to Choose Kind Supporters

As the season of Thanksgiving is upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you in our amazing community for making our month long Choose Kind Chicago events such an incredible success.

It is always wonderful to see our neighborhood come together to support each other in celebratory times as well as in difficult times. Since the day Mary Cate was born, we have felt such love and support countless friends and neighbors. This was reaffirmed when so many of you took time out of our busy schedules to join us at some of the great events we held, including Choose Kind Chicago Day at Mother McAuley.

To see so many local families attend the talk, shows how much we all must unite to make this world more accepting and more kind for our children. We are so grateful you came, you listened, and we know you went home and carried on the conversation that evening and hopefully many since then.

We must all lead by example



and be the example for our children. Their most important life lessons are taught in the home and by watching us. Don't be afraid to smile, say Hi, engage in conversation, ask questions. We can all be polite, but we need to take the extra step to be kind to those around us.

It truly does take a village to raise a child, and we are all so lucky to be living in this incredible village that consists of thousands of families that all want the best for all of our children. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!

Thanks also to the 19th Ward Youth Foundation, Chicago Public Library, Random House Publishing, Beverly Bank & Trust, Eli's Cheese-cake, Sheila King Public Relations, County Fair, Jewel, Mariano's, the Quilters' Trunk, Kristen McQueary, Neil Steinberg, and Mother McAuley High School for your support of this important effort!

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Holiday Market

Our local business associations are excited to announce a new event to help kick off the holiday shopping season. Please join us on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Barraco's, 3047 W. 111th Street, to visit with friends and do some shopping. We've pulled together some of our talented local artisans to give you an opportunity to purchase some great holiday gifts. Admission is only \$5.00 and includes pop and pizza with a cash bar. We are donating ten percent of the proceeds to the Live Like John Foundation supporting pediatric brain tumor research. You won't want to miss this event!

Three wrapped gifts in gold, red, and purple paper with decorative ribbons, set against a background of warm, bokeh-style holiday lights.

Legislative Update

Local officials ask Congress for relief from CSX rail problems

A group of local elected officials has opened a new front in the battle against traffic delays and safety concerns caused by the CSX Railroad in the 19th Ward and Evergreen Park.

In a detailed letter submitted to members of Illinois' Congressional delegation, local officials accused CSX of failing to comply with at least 14 "mitigation measures" imposed on the railroad by federal regulators when they approved CSX acquisition of the Elsdon Rail Line in 2013. The Elsdon Line runs parallel to Sacramento Ave. through the 19th Ward and crosses 95th Street just east of Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park.

"The number of blocked grade crossing and idling trains has gotten out of control," said State Senator Bill Cunningham, one of the letter's co-authors. "We need Congress to hold CSX accountable for damaging the quality of life in our community and for violating federal railroad regulations."

In addition to Cunningham, State Representatives Fran Hurley and Kelly Burke, 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea, and Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton, signed the

letter of complaint against CSX.

In the letter, the officials wrote that since CSX assumed control of the Elsdon Line "our residents and businesses have been subjected to innumerable blocked grade crossings, increased vehicle traffic delays, repeated pedestrian safety threats, idling trains, and other environmental hazards on a regular basis."

CSX's acquisition of the Elsdon Line in early 2013, taking over a route previously owned by the Canadian National Railroad. CSX's acquisition of the line was approved by the Surface Transportation Board (STB), as required by federal law. But in order to limit the environmental impact that might be caused by increased freight traffic, the STB imposed a series of conditions on CSX's usage of the line. The so-called "mitigation measures" required CSX to, among other things, cut stopped trains if they blocked grade cross-

ing for more than ten minutes, work with area hospitals to ensure ambulances weren't slowed by rail traffic while in-route to emergency rooms, avoid parking trains near grade crossings, and conduct rail safety programs in local schools.

"Thanks to the observations of area residents and good records keeping by the Evergreen Park Police Department, we were able to document repeated instances where CSX violated their agreements with the STB," Cunningham said.

Senator Richard Durbin and Congressman Dan Lipinski have responded to the local officials' call for help. Both Durbin and Lipinski have been in contact with officials at the STB and CSX to inquire about a potential resolution to the problem. CSX subsequently agreed to move a regularly scheduled train off the Elsdon Line to help ease traffic.



