

School Improvement Update

Construction is well underway at both Mount Greenwood and Esmond Elementary Schools. The projects, with a combined forty million dollar budget, will address severe overcrowding at Mount Greenwood and unsafe learning conditions at Esmond. A status update and full project overview, provided by the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC), can be found below. The PBC expects new buildings at both campuses to be usable in 2019.

New Annex Building at Mount Greenwood Elementary School



Mount Greenwood Elementary School Annex & Renovations:

A new, two-story annex to the existing two-story school will be constructed to alleviate overcrowding. The annex will include thirteen standard classrooms, one science room, two offices, storage, bathrooms, utility rooms, an elevator and building support space. The project will also include a new parking lot, storm water management infrastructure, and a new outdoor playground. Work within the school building



will include the conversion of two existing classrooms for expanded lunchroom capacity.

Site preparation and utility work have been completed for this project. Contractors are currently working on the foundation for the new annex; that phase of construction is scheduled for completion later this month. The construction contract has been awarded and contractors are currently in the permitting process.

Esmond Elementary School Annex & Renovations:

A new, two-story annex to the existing two-story school will replace a deteriorating stand-alone modular building. The annex will

include a classroom, computer classroom, science classroom, art room with storage, library, dining room, hybrid kitchen and server, administrative office, bathrooms, building storage, an elevator and building support space. The project will also include renovated parking lots, load area, refuse enclosure, storm water management infrastructure, a new outdoor playground, community garden, and a turf field.

Site preparation and utility work has been completed for this project. A construction contract for the new building has been awarded. This project is currently in the permitting process.

Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast - 2/18

19th Ward Alderman Matthew O'Shea will host his fourth annual pancake breakfast benefiting the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's "Get Behind the Vest" initiative, on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at Saint John Fisher School, 10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Admission is \$5 per person or \$25 for families. All money raised will be donated to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get behind the Vest initiative, which actively raises funds to replace bullet proof vests for Chicago Police officers.

Ald. O'Shea began hosting the pancake breakfast in 2015, and together with school fundraisers throughout the Beverly, Mount Greenwood and Morgan Park community, has raised nearly \$80,000 for the Get Behind the Vest initiative. The 2017 event

was the largest event to date with \$26,000 donated from the pancake breakfast and school fundraisers.

In addition to the pancake breakfast, Ald. O'Shea will once again be working with local schools to organize "dress down days" and other student-based fundraisers to raise additional funds for bullet proof vests.

Kean Gas Station, located at 2632 West 111th Street, will be donating .5 cents for every gallon sold between February 10th - 17th, to the Get Behind the Vest efforts. Kean Gas Station is family-owned and the only remaining full-service gas station in the city of Chicago.

"This event is so important to police officers and their families,

as it helps to ensure the safety of officers and that they will return home to their families at the end of each shift," said Alderman O'Shea. "It is amazing how this event has

grown over the past four years, and we hope to raise even more money this year. Through the tremendous support of the community, schools, and local businesses such as Original Pancake House and Kean Gas Station, we want to help in protecting those who protect us."

Bullet proof vests need to be replaced every five years, at a cost to police officers of about five hundred dollars or more. Over the past five years, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has replaced 8,000 outdated bullet proof vests in use by Chicago Police Officers. The organization now works to provide an additional five hundred vests per year to help ensure the safety of our officers. To date, 43 Chicago Police officers' lives have been saved by bullet proof vests. Last year, 125 officers were killed in the line of duty nationwide, with 45 of

those lives being taken by gunfire.

Ald. O'Shea sits on the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Advisory Board and the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry Board of Directors. He represents the communities of Beverly Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood, where thousands of first responders reside.

The pancake breakfast is generously supported and co-hosted by the Original Pancake House - Beverly. All pancake batter, condiments and cooking supplies will be donated by the Harrigan Family, who have operated the Original Pancake House for more than fifty years. Additional sponsors include the Beverly Area Planning Association, Senator Bill Cunningham, State Representative Fran Hurley, Saint John Fisher Parish, 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Mullen's Apple Sauce.

For more information on Alderman Matt O'Shea's Pancake Breakfast, benefiting the Get Behind the Vest initiative, please call (773) 238-8766. For more information on the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest initiative, please visit www.getbehindthevest.org.



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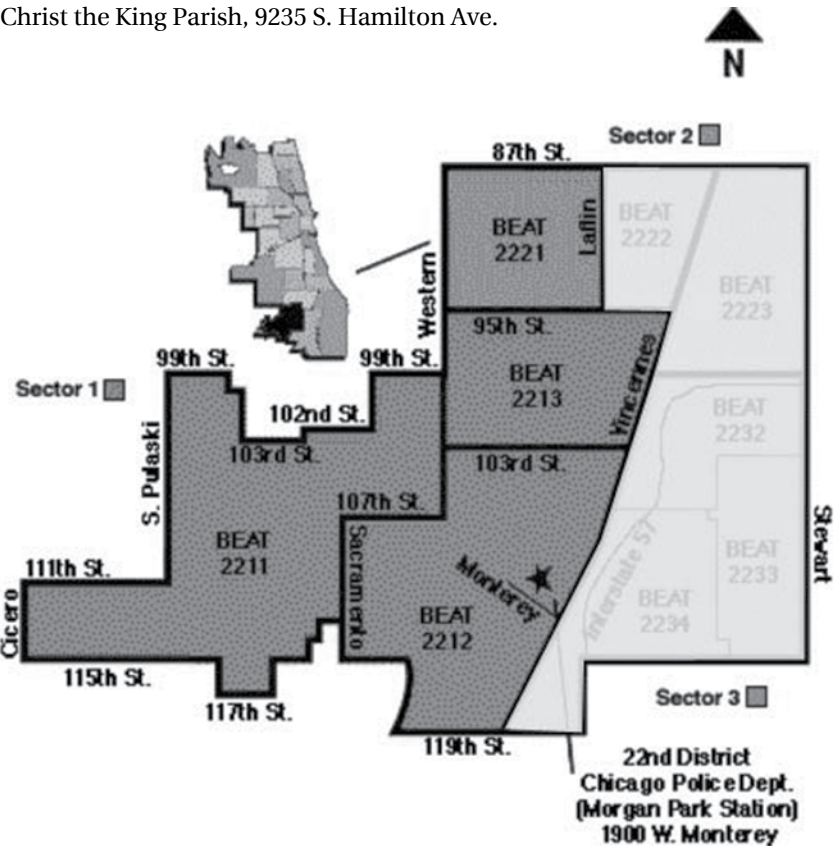
First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
 March, May, June, August, October, December
 22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

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, August, September, October, November
 Christ the King Parish, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave.



