

19th WARD Quarterly

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Matthew J. O'Shea

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Virtual 2020 Turkey Trot

Registration is now open for the Virtual 2020 Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk, presented

by CIBC. The Beverly Hills Turkey Trot has become an annual Thanksgiving tradition with par-

ticipants running or walking the beautiful, tree-lined streets of the North Beverly neighborhood. Proceeds from this year's 5K will once again benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. This year, we are asking runners to continue the tradition in a COVID friendly manner by running your 5K anytime over the Thanksgiving weekend either using our course or on a course of your own making.

Runners and walkers of all ages and levels can register now at www.the19thward.com. Registration fees are \$30 for adult runners

or walkers, and \$25 for youth age 19 or younger. All participants will receive a long sleeve shirt and race gift bag.

We are pleased to enjoy continued partnership with CIBC as our presenting sponsor. Packet pickup will be held at the new CIBC Mt. Greenwood Branch at 3040 W. 111th St. on Friday, November 20th from 1:00pm-5:00pm, Saturday, November 21st from 9:00am - 1:00pm, and Monday, November 23rd from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Sign up now and help burn off those Thanksgiving calories and support two great causes.



19th Ward Small Business Super Raffle

SUPER RAFFLE brings SUPER prizes to the 19th Ward supporting all of our SUPER small businesses. For just \$10 per ticket you could drive away in a new Ford Escape S (MSRP \$26,275) or \$15,000 cash!

The best part of this SUPER RAFFLE is that we will give all proceeds from ticket sales back to our participating businesses. With so many local businesses struggling during this pandemic, this raffle is an easy way to support our local economy and possibly win great prizes. Each \$10 ticket purchase

gives you have a chance to win these SUPER Prizes:

First Prize: Your choice of a new 2020 Ford Escape S (MSRP \$26,725) or win \$15,000 cash. Please note, if the First Prize winner chooses the Ford Escape he or she must pay taxes and license plate fees.

Second Prize: \$5,000 and free pizza for a year from S & T Provisions.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Prize: Winners will each receive \$3,900 in local business gift cards - a \$100 gift card for each of the 39 partici-

pating businesses.

Buy your SUPER RAFFLE tickets today online at www.19thward.com through December 20th. All winners will be drawn on Facebook live on December 22nd; winners will be notified by contact information given at purchase.

The Small Business Super Raffle is sponsored by: 95th Street Business Association, County Fair, McCarthy Ford, Morgan Park Beverly

Hills Business Association, Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association, S & T Provisions and Alderman Matt O'Shea.



O'Shea Partners With UofC on Vaccine Trials

Alderman Matt O'Shea is partnering with the University of Chicago Medicine to recruit participants for one of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials. We are looking for people to take part in the ENSEMBLE Study to help us find a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. A vaccine produces immunity that may help protect the body. These trials are hugely important to a return to normal life.

The investigational vaccine in this study cannot give you CO-

VID-19. It is still in the testing and evaluation phase and is not licensed for use in the general public.

You may be able to take part in the ENSEMBLE Study if you are 18 years of age or older and are in good or stable health (you may have underlying medical conditions, if your symptoms and signs are stable and well-controlled).

This study is being reviewed and approved by an independent committee made up of doctors,

researchers, and general members from the community. Researchers are required to follow strict rules to help keep participants as safe as possible during clinical trials. The study doctor will closely monitor each participant for side effects.

Participants will be in the study for up to 2 years and 1 month. Qualified participants may receive study-related medical care and the investigational vaccine or placebo at no cost. Qualified participants will also be reimbursed for reasonable trial-related travel expenses to and from study visits. The study will not pay for other medical care or current medication(s) needed to support your daily healthcare routine.

To make the trial more accessible to residents in our area, we are in negotiations with the City to install three temporary trailers in the

parking lot of the Morgan Park Police Station (22nd District) at 11047 S. Esmond St. Trailers are could be operational as early as this December and would function for the next several months. To sign up, please visit www.covidvaccinestudies.uchicago.edu

If you would like more information, please visit: www.ensemblestudy.com

By contacting us, you are under no obligation to take part in the study and you can change your mind about taking part at any time. Let us help you make an informed decision on whether a clinical trial is right for you.

