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111th Street Streetscape Coming to Mt. Greenwood

The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is currently working to bring Streetscape Improvements to the 111th Street Commercial Corridor from Homan Avenue (3400 W) to Sacramento Avenue (3000 W). Streetscape projects improve the appearance of the area and attract new businesses and shoppers. This project will include widened sidewalks with new curb and gutter, full width roadway resurfacing, ornamental street lighting, pedestrian safety improvements, red stamped crosswalks, trees, benches, bike racks, sidewalk medallions and planters, hanging

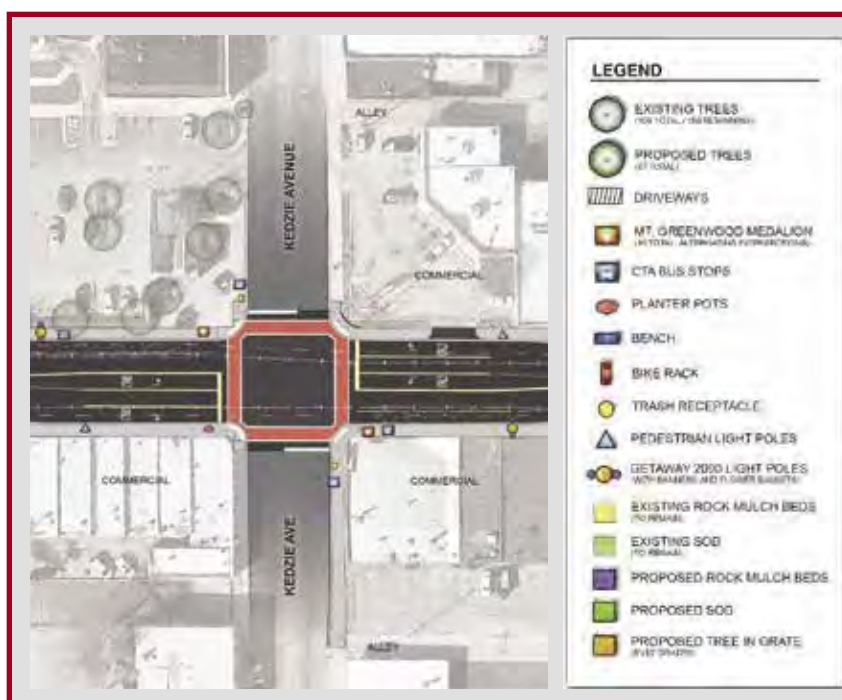
flower baskets, and light pole identifiers. This phase of streetscape represents a \$6.9 million investment in our community, with all design costs coming from the 111th Street TIF and construction costs funded by the State of Illinois.

This project is currently in the design phase with final plans expected in February, 2022. Construction bids are tentatively scheduled to be announced in Spring, 2022 with work beginning in late 2022. The project is expected to be largely completed by the end of 2023. Please note, this timeframe is tentative and largely dependent on the

weather.

On Wednesday, June 23rd, Alderman O'Shea, CDOT, and the Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association hosted a public meeting to discuss this project and solicit feedback from residents and businesses. A copy of the presentation from that meeting can be found online at <https://chicagocompletestreets.org/portfolio/111th-street-homan-to-sacramento/>.

For more information about the streetscape project, please email mattoshea@the19thward.com.



Kedzie Avenue Improvements

- Bus stops moved to far side stops
- Designated right turn lanes added
- Signal timing optimized for proposed conditions
- Existing 7.5' sidewalk to be replaced at constant ADA compliant cross slope from back of walk to curb

These improvements will:

- Shorten evening queue approximately 30% on Kedzie and 50% on 111th
- Improve intersection "level of service" from an existing "D" grade to a "C" grade
- Reduce overall average delay at intersection by 25%



Freedom Isn't Free T-Shirt's & Yard Signs Still Available

After a very successful summer campaign supporting local military families, there are a limited number of Freedom Isn't Free T-Shirt's & Yard Signs still available. If you'd like to purchase, please visit the 19th Ward Office or call (773) 238-8766. Local delivery is being offered through September 1st. All proceeds from this campaign support mental health services for veterans and their families at the Road Home Program at Rush University Medical Center.