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Kean Gas will donate 5 cents for every gallon of gas pumped. Four local businesses have each agreed to match that donation. That means every gallon of gas pumped will generate 25 cents for the Get Behind the Vest Campaign. Alderman Matt O'Shea will be pumping gas on Friday, February 16th from 3:00-6:00pm!



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Small Business Update

19th Ward Business Breakfast

On Wednesday, March 7th, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host a breakfast for business owners at La Fiesta Restaurant, 3333 W. 111th St., at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Rosa Escareno, of the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection, and Commander Mark Harmon of the 22nd District (CPD) will be present to discuss their ongoing work on behalf of our community. The Beverly Area Planning Association, Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association, 95th Street



Business Association, and Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association will co-host this event to discuss different ideas for 2018 and answer any questions that business owners may have.

Anyone operating a business in the 19th Ward is encouraged to attend and learn more about efforts to support the local economy in Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood. If you have any questions, please contact the 19th Ward Office at (773) 238-8766.

Joseph's Restaurant Re-Opens

On January 30th, new owners Charlie & Debbie Anderson officially re-opened Joseph's Restaurant and Bar at 3123 W. 111th St. Stop by Joseph's for a drink or meal and find the same delicious food and friendly service. For more information, visit www.josephschicago.com or call (773) 445-5637. Best of luck Charlie & Debbie!



Charlie & Debbie Anderson, with Alderman Matt O'Shea at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Joey's Red Hots Signs Lease

Joey's Red Hots, an Orland Park based hot dog restaurant, recently announced plans to open a second location at 11500 S. Western Ave. in the old Snappers. Joey's menu will include a variety of hot dogs, burgers, sandwiches, salads and Italian ice. They offer delicious catering options and also operate a food truck.

The new restaurant will operate

Monday through Thursday, 10:30 am - 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 am to Midnight, Sunday, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Owners intend to make some cosmetic improvements to the building and hope to be open by early April. For more information, please visit www.JoeyRedHots.com or check out their Orland Park location at 17400 Wolf Road.



Firewater Opening this March

Renovations are nearly complete at Firewater Saloon, a country music themed bar opening at 3908 W. 111th St. Operators expect the 6000 square foot restaurant/tavern to open in March. Firewater will operate from 7:00 am to 2:00 am with full menu service at all times. Live country music will be offered on Friday and Saturday evenings.

In addition to facility upgrades, security cameras are being added to the interior and exterior. Security guards will be on staff nightly, with additional staffing added

during performances. Owners are currently working with the City of Chicago to obtain a patio license in front of the business for use during warmer months. They are also in discussions with the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences about a parking agreement. No details have been finalized at this time. This project represents a \$1.3 million dollar investment in our community. Owners met with immediate neighbors on Wednesday, January 17th and look forward to an ongoing dialogue addressing any concerns that may arise.



Hiring Fair

Firewater Saloon is looking to hire locally at our new location in Mt. Greenwood!

Positions include:
Bartender • Bar back • Server
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Thursday, February 15

11AM - 7PM

Firewater Saloon
3908 W. 111th Street

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Water / Sewer Main Replacement Projects

In coordination with Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s Building a New Chicago infrastructure investment program, the Department of Water Management will be replacing several water and sewer mains in our community this year. Below, please find a brief synopsis of the upcoming projects. While work is happening on the street, crews may close or limit traffic for safety reasons. For more information about any of these projects, please contact Alderman O’Shea’s office at ward19@cityofchicago.org or (773) 238-8766.

Water Main Replacement:					
Street	From	To	Size	Est Start	Est Finish
Winchester Avenue	97th Street	101st Street	2,659 ft	3/12/2018	5/21/2018
97th Street	Damen Avenue	Longwood Drive	885 ft	3/12/2018	5/21/2018
111th Street	Rockwell Street	Western Avenue	1,317 ft	5/21/2018	7/19/2018
Homan Avenue	111th Street	115th Street	2,644 ft	7/10/2018	11/23/2018
108th Street	Homan Avenue	Kedzie Avenue	1,284 ft	7/10/2018	11/23/2018
Homan Avenue	107th Street	111th Street	2,670 ft	7/10/2018	11/23/2018

Sewer Main Replacement:					
Street	From	To	Size	Est Start	Est Finish
W. 94th St.	Longwood Dr.	Vanderpoel Ave.	537 ft	TBD	TBD

Sign Up for Automatic Water Bill Payments Today

- The City of Chicago has launched a new web portal for water, sewer and garbage bills. Here are some of the convenient online features:
- View, print or download your bills
 - Go green and enroll in paperless billing
 - View payment history and usage
 - Make a quick payment
 - Sign up for AutoPay



The AutoPay feature allows you to pay your bills with automatic debits from your bank account. With AutoPay, you will not have to remember to pay your bill. There are no service fees and you will receive a reminder email prior to the automatic debit.

Check it out at www.cityofchicago.org/finance and click on Pay Utility Bill.

New Lighting Coming to Arterial Streets



See Chicago in a Whole New Light! The City of Chicago Smart Lighting Program is installing better quality, more reliable LED light fixtures on streets, alleys and viaducts to increase safety, reduce energy costs and improve the environment. The city-wide lighting initiative will replace over 270,000 existing outdated High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures with new energy efficient LED lights and create a modern lighting management system to streamline maintenance and repairs. This program will also include a limited amount of pole replacement and wiring repairs to stabilize the lighting.

This Summer, Chicago Smart Lighting is coming to the 19th Ward with replacement of lighting fixtures on the Western Avenue, 111th Street and 95th Street commercial strips. This work is the first step in a multi-year project that will eventually include the conversion of all street and alley lights in the 19th Ward. Please visit chicagomartlighting.org to view the updated installation map and additional program information that is updated weekly.