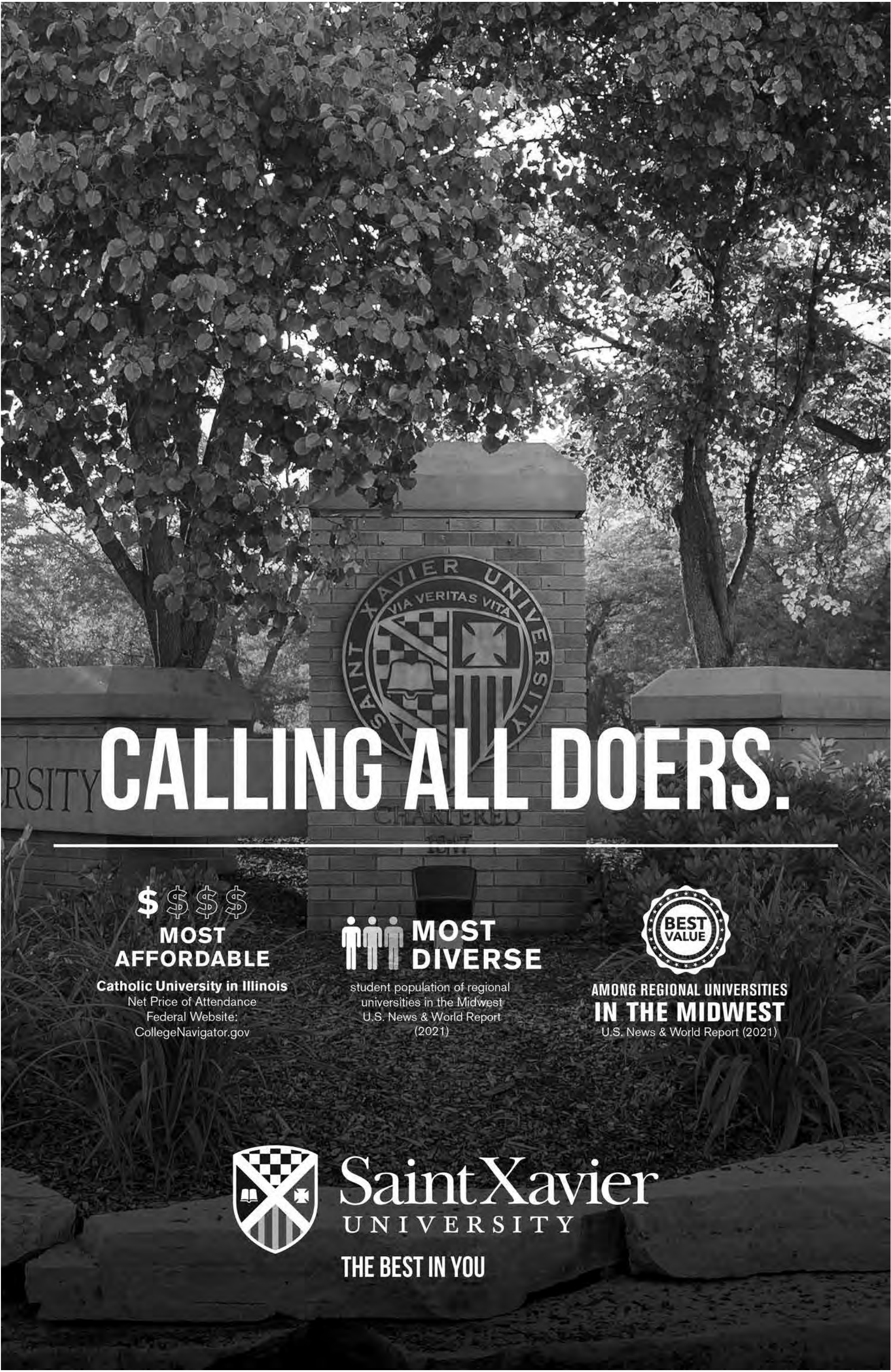
While the focus is currently on the Johnson & Johnson study, volunteers who sign up through www.covidvaccinestudies.uchicago.edu may be contacted for future trials.