Drive Through Vaccine Clinic

On Thursday, August 19th, the 19th Ward and Jewel-Osco are hosting a drive through vaccination clinic at Morgan Park United Methodist Church (11030 S. Longwood Dr.), from 4:00-7:00pm. This event will feature both the Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for children age 12 and up.

All vaccines are provided free of charge. As an added bonus, everyone who receives a vaccine will receive a coupon good for 10% off your next grocery order at Jewel-Osco (\$20 savings limit). To make an appointment, visit www.the19thward.com. Please bring a copy of your insurance card and photo ID to this event.



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High School 101: A Seminar for Parents

Attention parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Now is the time to start your search for the right high school. Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Beverly Area Planning Association will host High School 101, a zoom seminar designed to help guide parents through the High School selection process on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm.

A representative from the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) will be present to explain the process for applying to selective enrollment high schools. In addition, the Principals from the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences and Morgan Park High School will both present information about their schools and answer any questions.

19th Ward families have many choices when it comes to high school. Please join us to get information and tips to help you navigate the process. This free seminar will be conducted entirely via zoom; to sign up, please visit www.the19thward.com or www.bapa.org.

Music on the Green

On Sunday, August 29th, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host an evening of "Music on the Green" featuring live entertainment from the Gentlemen of Leisure, a spectacular fireworks show and craft beer festival. The event will be held in the Jones Bowl at Morgan Park Academy and all proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Chicago / Special Children's Charities (SOC) and the 19th Ward Youth & Community Foundation.

The evening will kickoff at 6:00pm as one of Chicago's most popular big bands, the Gentlemen of Leisure, takes the stage. Performing everything from Top 40 to the Standards, Jazz to Hip-Hop, the Gentlemen of Leisure offer something for every music taste. The evening will end with a great fireworks show shortly after dusk.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Several local food trucks will be on hand and the craft beer festival will include brews from Horse Thief Hollow, Open Outcry, Whiner Beer Co., and Marz Community Brewing Co.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family and are available for purchase at www.the19thward.com. Morgan Park Academy is located at

2153 W. 111th Street. Music on the Green is generously sponsored by County Fair, Walsh Construction, Uber, McDonalds, and Westfield.

The 19th Ward is home to hundreds of Special Olympic athletes. Special Olympics Chicago provides year-round activities and events for over 7,500 individuals with intellectual disabilities. The organization also provides funding for programs that are operated through the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park District, as well as agencies that service individuals with intellectual disabilities. Over 75% of SOC athletes and their families are at or below the poverty line, therefore all costs associated with Special Olympics programs are paid for from within the organization.

The 19th Ward Youth & Community Foundation is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that supports and hosts a wide variety of safe, healthy, education activities in the Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood. All programs are made available at little or no cost to participants.

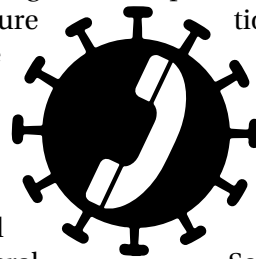
For more information on Music on the Green, please visit www.the19thward.com.



Alderman Matt O'Shea and Rudy Jones of the Gentlemen of Leisure meet with Special Olympics Athletes from the Mt. Greenwood Park Special Recreation Program.

Telephone Town Hall - September 14th

On Tuesday, September 14th, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host a telephone town hall meeting at 7:00pm. The call will feature Commander Sean Joyce from the 22nd District - Chicago Police Department, Dr. Jennifer Seo from the Chicago Department of Public Health and representatives from several other City Departments. We will provide an update of ongoing ef-



forts related to public safety and the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as address questions from residents.

To participate, please visit www.the19thward.com to register and look out for a phone call to the number you provided at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 14th. If you have any questions, please email mat-toshea@the19thward.com.

All That Good Stuff Parking Lot Comedy

All That Good Stuff and the 19th Ward will co-host a parking lot comedy night on Thursday, September 9th at Barraco's (Beverly), located at 2105 W. 95th Street. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the show will begin promptly at 7:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, the show will move indoors.

For this show, we are excited to welcome headliner Calvin Evans as well as several other talented Chicago comedians. Tickets for this event



are \$10 and can be purchased at www.the19thward.com. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Get your tickets today as the show will sell out quickly.