19th Ward Blood Drive

On Monday, February 19th, Alderman Matt O’Shea and Life-source will host a blood drive from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S. Western Ave. Blood donors must be at least 18 years of age (16 or 17 years old with signed parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good physical health. A Be The Match representative will also be on-site to provide information about marrow donation and you will have an opportunity to help save lives by joining the registry. Completion of a registration form and cheek swab will be done by those who wish to join.

Be sure to eat a healthy meal (low-fat and iron rich foods) at least two hours before donating blood and drink plenty of non-caffeinated beverages in the days leading

up to your donation. Do not smoke for at least one hour before donating and do not chew gum, mints or candy immediately before or during your appointment. Also, avoid exercise or strenuous activity before and immediately after donating. On the day of your donation, please make sure to bring a valid driver’s license, passport, state ID, or birth certificate with accompanying photo ID. A student or employee ID with full name and photo are also accepted. You will also need a list of medications you are taking and list of places visited outside the United States in the past three years.

To avoid a significant wait time, reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at www.the19thward.com or by calling (773) 238-8766.



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Saturday, February 17, 2018

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To receive information about this and other 19th Ward Youth Foundation events, please sign up for our email updates at www.the19thward.com

For more information contact Moira Curran at 773-238-8766 or moira@the19thward.com

Community concerns about cancer prompt University of Chicago study in 19th Ward

In response to inquiries from local medical professionals and concerned residents, the University of Chicago has agreed to bring a comprehensive cancer and chronic disease study to the 19th Ward.

The Chicago Multiethnic Prevention and Surveillance Study (COMPASS) is designed by researchers at the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center to understand how lifestyle, healthcare delivery, environment, and genetics affect health.

COMPASS aims to determine why certain population groups in the city of Chicago have higher rates of occurrence of cancer and chronic diseases than others.

“Both medical professionals and elected officials in our area have received numerous inquiries about what seems to be the frequent occurrence of certain cancers in the community,” said State Senator Bill Cunningham. “Unfortunately, public health agencies have been unable to reach any conclusive findings on the matter. Having a prestigious research institution like the U. of C. conduct a formal health survey in the community should help end speculation and provide us with some hard data.”

Last year, Senator Bill Cunningham, State Representatives Fran Hurley and Kelly Burke, and Alderman Matt O’Shea held a series of meetings with constituents and local medical professionals about the possibility of a “cancer cluster” existing in the area after several children in our community were diagnosed with various forms of cancer.

The meetings spurred a request to the Chicago Department of Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to conduct a review of reports of cancer in the area. IDPH subsequently conducted and released an “Epidemiological Report” covering Mount Greenwood, Morgan Park, Beverly, Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn that looked at reports of cancer from 2005 to 2014. IDPH found that there was no evidence to suggest an abnormal number of pediatric cancer incidents in our community or any of the surrounding communities.

However, the IDPH report did find elevated occurrence of breast, lung, and prostate cancer in the area compared to levels reported in Cook County as a whole. The report did not offer any explanation for the increase incidents of those cancers.

“Even though the IDPH report did not find elevated incidents of pediatric cancer, we still have a number of unanswered questions about cancer in our community,” Hurley said. “The U. of C. study will examine whether certain behavioral or environmental risks are affecting our health.”

Alderman O’Shea credited two local medical professionals, Dr. Moira McQuillan and Dr. Briseis Aschebrook-Kilfoy, an epidemiologist at the University of Chicago, with spearheading efforts to formally research cancer occurrences in the area.

“We are lucky to have neighbors who are willing to use their professional training and expertise to protect the health of our community,” O’Shea said. “Without their efforts, the 19th Ward would not have been chosen for this study.”


As part of the COMPASS study, U of C researchers are working in various Chicago neighborhoods to recruit study participants. Eligible participants are asked to complete a specially designed interview (questions about lifestyle, environmental exposure, and medical history), and to provide a blood and urine sample. Radon and drinking water tests in various homes may

also be conducted. Participants are also asked to fill out a follow-up questionnaire every two to three years to obtain updated health information.

The goal of COMPASS is not to diagnose cancer among individual participants, but to identify what behavior and environmental exposure might cause disease across different population sub-groups, which will help U of C to develop new strategies to prevent cancer and other chronic diseases among Chicagoans.

“Thanks to the University of Chicago for dedicating staff and resources for this community study,” said Representative Burke. “We all have friends, family, or neighbors who have battled cancer. I encourage 19th Ward residents to participate in the study. The results could lead to insights and answers on the rates of certain cancers in our neighborhood.”

If you are interested in participating in the COMPASS survey, please sign up by sending an email to 19thwardhealthstudy@gmail.com. Only 19th Ward residents are eligible. Please include your full name, age, address, and phone number.



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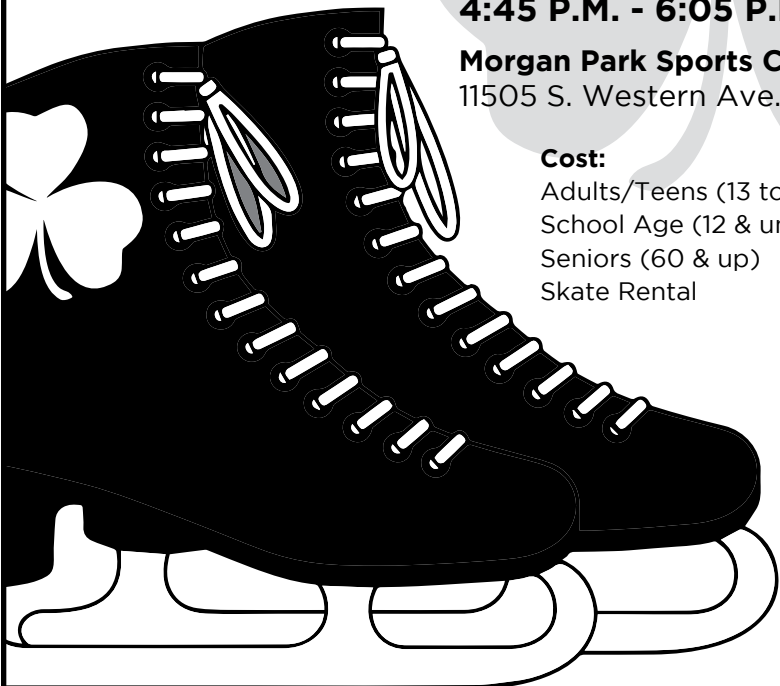
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First annual Ridge Park Art Fair & Festival to take place this Summer in Beverly

Community-designed event intends to highlight Beverly as a cultural hub

Ridge Park Cultural Center, backed by the Chicago Park District, and the John H. Vanderpoel Art Association, along with the Ridge Park Advisory Council, are spearheading the Ridge Park Art Fair & Festival - a summer art fair, set to take place on June 23rd of 2018. The event will feature local artists across a

wide variety of media, selling their paintings, sculptures, wearables, prints, pho-

tographs, and much more. Artists will pay a modest fee for a table where they can sell their works and promote their practices. The expansive grounds will host a multitude of tables. We anticipate a diverse array of art and artists for the vibrant communities of Beverly to engage with!