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COVID Tele-Townhall Meeting

On Monday, November 30th, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host a COVID-19 telephone townhall meeting at 7:00pm. O'Shea will be joined by Dr. Jennifer Seo from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to discuss the City's response to the pandemic as well as Dr. Brisa Aschebrook-Kilfoy from the University of Chicago Medicine to discuss her work with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine trials. Representatives from other

government agencies and departments will also be present to address your concerns.

The call is open to all 19th Ward residents. To participate, please visit www.the19thward.com to register and look out for a phone call on the number you provide at 7:00pm on November 30th. Should you have any questions, please email mattoshea@the19thward.com.

Citizen Utility Board Virtual Cable/Robocall Presentations

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will host two virtual cable/robo-call presentations on Thursday, November 19th from 6:00-7:00 pm and Tuesday, November 24th from 1:00-2:00 pm.

During the virtual cable/robo-call presentations, a CUB representative will discuss the different choices in the TV market, ways to cut your cable costs, is it time to get rid of your cable, alternatives to satellite or cable, and streaming services available to consumers. In addition, CUB will discuss the different types of robocalls, how to avoid common robocall scams,

call-blocking services and what they mean for your pocket, and new proposed federal legislation.

November 19th @ 6:00 pm
<https://tinyurl.com/y26ezznv>

November 24th @ 1:00 pm
<https://tinyurl.com/yywywtf2>

There is no cost for these events. Space is limited! To reserve your spot today, use the links above. Please contact Joe at jgiamberdino@citizensutilityboard.org with any concerns or follow-up questions. For money-saving advice and consumer tips, visit www.citizensutilityboard.org.

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Tuesday, November 24, 2020 @ 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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If you are unable to join virtual, please call :

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For more information or if you have special accommodation please contact the 022nd District Office of Community Policing office at 312-745-0620 or 022district.caps@CHICAGOPOLICE.ORG

19TH WARD BLOOD DRIVE

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Saturday, November 22 • 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

19th Ward Community Room, 10402 S. Western Ave.

Appointments Required

- Visit www.the19thward.com to make an appointment
- Must be at least 10 years old
- Limited number of senior flu shots available on a first come first served basis
- Upon reserving your time slot, you will be emailed a form to complete, print and sign. You must present the form at the flu shot appointment.
- If available, please bring insurance cards

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness. The most serious cases can result in hospitalization or even death in extreme cases. Senior citizens, children and those with serious health conditions are at a high risk of serious flu complications. Getting an annual flu shot is the best way to prevent the illness.

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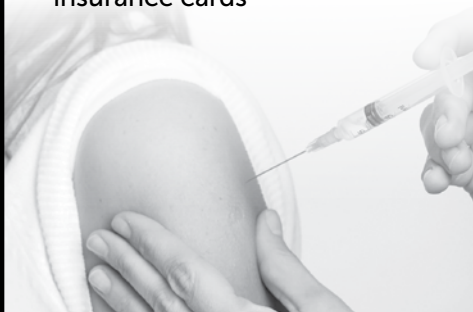
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City Council Update

Flavored Vaping Ban

This September, the City Council passed on ordinance sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea to ban the sale of flavored vaping products in Chicago. O'Shea, working with Tobacco Free Kids of America, cited the nexus between vaping and COVID-19 and other health issues as the primary motivation for this law. In 2019, 10.5% of middle school students reported using a vape product, up from less than 1% in 2011; between 2018 and 2019 alone, 1.8 million American youth began using a vape product. CDC data shows that a majority of youth e-cigarette users start with a flavored product.

"As a father of three teenage children, this issue is personal to me. In addition to the many health risks associated with vaping, recent studies have found a strong link between youth vaping and cases of COVID-19. A recent New York Times article reports that youth who vape are five times as likely to contract COVID-19" said Alderman O'Shea.

Big tobacco has waged an aggressive marketing campaign targeting underage users with flavors like mango, strawberry milk shake, cookies & cream, and fruity pebbles. Flavored vaping products are an effort by the tobacco industry to hook a new generation of young people on their deadly product.



Ethics Reform

Last December, Alderman Matt O'Shea introduced and unanimously passed a law prohibiting any elected official from lobbying the Chicago City Council. Earlier this year, Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced an amended ordinance that would have watered down that law by allowing some elected officials to lobby the City of Chicago. "I was surprised and disappointed by these proposed changes to the new lobbying law" said Alderman O'Shea.