But Cunningham and the other local officials who submitted the letter believe moving one or two regularly scheduled trains off the Elsdon Line will have minimal effect.

"This isn't the first time CSX has promised to fix the problem. For nearly three years, CSX has made repeated promises to shift schedules and reroute train traffic, but each time we see virtually no impact," Cunningham said.

Federal law has stripped authority from state governments when it comes to regulating railroads and court decisions have barred municipalities from imposing fines on railroads that block vehicle traffic or park idling engines in residential neighborhoods. Rail-based freight traffic is considered interstate commerce, which can only be regulated by Congress.

"Our hands are tied as local officials," Cunningham said. "We really need our Congressional representatives to hold CSX's feet to the fire. CSX has clearly violated their agreements with the STB, they have to be held accountable."

Burke Helps Local Families Reclaim Over \$1 Million Through iCash Program



State Rep. Kelly Burke

State Rep. Kelly Burke has helped local families reclaim over \$1 million in property through the state treasurer's iCash program.

"People here in our communities are working hard to stretch every dollar, so it's especially important that they are aware of any money that the state owes them or their loved ones," Burke said. "I'm glad to help the people I represent reclaim property that many don't even know is

waiting for them."

Burke has worked closely with the treasurer's office to locate local families and their relatives who are owed substantial amounts of unclaimed property being held by the State of Illinois. Burke has helped to locate heirs to five large, unclaimed estates, as well as an Oak Lawn couple who have been owed money by the state for nearly 40 years. According to the treasurer's office, Burke has helped reunite these local families with over \$1 million in unclaimed property.

According to the treasurer's office, one in eight Illinois residents has unclaimed property being held as part of the iCash program. Assets include stocks and closed bank accounts, old payroll checks and tax

refunds, and valuables that had been held in safe deposit boxes. Residents can search for

unclaimed property being held in their name or the name of a relative by visiting www.icash.illinois.gov or by contacting Burke's constituent service office at 708-425-0571.



Secretary of State Suspends Mailing of Vehicle Registration Renewal Reminders

Due to the budget stalemate Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently that his office will suspend mailing out vehicle registration renewal reminder notices to the public effective immediately.

Normally notices are sent to vehicle owners several weeks before license stickers expire. The last batch of renewal reminders was sent in early September for people whose license stickers had to be renewed in October. People whose stickers expire in November and beyond will not be getting a renewal reminder.

Vehicle owners are encouraged

to be mindful of their vehicle registration status to ensure they renew in a timely manner and avoid driving on expired vehicle stickers.

People can still get notices by email if they register online. They need to do that through the secretary of state's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Those people will also have the information needed to renew their license stickers online. Those who don't have access to email or a computer will have to go to a driver's license facility in order to renew their stickers.

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Beacon Therapeutic Diagnostic and Treatment Center will be hosting its 23rd Annual Holiday Supper Friday, December 4, 2015 from 6:30pm -10:30pm at its Longwood Campus located at 10650 S. Longwood Drive in Chicago. This well-regarded fundraiser kicks off the holiday season in the spirit of giving which benefits Beacon's Homeless Outreach Services. For only \$75, guests will revel in a night of delicious food, open bar, impressive silent auction, raffles, romantic carriage rides throughout the beautiful Beverly neighborhood, and caroling by the Mother McAuley Acapella Choir.

“At Beacon, we truly believe in the unbreakable power of the human spirit to overcome and persevere. We believe, and our program participants continue to demonstrate to themselves and their communities, that it is never too late to write a new ending to a disadvantaged beginning,” said Susan Reyna-Guerrero, LCSW, President & CEO at Beacon Therapeutic.

Event honorees include: “Brightest Light in Illinois” – **Radio Flyer** “Opening Doors to the Fu-

ture” – **The Don Finn Family**; “The Warmest Heart” – **Michael Gurgone**; “The Children's Champion Award, The Chicago Blackhawks Charities. These honorees have passionately Wrapped their Goodness around so many children and families through their compassion, kindness and generosity. Come celebrate these amazing honorees, with a community that continues to share their spirit!

Make your reservations today, or submit an Ad for the Ad Book, donate an auction item, or inquire about sponsorship opportunities by contacting Peggy Rourke, Director of Development, at PRourke@beacon-therapeutic.org or call 773-298-6441.