As COVID-19 numbers climb, free masks will be available to anyone who would like to wear one. All guests will receive an application of hand sanitizer upon entry. Parking Lot Comedy is co-sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley.

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Road Home Program Sends Thanks

Dear Alderman O'Shea, his staff, community friends, supporters and business owners:

On behalf of all of us at the Road Home Program at Rush University Medical Center I would like to thank you for your incredible support of the Help-A-Hero campaign.

This summer, particularly through the month of June which is PTSD Awareness Month, the Operation Help-A-Hero has generated nearly \$20,000 to provide mental health services to area veterans and their families! This partnership between the 19th Ward and the Road Home Program at Rush University Medical Center sought to demonstrate our community's support for our veterans while raising funds to provide much needed mental health services. These funds allow our program to continue to offer mental health services regardless of their ability to pay. To all those who participated in this campaign, I thank you for joining us in our mission. Because of you we can continue to support veterans and their families on their "Road Home".

Together, we are improving the quality of life for individuals who have served our country. Your support of the Road Home Program enables us to meet this moment and continue as a permanent, sustainable resource for the Chicago area.

We know that the work we are doing is literally changing lives, and even more so, it's shattering the myth that PTSD is untreatable or that it's no use getting help. The Road Home Program is committed to healing the invisible wounds of war faced by veterans, military families, and active duty service members as a result of their service to our country. Established in 2014 as post 9/11 veterans returned home to inadequate mental health services, our program is now at the forefront of evidence based treatment for PTSD and trauma.

The Road Home Program offers traditional outpatient services, support groups and our acclaimed 2-week IOP (Intensive Outpatient Program). The 2-week IOP includes personalized mental health care, peer-to-peer outreach, moral injury counseling, military sexual trauma treatment and wellness resources to veterans and their families. Participants receive roughly six months of therapy condensed into 2 weeks which produces rapid symptom reduction and increased motivation. These outcomes allow participants to return home and re-engage with families, jobs and communities.

Society has only recently begun to recognize the wide range of difficulties faced during the transition from military service to civilian life. That process often includes post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression, anxiety and economic hardships; these issues have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This year alone, military suicides have increased by 20%. Simply put, the need for these services for veterans, service members and their families has never been greater.

Operation Help-A-Hero provided much needed funds to the Road Home Program. Equally important, the campaign also allowed Chicagoans to actively demonstrate their support for military families by displaying yard signs or wearing T-Shirts. In a time when so many veterans struggle in silence, all efforts to raise morale are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this campaign, especially our partners at the 19th Ward, Horse Thief Hollow, and Open Outcry. We look forward to future partnerships!

Sincerely,
Modie Lavin

Sr. Outreach Coordinator

The Road Home Program at Rush University

Proud USMC Gold Star Mother to Cpl. Conner T. Lowry KIA 3/1/12



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Appeal Your Property Taxes - 9/23

The Cook County Board of Review is now accepting property tax appeal applications for homeowners in our area for 2021 taxes (payable in 2022). The appeal paperwork is very simple and can result in significant savings. There is no fee involved for applicants and appealing cannot increase current assessments.

Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers Jr., Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham and Representative Fran Hurley will co-host a virtual appeal assistance night on Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30pm. Staff from the Board of Review will explain the appeal process to residents and address any questions or concerns. All homeowners are encouraged to virtually attend this meeting. Register today at www.the19thward.com. If you are not able to attend, you can also

file an appeal online at <http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com/>. If you have any questions, contact Colleen White from Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or colleen@the19thward.com.

The Board of Review does not assess property, set tax rates, or collect taxes. There is no fee to file an appeal, and in most cases an attorney is not necessary. Filing an appeal with the Board of Review CANNOT result in an increase in your assessed value; the appeal will either reduce your taxes or leave at the current level. Board of Review complaint forms can be obtained and filed on the Board of Review website at: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. For further information about appealing property taxes, contact Commissioner Rogers' office at (312) 603-5540.

In-Person Cable & Robocall/Home Energy Savings Presentations

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will host two in-person presentations on Tuesday, September 14th, from 1:00-2:00pm and Thursday, September 16th, from 6:00-7:00 pm at the 19th Ward Service Office located at 10402 S. Western Ave. There is no cost for these events, but space is limited! To reserve your spot today, use the links below to register.