On October 13th, Aldermen O'Shea and 43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith, a former federal prosecutor, lead the charge against Lightfoot's amendment in a hearing of the City Council's Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight. Ultimately, the committee unanimously voted down the amendment allowing the original ban to remain intact.

Chicago's cross-lobbying ban is the strongest such regulation in the country. "I'm proud to have worked on this major ethics reform, and proud to have worked to defend this ordinance today" Said O'Shea following the vote. Chicagoans have a great distrust of behind-the-scenes deal making at City Hall, with good reason. Enacting ethics reform measures like the cross-lobbying ban is the best way to restore confidence in government.

"Win the Gold" Special Olympics Facebook Raffle

Special Children's Charities/Special Olympics Chicago has launched an all-new fundraiser to help support the 7,500 athletes who participate in programs throughout the city. "Win the Gold" is a fun and interactive Facebook group that will offer the opportunity for participants to purchase a chance to win items such as store and restaurant gift cards, gaming systems, household products, electronics, Apple products, and more.

To play, participants may request to join the group by searching "Win the Gold" on Facebook. Almost every day, an item will be listed with the number of chances available and the price per chance.



Once an item has reached the set number of available participant slots, the item will close. Raffle drawings will take place weekly and will utilize an electronic spinning wheel to choose the winner. Multiple products and items will be posted throughout the week.

Electronic payment is accepted through PayPal and Zelle. No cash or checks. Payment is required within 12 hours of an item closing.

All participants must be over 18 years of age and reside in the state of Illinois. For a complete list of rules or for more information, please visit the "Win The Gold" Facebook page, or visit sochicago.org

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Cunningham Urges Businesses to Apply for State COVID Relief Grants

With hundreds of local businesses being hurt by a new wave of COVID-related closures and limitations, Senator Bill Cunningham is urging business owners to participate in Illinois' Business Interruption Grant program.

"This Business Interruption Grant program can be a lifeline to small businesses that have been most adversely affected by the coronavirus," Cunningham said. "Bars and restaurant in particular have been hurt by restrictions that have been put in place to mitigate the spread of the virus. Our tavern keepers and restaurateurs are entitled to this help."

Interested businesses should visit the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) website to apply at www2.illinois.gov/dceo. DCEO administers several other grant and loan programs to help businesses recover from the economic damage of the coronavirus. Information on those programs is also available on the DCEO website. Cunningham urged businesses to act quickly before the states allotment of grant dollars runs out.

Since the Business Interruption Grants were made available

late this summer, more than \$1.2 million has been awarded to business owners in Cunningham's senate district, which includes the 19th Ward and several surrounding suburbs. A total of 58 businesses have received grants so far. The types of businesses that have benefited range from bars and restaurants, to barber shops, gyms, and retail outlets.

The size of the awards have ranged from \$5,000 to over \$100,000, depending on the size of the business and its revenue losses. Grants can be used for expenses like payroll, rent, utilities, equipment and other unexpected costs to help relieve the effects of the pandemic, such as PPE, training, and new technology.

"This pandemic has hit independent retailers, storefront gyms, and hospitality businesses like neighborhood bars and restaurants especially hard," Cunningham said. "The folks that own these businesses are our neighbors and friends. They don't have the deep pockets and access to capital that national chains do. But they do have access to state grant programs and we want to make sure they take advantage of it."

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All CHSAS Freshmen virtually attended the University of Illinois FFA Greenhand Conference on October 16th.

All CHSAS Students virtually attended the National FFA Convention and Expo on October 28th-October 20th.

CHSAS is partnering with the 19th Ward to adapt the annual Thanksgiving feast to a "Meals on Wheels" format!

Coming soon—
Tuesday, November 24th





Calling All 8th Grade Students and Parents: CPS Applications for 21-22 are available now at gocps.edu
Applications are due on December 11th!