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Smith Village residents and Saint John Fisher students join community campaign to ‘choose kindness’

Choosing kindness over ignoring or bullying those who are different proved to be a lesson gladly undertaken by students at St. John Fisher School and residents of Smith Village.

Students and older adults came together to talk about R. J. Palacio’s New York Times best-selling book “Wonder,” told from the perspective of a boy growing up with a condition that causes cranial deformity. Their intergenerational discussion on a weekday morning in the St. John Fisher school library was part of a community-wide campaign mounted by 19th Ward Alderman Matt O’Shea, who was impressed and inspired by how the parents of Beverly’s Mary Cate Lynch have chosen to share her life story.

Just like the boy in “Wonder,” Mary Cate, 4, was born with Apert Syndrome, a rare condition which occurs annually in one of 160,000 births. In addition to causing cranial abnormalities, the condition also affects her hands and feet. Mary Cate has undergone treatments and several successful surgeries. The day of the book discussion, she was attending pre-school, but her mother, Kerry Ryan Lynch, joined the group, along with Alder-

man O’Shea, to share the message of choosing kindness.

In an era of anti-bullying campaigns, Lynch counted the visit as among the more than 100 she’s made to area schools for the purpose of urging youngsters to show kindness toward others.

Smith Village residents Carol O’Neill, 75, and Celeste Walsh, 90, both avid readers and members of the Smith Village Women’s Book Club, gladly read “Wonder” in preparation for the discussion. “We’re retired teachers. So both of us looked forward to talking with the students about the book and hearing what they had to say,” said O’Neill, whose grandchildren also have read the popular book.

“The students are so bright, so well read and so well spoken, it is a joy to meet them,” continued O’Neill who taught five years for Chicago Public Schools and later was a substitute teacher for Evergreen Park schools. “For my part, I shared a childhood memory of a girl from my school who was shy and needed some encouragement. My friends and I weren’t bullies, but we could have been nicer. We could have asked her to walk or play with us. That stayed with me. Choosing kindness in that instance



Smith Village resident Celeste Walsh discusses the book “Wonder” with St. John Fisher students Maggie Scott and Nellie O’Grady, and Alderman Matt O’Shea.

wouldn’t have hurt. I was glad to be able to pass that lesson on.”

Walsh, who taught in Chicago Public Schools for 20 years, said, “I also am impressed by other books the students are reading. My impression is the messages of ‘do the right thing’ and ‘be kind to others’ are learned at this school every day.”

“I know our students liked the experience of hearing the perspectives offered by older adults,” says Marybeth Funk, librarian for St. John Fisher. “We hope to have another discussion with Smith Village residents in a couple of months.”

Wearing “Choose Kind” T-shirts purchased by their families to raise money for the healthcare fund for Mary Cate, the students also appreciated hearing from Mary Cate’s mother and from Alderman O’Shea, Funk said.

The Daily Southtown, Beverly Review and ABCTV also are spreading the “Choose Kind” message by publishing and airing stories about this new movement started in the 19th Ward.

“So the next time you see someone looking down or troubled, or you see someone who seems to

not fit in, reach out and ask if you can help. Offer a kind word. Try to make them feel better,” O’Shea told students. “Choosing kindness only takes a minute, and it’s really worth your while.”

About Smith Village and St. John Fisher

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. John Fisher is a private elementary school located on Chicago’s south side. Sister Jean McGrath is the principal of the school whose enrollment is approximately 700 students. St. John Fisher’s academic program is complemented by a variety of extra-curricular and social activities.



Sister Jean McGrath, principal of St. John Fisher School, takes a break from an intergenerational discussion including Smith Village residents and students about how the best-selling book “Wonder” inspires people to choose kindness. Students and Smith Village residents listen to Mary Cate’s mother, Kerry Ryan Lynch.

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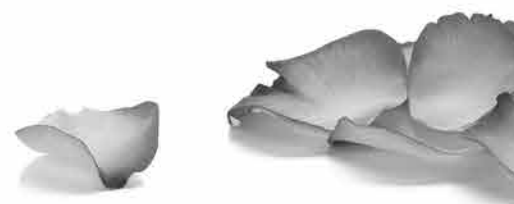
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