During the home energy savings presentation, a CUB representative will discuss new consumer protections during COVID-19 recovery; free programs designed to save you energy and money; how to decode your gas and electric bills, spot errors, and avoid scams, and the latest Illinois energy policies and how they will impact your energy choices.

Tuesday, September 14th @ 1:00pm - <https://tinyurl.com/x9kfz3s9>

During the cable and robocall presentation, 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 phone scams, call-blocking services and what they mean for your pocket, and new proposed federal legislation.

Thursday, September 16th @ 6:00pm - <https://tinyurl.com/45vkbcca>

Please contact Nitsaniyah at nfitch@citizensutilityboard.org with any concerns or follow-up questions. For money-saving advice and consumer tips, visit www.citizensutilityboard.org.



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13th ANNUAL Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K

5K RUN & FAMILY WALK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021



Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run & Family Walk. This year's race will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 through the beautiful tree lined streets of North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth & Community Foundation.

Please visit www.the19thward.com to register today! The Beverly Hills Turkey Trot will be chip timed on a certified 5K course. If you aren't a runner, but would like to enjoy the day, the untimed family walk is perfect for you. Please note, participants who register through the family walk will not be timed; if multiple members of the same family want to participate in the event and be timed, individual registrations are required.

A \$5 discount is available to all CARA members. Runners will be di-

vided by age and sex according to CARA guidelines with awards given for each age group. All participants will receive a t-shirt and gift bag; please note, only one gift bag will be provided per family with walk registration.

Additionally, an after-party and post-race pancake breakfast will be held in the Christ the King School gymnasium sponsored by the Original Pancake House-Beverly. The after-party will feature booths from sponsors and local organizations as well as entertainment. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tristan Angus at tristan@the19thward.com.

REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

On Sunday, September 12th, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will be offering a \$5 discount for in person registrations for the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the 95th Street Farmers Market (95th & Longwood Drive)




17th Annual Run to Remember

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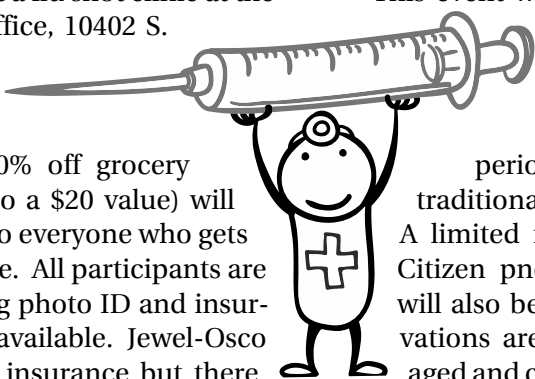
On Saturday, September 18th Alderman Matt O'Shea and Jewel-Osco will host a flu shot clinic at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S.

Western Ave., from 9:00 a.m. -

1:00pm. A 10% off grocery coupon (up to a \$20 value) will be provided to everyone who gets the flu vaccine. All participants are asked to bring photo ID and insurance cards if available. Jewel-Osco will bill your insurance but there will be no charge to patients; if

your insurance does not cover the flu shot, you will not receive a bill.

This event will use the quadrivalent and senior citizen flu vaccine options which provide superior coverage to the traditional trivalent vaccine. A limited number of Senior Citizen pneumonia vaccines will also be available. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at www.the19thward.com.



Pop-Up Ward Office Hours

This September, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host two pop-up 19th Ward Office events. Look for the 19th Ward tent and bring any of your city service needs. Staff from Alderman O'Shea's Office will be on site to answer any questions or concerns you may have and assist you in obtaining City services.

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Sunday, September 12th

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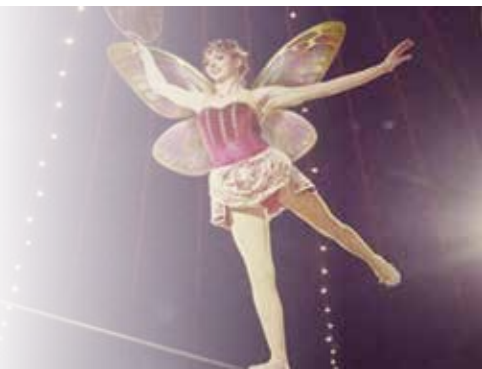
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Enchanted Tightrope at Morgan Park Sports Center

On Monday, August 23rd, the Chicago Park District will host Enchanted Tightrope with shows at 4:00 & 6:00pm at the Morgan Park Sports Center. Enchanted Tightrope is a family friendly romp through Chicago's Parks with real, live fairies. Maintain safe social distance and watch with wonder as magical creatures gracefully traverse the taught silver strand, high up in the air. All are welcome to attend. In accordance with Be Safe Chicago Guidelines, participants will be required to wear a mask and practice

social distancing at all times. Patrons who are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 are asked to stay home.