The tables will line the rolling walkways of Ridge Park. The arts and cultural programs that Ridge Park offers - rich and dynamic in their own right - will be highlighted throughout the day. A literal extension of the park, the John H. Van-

derpoel Museum hosts a world-class collection of impressionist paintings and other later 19th and early 20th century paintings and works on paper. Attendees at The Ridge Park Art Fair will have the opportunity to take guided tours of the Vanderpoel Museum, as well as of the park facilities, which proud-

ly includes a much beloved ceramics studio.

Rounding out the day will be events for park pa-

trons of all ages - food trucks, a bouncy castle, local bands, the opportunity to connect with Beverly institutions and social services, and much more, all while local DJ's provide a fun, light-hearted soundtrack. We hope you'll consider joining us!

**John H. Vanderpoel Art Association is in residency at Ridge Park through the Chicago Park District's Arts Partners in Residency Program, which unites artists and communities in Chicago's parks.



Colleen Krahn Named South Side Irish Parade Queen

The South Side Irish Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee announces Colleen Krahn will serve as the 2018 South Side Irish Parade Queen. Krahn, 26, is from Mount Greenwood and an alumna of Queen of Martyrs School, Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and Saint Ambrose University. Currently, Krahn works as a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines.

Ms. Krahn was one of 9 candidates who took part in the selection process held during the South Side Irish Saint Patrick's Day Pre-Parade fundraising party on Saturday, February 3rd at 115 Bourbon Street. The event raised funds to support the annual march down Western Avenue. The Queen will be prominently featured in the South Side Irish Parade on Sunday, March 11th and will also participate in the downtown Chicago Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

The South Side Irish Parade Queen will also receive sponsorship

from the South Side Irish Parade Committee to compete in the Chicago Rose of Tralee Selection as the South Side Irish Rose. This selection process will take place on April 7, 2018 at Ridge Country Club.

The mission of the Chicago Rose of Tralee is to provide enrichment opportunities that will encourage young women of Irish descent to be exemplary role models for tomorrow's youth and to make a positive difference in the world. The winner of the Chicago Rose of Tralee will receive an all-expense paid trip to Ireland for an experience of a lifetime and represent Chicago in a two-night televised event in Tralee, Ireland. For more information or application for the Chicago Rose of Tralee, please visit www.chicagoroseoftralee.com.

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Registration for the 2018 Chicago Polar Plunge, Benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, Now Open



The O'Shea Family taking the polar plunge for Special Olympics 2017 Chicago Polar Plunge

Registration for the 18th annual Chicago Polar Plunge is now open, offering thousands of cold weather champions the opportunity to brave the icy waters of Lake Michigan for one incredible cause. The Chicago Polar Plunge will take place at North Avenue Beach on **Sunday, March 4, 2018**, and is one of the largest and coolest fundraisers in the city. Monies raised help to support the activities and events enjoyed by the 7500 athletes of the Special Olympics Chicago program.

In the last several years, the Chicago Polar Plunge has attracted national attention with the participation of **Mayor Rahm Emanuel**, "The Tonight Show" host **Jimmy**

Fallon, actors **Vince Vaughn** and Dax Shepard, musician and artist **Lady Gaga**, the casts of **Chicago Fire**, **Chicago PD**, and **Chicago Med**, and **The TODAY Show** personalities **Al Roker**, **Tamron Hall** and **Dylan Dreyer**.

Registration is available by visiting www.chicagopolarplunge.org At the Polar Plunge website, plungers will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to help jump-start their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$200. Participants are welcome to fundraise and plunge with a team or individually. Prizes will be awarded to the top three individual fundraisers; best three individual costumes; best team costumes; and largest team.

All participating Plungers will receive free parking at Lincoln Park Zoo, or a free bus for groups of 20 or more; a souvenir t-shirt; warm towel when exiting the water; free photo downloads; and complimentary food at the "Melt Down Party."

The Special Olympics Chicago program is the largest in the State

of Illinois, with over 7500 athletes who compete and train in 22 sports throughout the year. Special Olympics Chicago has programming in over 122 Chicago Public Schools throughout the city and in 23 parks through the Chicago Park District. The Special Olympics Chicago programs that are implemented at the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park District are modeled across the country.

The Chicago Polar Plunge will officially mark the start of a year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Special Olympics, which began on July 20, 1968 at Soldier Field with 1000 athletes participating. This summer, Chicago will be the epicenter of a nearly week-long celebration from July 17-21, in honor of the organization's 50th Anniversary. Scheduled activities include the first-ever unified cup tournament, a star-studded concert, and the dedication of a Special Olympics Eternal Flame at Soldier Field.

For more information on the Chicago Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, please call 312.527.3743; or email polarplunge@sochicago.org

About Special Olympics Chicago: The Special Olympics Chicago pro-

gram is the largest in the State of Illinois. The Chicago Program alone is larger than 26 other complete State programs. Chicago is the birthplace of Special Olympics and is now held in over 170 countries, worldwide.

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children (ages 8 and older) and adults with mental disabilities or closely related developmental disabilities. The program gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. In Chicago alone, more than 7500 athletes are involved in the program.

Since 1969, Special Children's Charities has been the fundraising co-sponsor of Special Olympics Chicago, in partnership with the Chicago Park District. Special Children's Charities mission statement is to promote, foster and encourage physical and mental health and improvement through athletics, recreational and social activities among youth and adults with disabilities.

Athletes Helping Athletes

Alderman Matt O'Shea has again challenged sports teams from several south side high schools to participate in the 18th Annual Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics Chicago with him. Team sports foster a sense of camaraderie and respect among young people; the Chicago Polar Plunge is a great opportunity to connect local special needs athletes with high school student-athletes in a spirit of friendship for their mutual benefit.