CHSAS Online Open House for 8th Graders: Saturday, November 7th at www.chicagoagr.org

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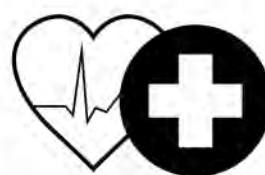
Through a collaboration with Feinberg's School of Medicine's Center for Proteomics, Dr. Saratsis is able to evaluate new drug targets such as epigenetic modulators that are successful in other tumor types but have yet to be tried in pediatric glioma. Through this work, she is advancing understanding of the methods by which chromatin structure and function regulate tumor formation, and uncovered additional therapeutic targets that may work in synergy with other

While radiation treatment is a mainstay of DIPG therapy, it often fails to stop disease progression within months of therapy. Improving upon its effectiveness, Rintaro Hashizume, MD, PhD, has demonstrated that histone demethylase inhibition (GSK-J4) enhances radiation-induced DNA damage, making it a potential radio-sensitizer. This finding could be a game changer by providing a rationale for developing a combination therapy using GSK-J4 with radiation in the treatment of DIPG.

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Smart Tech Seniors 3.0 helps during pandemic

Seniors can learn to use more features on their smartphones and tablets to stay connected with family, friends, neighbors and community resources thanks to Smart Tech Seniors 3.0, a series of free, live online classes held Thursday mornings from 10:30 until 11:15 a.m. beginning November 19.

19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea and BAPA Executive Director Mary Jo Viero have organized a series of classes to help residents better use technology so they can enjoy more fulfilling connections while staying safe at home. Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham, Illinois State Representative Fran Hurley, Illinois State Representative Kelly Burke, Illinois State Representative Justin Slaughter, Mercy Circle and Smith Village are co-sponsors.

Now in its third year, the 19th Ward and Beverly Area Planning Association have tapped local ex-

perts to make it easy and fun for anyone to master new ways to use their digital devices by participating in Smart Tech Seniors classes.

"As we observe essential practices for mitigating the spread of COVID-19, we understand how social distancing limits our connections with families, friends and neighbors," says Alderman O'Shea. To learn enjoyable ways to connect using digital devices, participants may take one class or as many as they like, free of charge.

These new classes are designed in response to a January 2020 survey of those who attended in-person classes at Smith Village and Mercy Circle. Plans were adapted so that participants may attend online safely from the comfort of their own homes.

In response to survey suggestions, this year one instructor will conduct classes for people with Apple products including iPhone,

iPad and iPodTouch. Another will lead classes for those with Android devices including Nokia, Motorola and Samsung. While the different devices offer essentially the same functions, there are unique ways to access those functions when using Apple and Android platforms. Separate virtual classrooms give the instructors a way to be more specific, for instance, about where features are located on a specific kind of smartphone.

All class topics are designed to provide practical ways for participants to use more features on digital devices. "Today's amazing technology helps all of us stay connected. Smartphones and tablets have so many features, yet even experienced users only use a few instead of leveraging the power of what we hold in our hands," says Viero. "I know first-hand it's so much easier to have someone show me how to master a new skill than spend time reading manuals or learning through trial and error."

Each 30-minute class is focused on learning how to master a new skill set and is followed by a 15-minute question and answer session. Prior to each class, participants can send questions for the moderator to ask the trainer.

For instance, in the first session, strategically scheduled just before Thanksgiving, participants will learn how to download and use popular programs like Zoom, Skype and FaceTime so they can visit in real time seeing and talking with friends and family anywhere in the world.

Just before Christmas, another class will cover taking, sharing and printing photos and videos. Other sessions connect senior citizens with online community resources made available by the 19th Ward, Beverly Area Planning Association and City of Chicago.

Recordings of all classes, copies of instructions and helpful hints sheets that can be printed will be available at the 19th Ward website, the19thward.com, and the BAPA website, www.bapa.org. This

makes it easy for participants to review information, or those that were not able to attend can view the presentation.

Register to join classes at either the19thward.com or www.bapa.org websites. For help registering or for more details, please call (773) 238-8766.

Register online today

- To register, visit www.the19thward.com or www.bapa.org
- Click on the Smart Tech Seniors 3.0 logo
- Enter your name and email address
- Select the virtual classroom for Apple or Android
- Choose the class or classes you want to take
- Click submit

You will receive an email with a link to click on to join a class immediately after registering and again on the day before and morning of your class.

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Classes are led by local trainers who are experts in the field



Beverly resident Claire DiCola founded Amplify 7, a marketing firm specializing in social media. She has led all

previous in-person classes for Smart Tech Seniors and will facilitate the classes for Apple users.