Traffic Calming Signs Available

Alderman Matt O'Shea is offering a limited number of free "Please Slow Down - Kids Play Here" yard signs for 19th Ward residents. Yard sign requests will be accepted between August 15th & September 1st with delivery expected in mid-September. The speed of traffic through our community is a major concern. All residents are asked to be mindful of their vehicle speed. Also, please refrain from texting while driving.



While there is no fee for the sign, there is a limit of two signs per block. Requests will be honored in the order they are received. To request a sign, please visit www.the19thward.com.

Thursday, August 19th
 Concert at Mt. Greenwood Park
 Coyote Riot
 7:00pm

Thursday, September 2nd
 Outdoor Movie at Ridge Park
 Tom & Jerry
 Dusk

Thursday, September 9th
 Concert at Ridge Park
 Yves Francois Rocambu Jazz Band
 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 22nd
 Shakespreare at McKiernan Park
 Stone Soup Hamlet
 6:30pm

19TH WARD

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF & DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, Sept. 11th
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Turn in your unused or expired household prescription medication for safe disposal. Medications should be in original container or a sealed plastic bag.

Unacceptable Items:

- Needles, syringes, lancets, injection pens
- Medical waste
- Liquids
- Chemo/cytotoxic drugs
- Contaminated materials, such as gloves, tubing or IV bags
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- Trash or other hazardous material
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Smith Village resident Edwina Justice publishes series of travel books

Taking six cruises, all on small ships exploring different parts of the United States from 2017 through fall 2019, inspired Edwina Justice to share her experiences. The Smith Village resident cruised the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, the Mississippi River (twice!), Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands, Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Originally, she did not plan to turn these adventures into a series of books, but soon after she returned home, the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Justice found herself searching for a project. “I’m not one to enjoy just sitting around chatting,” she explains. “I prefer to be working on something.” The first five books in her series “Cruising through the Blues,” is available on Apple Books and one more title is coming soon.

The online series allows readers to view videos like a piece she edited to compare stunning shades of blue in the Great Lakes. Her memories and observations offer insights provide insights into the uplifting power of travel.

Justice is no stranger to writing as a form of therapy. When she was widowed in 2012, she temporarily lost her zest for life. After a year of mourning, she realized she had to do something to feel more like herself. Justice taught math to seventh and eighth grade Chicago Public School students for 42 years, so she decided to write a math textbook. From 2013 until 2016, she found purpose in publishing four math books on Apple Books.

“The project kept me alive, but after a few years I felt I needed to try something new,” she explains.



“I was a little nervous about traveling alone as a senior citizen,” she says, but she didn’t let her fears stop her.

Justice has useful tips for older adults who may feel hesitant about traveling.

Travel with a group with shared interests

For her first excursion, Justice traveled with a group called Road Scholars, a group specializing in trips for older adults. Although she was a solo traveler, being part of a group made her feel safe and simplified the logistics.

Try a cruise

“Cruising is great because you don’t have to continually pack and unpack,” says Justice. “I prefer smaller ships that carry 200 or fewer people. In fact, she compares the service and security of the smaller cruise lines to her community at Smith Village. “Both settings make me feel comfortable and very secure,” she says.

Find a good travel agent

Working with a professional makes the planning easier and inspires great ideas for trips!

Follow your heart

Travel can soothe the soul and restore the spirit, but every person enjoys adventure in a unique way. The only right choice is the one that feels good to you!

The “Cruising through the Blues” series is available by visiting books.apple.com and typing “Edwina R Justice” into the search bar.

For more information about Smith Village, a life plan community at 2320 West 113th Place in Chicago, call 773-474-7300 or visit SmithVillage.org.