Last year, student-athletes from Marist, Mother McAuley, Saint Rita, Saint Ignatius and Mount Carmel participated. Through the 19th Ward's "Athletes Helping Ath-

letes" Challenge, teams from several area high schools will brave the cold waters of Lake Michigan in support of Special Olympics on Sunday, March 4th. Polar Plunge participants are asked to generate a minimum of \$200 in pledges to benefit Special Olympics programming. However, students participating through this challenge are offered a discounted \$100 rate to make the event more affordable for young people. In addition, any school with a minimum of 20 plungers will receive free transportation to and from the event. Any students or schools interested in this challenge should email matoshea@the19thward.com.



Student-athletes from Marist High School participate in the 2017 Chicago Polar Plunge

Park Improvements Coming in 2018

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Park District are working hard to improve local park facilities. 2018 park improvement projects include new playgrounds at Beverly Park (2460 W. 102nd St.) and Munroe Park (2617 W. 105th St.), and a new water feature at Graver Park (1518 W. 102nd Pl.). Work at Beverly and Graver is scheduled to begin this spring and be completed this summer. The Munroe Park playground is still in the design phase.

The Beverly Park Playground is a new state-of-the-art accessible playground with a variety of chal-

lenges and sensory stimulation for all ages and skill levels. The new play equipment includes a variety of net climbers, spinners, slides, and swings, in addition to new artificial turf play surfacing. Please see the included renderings for more information.





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Hurley Passes Measure Aimed at Curbing Human Trafficking

Hoping to alert truck drivers to the warning signs of human trafficking, State Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, introduced House Bill 1677, now Public Act 100-0357, which requires curriculum on human trafficking for those obtaining their CDL license in Illinois. The bill became effective January 1, 2018.

“Truck drivers spend an enormous amount of time on our highways and roads, allowing them a unique perspective that can prove vital in the fight against human trafficking,” said Hurley. “This law will help ensure our truck drivers have the information they need to identify the warning signs of human trafficking, and take action to help prevent this form of outrageous exploitation.”

Hurley hopes this bill will lead to increased reporting of activity that may be linked to human traf-

ficking. “The only way we will ever be able to curb the tragedy of human trafficking is to ensure everyone is educated on ways to identify the warning signs,” said Hurley. “Engaging truck drivers in the fight to eliminate human trafficking can make a dent in these heinous crimes.”



Because of the passage of Hurley’s bill, required curriculum for obtaining a commercial driver’s license now includes information about identifying the warning signs of human trafficking.

An estimated 24.9 million people are victims of human trafficking across the globe. This includes individu-

als exploited for labor and as well as those exploited sexually. Currently, human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry reportedly generating an annual profit of \$32 billion.

Upcoming events sponsored by: Senator Bill Cunningham & Representative Fran Hurley

- Saturday, February 17**
Coffee & Conversation
Starbucks
7202 W 119th Pl., Palos Heights
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, February 23**
Satellite Office Hours
Beverly Library - Meeting Room
1962 W. 95th St., Chicago
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 23**
Job Club
10402 S. Western Ave., Chicago
1:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 25**
Can Civics be Civil?
(Discussion)
Palos Library
12501 S. 71st Ave., Palos Heights
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 8**
Recycling and Composting
Environmental Seminar
22nd District Police Station - Community Room
1900 W Monterey Ave., Chicago
6:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 12**
After Office Hours
10400 S. Western Ave., Chicago
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13**
Satellite Office Hours
Alsip-Merrionette Park Library
11960 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 17**
Coffee & Conversation
Starbucks
15858 S. LaGrange Rd.,
Orland Park
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- Monday, April 2**
After Office Hours
Mt. Greenwood Office
3207 W. 111th St., Chicago
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 14**
Coffee and Conversation
Dunkin Donuts
6707 W. 111th St., Worth
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 15**
Self-Defense Seminar
The Chicago FIX
3139 W. 111th St., Chicago
1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 21**
Kids Health and Safety Fun Fair
Orland Township Building
14807 S. Ravinia Ave.,
Orland Park
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m
- Saturday, May 12**
Shredding Event
Alsip-Merrionette Park Library
11960 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
*2 box limit
- Monday, May 14**
After Office Hours
10400 S. Western Ave., Chicago
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19**
Coffee and Conversation
Dunkin Donuts
10401 S. Western Ave., Chicago
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, May 19**
Bike Across America - Bike Hike
McKiernan Park
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10:30 a.m.

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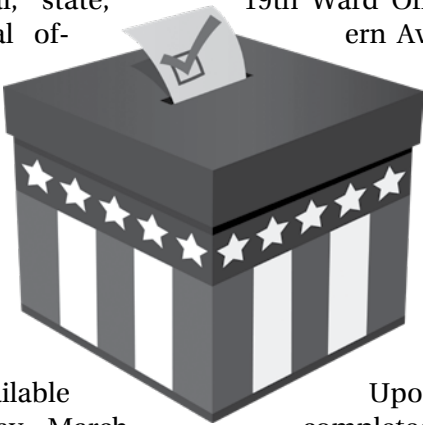
Tuesday, March 20th, is Primary Election Day in Illinois; voting will be held from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. This year, there are a combination of federal, state, county and judicial offices on the ballot. All voters are able to participate in the Primary Election through early voting, voting by mail, or Election Day.

Early Voting

Early voting is available now through Sunday, March 4th at the Chicago Board of Elections - Loop location at 16 W. Adams St. The Loop location is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. From Monday, March 5th to March 19th, early voting will be available at both Mount Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St., and the Board of Elections - Loop location, 16 W. Adams St. Hours of operation at both facilities will be Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. On Monday, March 19th, these locations will remain open until 7:00 pm. For a complete list of early voting locations throughout the City, please visit www.chicagoelections.com.

Vote by Mail

Any registered voter may vote by mail. You do not need a reason or excuse to do so. In order to vote by mail, you must first complete a vote by mail application either online of using a paper form. To apply online, please visit www.chicagoelections.com, and click on the



“Voting” button at the top left hand side of the home page. You can also apply to vote by mail using a paper form. This form is available at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave. or can be downloaded at www.chicagoelections.com. Vote by mail applications must be received by the Chicago Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 15th.