Beverly resident Melody Camp, owner of Smart Computing, Inc., offers social media consulting and analysis,

computer maintenance, software training, web design and software consulting. She will lead the group for all users of Android devices.

Smart Tech Seniors 3.0 class schedule

Talking turkey about online visits

Thursday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to install and use Skype, Duo, Facebook Live, FaceTime, Messenger and Zoom to organize virtual get-togethers with family and friends as well as how to install the City of Chicago mobile 311 app

Connecting during 12 days before Christmas

Thursday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.

This class covers how to set-up groups for emails and online group visits as well as how to take, save, share and print photos with a device and how to look for and join Facebook groups

Getting to know Alexa or Echo Dot

Thursday, January 7

Explore how to set-up and use the voice-activated devices to enjoy music, prompt reminders, create a shopping list, order on Amazon, or ask any kind of question from a quote from Shakespeare to a weather forecast

Downloading apps to make life easier

Thursday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.

Discover how to easily access 19th Ward, City of Chicago and BAPA resources as well as how to set up and manage telehealth visits. Then, set-up and manage accounts with DoorDash, Grub Hub, InstaCart, Uber Eats to make food delivery easy.

Taking safety and security measures

Thursday, February 11

Staying safe online is important for all age groups. Learn how to respond when someone offers to take your device to fix a problem; how to identify scam emails; how to delete and unsubscribe from unwanted emails; what to do if you make a mistake; and how to install Ring and other doorbells with security cameras



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Why Supporting Local Businesses is so Important

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Our vendors often tell us that the 95th Street Farmers Market is their favorite market to be part of and that is because of you, our wonderful customers. You help create a welcoming and warm atmosphere, and we hope a visit to the market brightens your Sunday. We are also indebted to our vendors. They work very hard to bring

you the best products, and they make the trek to 95th Street each week no matter the weather. Finally, we are always grateful for our sponsors, Beverly Bank & Trust, OSF Little Company of Mary Healthcare, Southtown Health Foods, 95th Street Business Association, Alderman Matt O’Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley. Their generosity helps us defray the costs associated with running the market. We would also like to thank the 19th Ward staff for their support throughout our season. Their efforts help us keep the market lot in the best shape possible. Thank you again to all of our amazing supporters. We are looking forward to our 2021 season!



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US Air Force veteran Carl Bergman shares stories about preparing to make history

Smith Village resident worked at a research and development command base

When Carl Bergman is asked about his time in the service, he launches into a tale about the Battle of Waikiki and the Invasion of Diamondhead, but don't go diving for your history books.

Bergman was stationed in Hawaii as a staff sergeant and aircraft loadmaster in the US Air Force from 1952, less than a year before the Korean War Armistice was signed, until 1956. His jokes about battles in paradise are his humble way of explaining that he never saw combat. They have the feel of well-worn stories, told often over the years, but actually Bergman had an important moment as part of history.

Toward the end of his service, he moved to an Air Force research and development command base



Smith Village resident Carl Bergman poses with a photo of himself from his days in the Air Force.

in El Centro Calif. There, he was part of a team that worked on different methods of parachuting people and equipment off of airplanes. At one point, Bergman's team was assigned to rig a 10,000-pound weight with stabilization parachutes and drop it from a 10,000-foot altitude. The weight was equipped with various sensors to capture data when it hit the ground. The engineers would dig up the weight, take it apart, get the sensors, gather data and change the way the parachutes were set up. Then, the team would rig another weight with a different parachute and do it all over again. Bergman's role was to rig parachutes and drop it from the plane.

"It seemed ridiculous at the time,"

he says. "But we learned later that we were testing the stabilization chutes the re-entry of the space capsules," Bergman explains. The team's work was actually quite crucial when project Mercury launched in 1958.

Another research project with significant implications still resonates today. Bergman was part of another team that tested the baskets used for retrieval of personnel in distress. They tested a variety of techniques using baskets suspended from the bottom of a helicopter to rescue people from water or off the ground and helped develop prototypes that led to the technologies that remain the standard rescue techniques decades later.