Upon receiving your completed application, the Board of Elections will mail you a ballot including instructions. A mail ballot must be post marked on or before Tuesday, March 20th in order to be counted.

Please note, ballots cast in Early Voting or by mail are final; after casting ballots in either method, voters may not return to amend, change, or undo a ballot for any reason.

Voter Registration

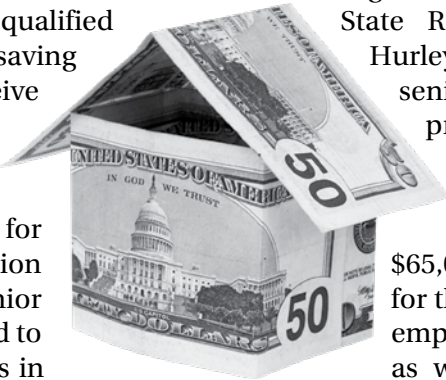
If you need to register to vote, or update your name or address, you can do so online at www.oiva.elections.il.gov. You must have a valid Illinois driver’s license or state ID card to use this system. The deadline for online registration is Sunday, March 4th at 11:59 pm.

You can also register to vote, or update your registration by visiting the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., now through Tuesday, February 20th. You can also register and vote at the same time by visiting any early voting location. Please remember to bring two forms of ID when registering to vote.

Senior Property Tax Exemptions

The Cook County Assessor has mailed out applications for Senior Citizens to apply for property tax exemptions. Only residents who have previously qualified for these cost saving programs will receive these applications in the mail. Property owners who are eligible for the Senior Exemption and/or the Senior Freeze are required to fill out these forms in order for the proper exemptions to appear on their second installment property tax bill. Anyone who was born in 1952 or earlier qualifies for the Senior Exemption. The senior exemption has

increased this year, raising the reduction in your equalized assessed value from \$5,000 to \$8,000, thanks to legislation co-sponsored by State Representative Fran Hurley. This will help all seniors to save on their property taxes. Additionally, if your total household income is under \$65,000 you may qualify for the Senior Freeze exemption. These forms, as well as descriptions and eligibility guidelines, can also be obtained at www.cook-countyassessor.com or at both 19th Ward offices. You can also reach the Assessor’s Office by phone at (312) 443-7550.



Utility Bill Clinic

Alderman Matt O’Shea and the Citizens Utility Board will host a utility bill clinic on Monday, March 26th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the 19th Ward Office (10400 S. Western Ave.). Residents are invited to bring copies of utility bills (gas, phone and electric) for review with the Citizens Utility Board to make sure you aren’t overpaying. There is no cost for this event.

Join us and learn how to spot unnecessary charges on electric, natural gas or phone bills. Also, find out which energy efficiency programs or rebates might help you. Space is limited! To reserve your spot today, please contact Anairis Boror: aboror@citizensutilityboard.org, subject line “19th Ward – 3/26” or call her at (312) 263-4282, extension 111.



19th Ward Seeks Election Judges

The 19th Ward is currently seeking Election Judges for the March 20th Primary Election. Judges of election are the officials who are responsible for the conduct of the election in the precinct polling place. Judges can make up to \$190 if they serve on Election Day and complete a pre-election training course.

In each polling place, judges share responsibilities for the following: (1) opening the polling place and setting up voting equipment at 5:00 am on Election Day, (2) conducting a fair, impartial and secure election in the polling place, allowing voting from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, and (3) tabulating the vote totals for the precinct and transmitting the results to the Chicago

Board of Elections after the polls close at 7:00 pm.

Juniors and seniors in high school, as well as any college students, are also eligible to serve as students judges. To serve as a student judge, you must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Student judges receive the same pay as other election judges and can be a great experience for local young people.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a judge of election, please visit www.chicagoelections.com to complete the online application. Applications can also be obtained from the 19th Ward Office at 10400 S. Western Ave.



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Smith Village residents, St. Cajetan students join Alderman O'Shea to create Valentines for Veterans

Smith Village residents and students from St. Cajetan School joined for the second year with Alderman Matt O'Shea and Gold Star mother Modie Lavin to send a special Valentine's Day thank you to veterans. They again chose the Road Home program at Rush University Medical Center, which treats veterans for post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and military sexual trauma.

On Monday, February 12, in Smith Village's Community Hall—a favorite meeting place at the life plan community located at 2320 W. 113th Place—a couple dozen Smith

Village residents as well as an equal number of seventh and eighth graders from St. Cajetan School came together to create Valentine cards and assemble gift packages containing candy and personal care items for some 24 veterans.

With the assistance of Smith Village's Environmental Services staff, the intergenerational group also assembled a larger than life Valentine.

Lavin, an outreach coordinator for The Center for Veterans and Their Families at Rush, delivered the cards and gifts to the veterans on Valentine's Day.

Lavin, a Beverly resident, is the mother of Marine Corps Corporal Conner T. Lowry, who at age 24, was killed in 2012 while on patrol in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lowry received a bronze battle cross and other military honors. A street in Beverly bears his name. Thanks to donations from family, friends and neighbors, Beverly Park contains a memorial bearing a bronze replica of his helmet, boots, dog tags and rifle.

As a Gold Star mother, Lavin appreciates the challenges veterans and family members must face. By helping returning veterans and their families adjust to civilian life, she is honoring her son's sacrifice.

Echoing her sentiments was Smith Village resident Ethel Orszulak, whose son, Kenneth, a Marine, served in the Vietnam War. Orszulak, 95, showed great enthusiasm for making the Valentines and said, "I feel we should always support our troops. They are wonderful people."



St. Cajetan student Matt Elenteny visits with Smith Village resident Casimir Chmiel and volunteer Judy Polzin.

The Road Home addresses the consequences of war for veterans as well as their families. The program also recognizes that while returning home should be a joyful experience, the process is often challenging due to emotionally

damaging experiences.

"Smith Village residents were thrilled to take part in this effort," said Meghan Maple, life enrichment director for Smith Village. "Our annual Valentines for Vets community service project and other projects throughout the year draw us together with our younger neighbors and help them connect with others they may never meet."

"This project relates to the mission of our student council, to improve St. Cajetan School and our community," said Meghan Coleman, a teacher at St. Cajetan and faculty guide for the school council. "Such efforts teach our students that it helps us to help others in the greater community—in this case, veterans."



Alderman Matt O'Shea shares a light moment with Smith Village resident Ethel Orszulak while making Valentines for veterans participating in Rush University Medical Center's The Road Home program.

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Seventh Annual Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence® Benefit Day

The GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman’s Club announces the Seventh Annual **Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence® (WOWO)** Benefit Day to be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018. The event objectives are to raise awareness about the serious issue of domestic violence, and to raise funds for the local domestic violence agency, A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park (AND). The agency provides counseling, legal advocacy, education, and support at no charge to families affected by domestic violence.

As the event organizer, the Morgan Park Junior Woman’s Club recruits Benefit Day Partners among local fitness businesses and professionals. One goal for this year’s event is to add new fitness centers and activities, including a center and activity for elementary and high school students. Morgan Park Junior Dena O’Reilly observed, “Last year several parents wanted their children to be able to join them. This is a great idea.” O’Reilly said that St. Barnabas Parish will be the designated site for family exercise with an all age Zumba class as the group exercise event.

The Juniors also are excited about several new partners who will be hosting WOWO events this year. Mother McAuley High School’s National Honor Society (NHS) and Action Reaction Club are planning WOWO activities around their annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held at the school on March 22, 2018. During lunch and after school, Mighty Mac students will help to raise awareness about domestic violence and raise funds for A New Direction. “We love the idea of supporting Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence Benefit Day,” said Cathy O’Grady, World Languages Faculty and McAuley’s NHS moderator. “Using our Mighty Mac strength to give strength to other women makes for a great day. Exercise is a fantastic tool to help both physically and mentally.”

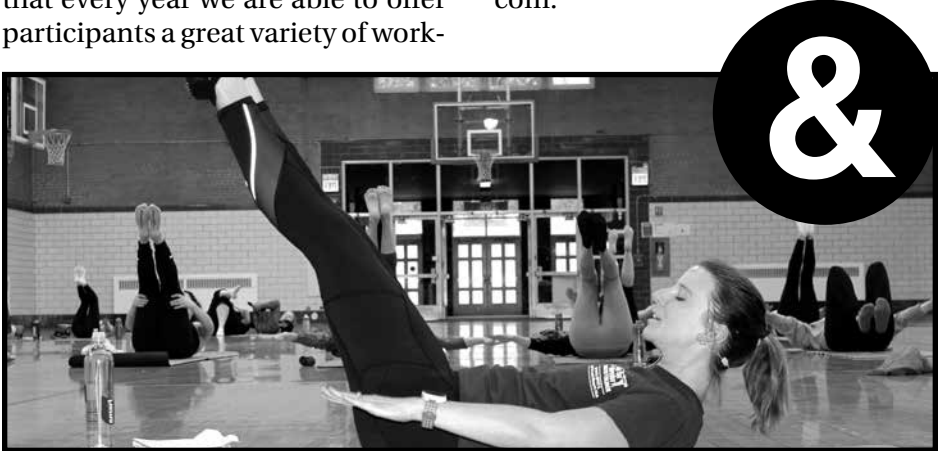
In addition to Mother McAuley’s participation, Cathy O’Loughlin, the 2018 facilities coordinator for the Morgan Park Juniors, said several new businesses will offer classes on the Benefit Day this year, including Treadfit Beverly, Barre It All, Blazin’ Cycle, Fit4Mom-Palos-OrlandPark, Light House Yoga and Fitness, Running Excels, Sculpt and Shred, and Stone Age Cross Fit. “We are so grateful that every year we are able to offer participants a great variety of work-

out sites. There truly is something for everyone,” added O’Loughlin. For more information about becoming a Benefit Day partner, contact O’Loughlin at morganparkjuniors@aol.com

A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park is in its seventh year of providing confidential counseling and legal advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, many of whom live in the neighborhood or surrounding suburbs. “Domestic violence is a reality in every community and we need to work together to create awareness and quality programs to fight it,” said Jessica McCarihan, AND Board President. She continued, “WOWO is our second largest fundraiser of the year, thanks to the efforts of the Morgan Park Juniors. With no state or federal funding, the monies raised are critical to the agency maintaining services.”

Participating in **Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence® Benefit Day** has never been easier. Simply visit www.anewdirectionbmp.org/wowo to register online for a suggested donation of \$25 and select an activity offered by one of the many fitness centers, churches, schools and businesses on the Benefit Day Schedule accompanying this article. Onsite registration on the day of the event is welcome if space at the facility permits. For those who can’t participate on March 24, there are other ways to support this cause. You can make a donation to AND online at www.anewdirectionbmp.org/wowo.

The GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman’s Club (Morgan Park Juniors) is a group of women dedicated to making a difference in their community through volunteer service. Since its inception in 1934, the Club has actively initiated various service projects contributing to the quality of life in Beverly/Morgan Park. In addition to **Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence®**, the Juniors have created service projects to support the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry, UCAN Therapeutic School, and local CPS elementary schools. They also provide volunteers for local non-profits such as the Beverly Area Planning Association and the Ridge Historical Society. To learn more about membership and volunteer opportunities with the GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman’s Club, please visit their Facebook page or their website <https://morganparkjrs.wordpress.com>.