After the service, Bergman worked as a milkman for 11 years before joining the Evergreen Park Police Department. "I sat in almost every chair at the police department," he says. He began as a patrol officer, worked as a detec-

tive and retired as the deputy chief of police. Bergman says that his time in the service helped him get started in life. "I was a little bit on the shy side when I joined the Air Force," Bergman says. "I grew a lot in the four years and really gained self-confidence."

He and his wife, Amelia, made Evergreen Park their home until they moved to Smith Village four years ago. They appreciate the security, comradery and ease of life of their independent living apartment and lifestyle. "On Veteran's Day, we honor all of our veterans," says Marti Jatis, executive director at Smith Village. "We are so grateful to Mr. Bergman and all of those who served our country with honor."

Today Bergman enjoys time with his wife, three children and three grandchildren. And they recently welcomed a new generation, their first great-grandchild is three months old.

Navy veteran Eugene Wojcik served in Saipan Islands

Mercy Circle resident reflects on how his experience in the Navy shaped his life

Like so many young men of his generation, World War II veteran Eugene Wojcik was eager to serve the country. As soon as he graduated from high school in 1945, he joined the Navy.

Although he enlisted as soon as he was old enough, expecting to serve in World War II, the war in Europe began to end soon after he enlisted. Wojcik remembers being in basic training Great Lakes Naval Base in May when German surrendered to the Western Allies including Britain and on the training base in California when the Second World War truly ended on September 2, 1945. There among patriotic young soldiers eager to do their part for the country, there was a mixture of tremendous pride in the victory and personal uncertainty about what their military service would entail with the war concluded.

After training at the Great Lakes Naval Base, he was sent to Hunter Point, Calif., where he was deployed to the Saipan Islands near

Guam. It took 20 days to reach this destination. "You know those big ships only travel about eight miles an hour," Wojcik quips about his adventure.

There for three years, Wojcik served on a U.S. Navy repair ship which would pull up next to huge damaged battleships and make repairs. His original classification, Motor Machinist, was later recast as Engine Man. He was a class petty officer.

Wojcik jokes that his mother's name was Mary and his father was Joseph, so he felt like he had to do good things in life. "I was only 18 when I joined the service," he says. "We were such greenhorns then, but we all just did what we had to do."

Wojcik's brother, Richard, also lived up to the promise of his biblically named parents. Rev. Richard Wojcik was Navy chaplain in the early 1950s and served as a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago for 63 years, most of them as a teacher, composer, director of music and

choir director. He served as director of music at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary. In 1962, in addition to his teaching duties, he became the business manager and associate editor of Chicago Studies, a theological journal for those serving in parish ministry. He passed away in 2013.

Eugene Wojcik's path took a different turn. After serving in the Navy, Wojcik turned the skills he learned there into a career. He worked for the Fruehauf Trailer Company for 42 years repairing trailers.

He met his wife, Eugenia, at a dance. The two enjoyed visiting different neighborhood halls to dance the polka. When Eugenia passed away in 2014, the two had been married for 62 years. They raised their family in Chicago near Pulaski and Archer, with their community centered on St. Bruno's parish. Now he treasures time with three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Mercy Circle resident, Eugene Wojcik remember his days in the Navy at the end of World War II.

Three years ago, Wojcik moved to Mercy Circle from his home in Oak Lawn. Today, he enjoys his community in the assisted living area.

"At Mercy Circle, we are so proud of all of the veterans," says Marge Everett, Senior Living Advisor at the continuing care retirement community. "Residents like Mr. Wojcik are so humble about their service to our country."

Take-Out Tuesdays!

Are you tired of cooking during the pandemic, or worried about your favorite restaurant that is struggling during this difficult time? If so, please participate in the 19th Ward's Take-Out Tuesday Campaign. The campaign is simple, order take out or delivery service from a restaurant in the 19th Ward on Tuesday, post a picture of

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Take-Out Tuesday's will be held every Tuesday now through December 15th. Winners will be

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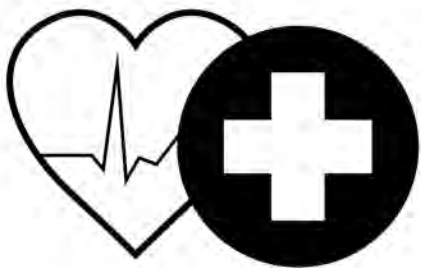


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