Business & Location	Activity	Time
A Relaxed You 11121 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago arelaxedyou.com	Mindful Yoga	10:30 am
Academy of Self Defense 3753 W. 95 th St., Evergreen Park team-asd.com	Self Defense	2:00 pm
Barre It All 3203 W 111th St, Chicago barreitalfitness.com	Barre class	11:30 am
Beverly Barre 9909 S. Walden Pkwy, Chicago beverlybarrechicago.com	Cardio Barre	10:00 am
Beverly Bodyworks 9815 S. Campbell, Evergreen Park beverlybodyworks.com	Kickboxing	9:00 am
Beverly Ride On 2940 W. 95 th St., Evergreen Park beverlyrideon.com	Spinning Pat Mac’s Pedaling Pack	10:00 am 1:00 pm
Beverly Yoga Center 1917 W. 103 rd St. 2 nd Fl., Chicago beverlyyogacenter.com	Mindful Yoga	3:00 pm
Blazin’ Cycle 10227 S. Western Ave., Chicago blazincycle.com	Spin class	10:00
Core Fitness and Physical Therapy 2940 W. 95 th St., Evergreen Park corefitnesspt.com	Pilates Fusion	9:00 am
CrossFit Beverly 3037 W. 111 th St., Chicago crossfitbeverly.com	Boot Camp CrossFit Open Workout	8:15 am 9:30 - 11:00
Evergreen Racquet & Fitness Club 2700 W. 91 st ., Evergreen Park evergreenracquetfitnessclub.com	Tennis drills Tennis drills	9:00 am 12:00 pm
Fit 4 Mom Palos Courts 12221 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights palosorlandpark.fit4mom.com	Stroller Strides	9:00
Fit Code 10418 S. Western Ave, Chicago fitcodebootcamp.com	Workout for a Cause: Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence	9:00 am
Light House Yoga and Wellness Center 11240 S. Western Ave. 2 nd Fl., Chicago lighthousebeverly.com	Restorative/Yin Yoga	12:00 pm
Pure Barre Orland Park 14932 S. La Grange Rd., Orland Park purebarre.com/IL-orlandpark	Pure Barre Pure Barre Pure Barre Pure Barre	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am
Run to the Pub at Gilhooley’s 3901 W. 103 rd St., Chicago kellydevinenutrition.com	Run	11:00 am
Running Excels 10328 S. Western Ave., Chicago runningexcels.com	4 mile walk or 6 mile run from Running Excels	7:00 am
Sore No More Massage & Spa Offsite: Ridge Historical Society 10621 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago	Chair Massage & Reiki for Relaxation and Stress Relief (enter on Seeley Ave.)	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Shannon Center, St. Xavier 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago sxu.edu , keyword: shannoncenter	People on Weights (POW) Pilates (+ indoor track access all day)	9:15 am 10:15 am 8 am - 5 pm
Sculpt and Shred 1751 W. 95 th St., Chicago sculptandshredfitness.com	Zumba	11:00 am
Southside Knockout Training Center 3504 W. 111 th St., Chicago southsideknockout.com	K.O. Training	12:00 pm
St. Barnabas Parish (school gym) 10121 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago stbarnabasparish.org	Zumba for All Ages (12 and under free with an adult)	9:00 am
Stone Age CrossFit 2700 W. 91 st St., Evergreen Park stoneagecrossfit.com	WOWO Workout of the Day (WOD)	8:00 am to 11:00 am
Treadfit 10458 S. Western Ave., Chicago treadfitbeverly.com	Treadfit signature class	12:40 pm
Yoga with Donna Wilkinson Chicago Ag H.S. (gym) 3857 W. 111 th St., Chicago	Yoga, all levels (bring mat) East drive, back parking lot	8:30 am

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Visitors to Mercy Circle can meet some residents during the first event of the year. In addition

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Mercy Circle Senior Living Advisor,
Marge Everett

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Exhibit: Mar 4-31; Opening Reception: Mar 4, 2-4pm

The Field Museum is coming to Beverly in March, bringing specimens, artifacts, and scientific presentations to the Beverly Arts Center for an innovative collaborative exhibition: *Chicago, Collected*. Discover fossils, animals, plants, and other real objects from the museum's collection, all showcasing the incredible natural world right here in Chicago. On select dates, scientists from the Field will be on hand to present their research, answer questions, and show off special items from the Museum.



The 2018 South Side Irish Parade Film Festival
Sat, Mar 3, Matinee: 3pm; Pre-Movie Reception: 6pm
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Smith Village Trial Stay program attracts new residents

Thanks to Smith Village’s Trial Stay program, several new residents of the life plan community at 2320 W. 113th Place found it easier to decide to become permanent residents.

“Having the chance to see what life was like at Smith Village eliminated my concerns about making a wrong choice,” said Jacque Ward, one of a handful of seniors who opted to become permanent residents of Smith Village after enrolling in the Trial Stay program.

Ward grew up on Chicago’s South Side, and her father built several homes in Beverly. Her hus-

band, Walter, now deceased, was a Chicago Police lieutenant. “I never lived North of 83rd Street,” said Ward, who graduated from Calumet High School.

After her Trial Stay ended, Ward paid her entrance fee for permanent residency. “Everybody was so nice here, I just decided to stay,” she said.

Soon after, Ward moved her furniture and belongings into her permanent one-bedroom apartment plus den with a view of a courtyard. She selected paint colors for the walls—seafoam green, light blue and peach—and new flooring and carpeting. Her den is flooded with natural light, which allows her to pursue a variety of creative interests—sewing and needlepoint; painting and jewelry making.

Making big decisions easier

“Relocating is a big decision,” said Marti Jatis, Smith Village executive director. “So, we’re pleased to offer a program which makes it possible for prospective residents to spend some time with us and get a real sense of our community. Many Smith Village residents hail from the 19th Ward and nearby suburbs. So, when people stay with us, they’re thrilled to discover their neighbors from across the street, members of their parish, or the parents of children their chil-



Smith Village executive director Marti Jatis says Smith Village’s Trial Stay program makes it easier for local seniors to opt to move to Smith Village.

Photo by Waldemar Reichert

dren played with while growing up. Sometimes they reconnect with old schoolmates.”

Trial Stay participants pay a standard monthly fee to live in a fully furnished apartment with a convenient kitchen equipped with dishware, a washer and dryer, and linens. Housekeeping service is provided bi-weekly, just as it is for permanent residents.

The Trial Stay program also includes access to activities, programs, services and amenities enjoyed by independent living residents. “We think it’s a great way for people to experience all we have to offer,” said Jatis. “We offer onsite entertainment, craft and horticulture workshops, field trips including transportation, and delicious, healthy meals prepared by our executive chef. We encourage Trial Stay residents to entertain their

family and friends in our private dining rooms, and make use of our library, craft room and meeting spaces. Many choose to attend religious services offered onsite every week.”

With a doctor’s okay, temporary residents can participate in the fitness program. Smith Village’s wellness center, includes a salon, spa, workout room and space for exercise classes. Smith Village also features an onsite movie theater.

Smith Village also offers a rental program, which requires no entrance fee, for a limited number of independent living apartments. The rental program does not offer the healthcare benefit package providing discounted pricing for higher levels of care in the future.

To learn more about Smith Village’s Trial Stay program, call Meghan Luce at 773-474-7300.



Smith Village resident Jacque Ward shows off a water color painting she created in the den of her apartment.

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