Matt O'SHEA
19TH WARD ALDERMAN

We're partnering with the City Clerk's Office, City departments and sister agencies and community organizations to bring City Hall's services to you.

Location	Address	Date	Time
Mt. Greenwood Park	3721 W. 111th St.	Tuesday, August 24	11:00 AM-2:00 PM

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Audition Dates

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Senator Cunningham helps neighborhood businesses with new state law

A legislative effort championed by Senator Bill Cunningham to modernize the state’s alcohol distribution rules will soon provide a boost to several local businesses. House Bill 2620, will allow independent brewers to distribute their products directly to local bars, restaurants, and liquor stores.

“We’ve seen an explosion of small beer, wine, and mead makers in recent years, and they’ve become staples of our local bar and restaurant scene,” said Cunningham. “People want to be able to buy their favorite products at local grocery and liquor stores, and we should make that easier to do.”

Under current Illinois law, most companies that produce alcohol have to sell their products to local grocery and liquor stores through a third-party distributor. Tracing back to the post-prohibition era, this set up is meant to help prevent the unregulated sale of alcohol and aid in the collection of alcohol-related taxes.

While this system is not difficult to navigate for large companies, small breweries and wineries sometimes find it hard to get their products into local stores where demand is greatest. By allowing small breweries and wineries to self-distribute, they can avoid the prohibitive costs

of distribution contracts and enable their businesses to grow. Once the companies reach a specified sales-growth threshold, they would have to use the third-party distribution system.

The new law will enable local businesses like Horse Thief Hollow, Open Outcry Brewing Company, and Wild Blossom Meadery & Winery sell their product in local restaurants and retail outlets for the first time.

“Many of our local microbreweries and meaderies struggled to

stay open during the pandemic,” Cunningham said. “Allowing them to reach their customers more easily will help them recover and keep their doors open.”

Cunningham’s legislation will also help independent grocery and liquor stores compete with national chains and big box outlets by allowing them to enter into group purchasing agreements for alcohol. Currently, independent stores struggle to offer competitive prices to customers because they can’t make low-cost, high-volume whole-

sale purchases like national chain outlets can. HB 2620 will modernize long standing regulations and allow small businesses in Illinois to band together with their peers and make volume purchases of wines and spirits as one group.

“Now more than ever, government has to eliminate out-dated regulations that make it difficult for small businesses to compete against corporate giants,” Cunningham said. “Not only will we help our local businesses thrive, but we will hold down costs for consumers.”



Horse Thief Hollow Owner Neil Byers, Senator Bill Cunningham and Brewmaster Jake Nelson Tour the Brewing Space.

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Mercy Circle nurse brings laughter and touches hearts

Nickey Holloway, a certified nursing assistant at Mercy Circle, a continuing care retirement community in the 19th Ward, prefers to be called a healthcare worker. Holloway's job description says she assists residents who need a little extra help with bathing, grooming and feeding residents as well as checking their vitals and managing their medications. As a healthcare worker, however, she touches hearts and lives.

When Holloway joined the team at Mercy Circle three years ago, she already had worked in healthcare for nearly 30 years, but it didn't take long for her to realize that her current job would be something special.

"I'm a people person," says Holloway. "I like to laugh. I'm loud. I sing. I dance. When I first started at Mercy Circle, one of the first residents I met was Sister Emily. She was always so happy and had a smile that would light up a room. If I walked into her room without a smile and a song, she would send me back to the hall to come in again. She thrived on the positive energy. I felt so connected to her. That's when I knew that working her would be different, that my spirit is appreciated here."

Holloway quickly found a difference in the administration at Mercy Circle as well. Early in her tenure at Mercy Circle, she made an appointment to meet with Susan Tirpak, human resources manager. "She re-

ally took the time to speak with me and put my mind at ease," says Holloway. "As I spoke from my heart, I could tell that she really was listening. It motivates me because I know that my voice is heard here."

Holloway says that from those early days, the residents and staff at Mercy Circle grew to feel like a family. As much as she was there to support the residents, she feels their support as well. "Two years ago, I lost my father," she explains. "Friends said that I should take some time off work, but I didn't want to. I needed those hugs from my residents. The residents have no

idea how much they helped me during that difficult time."

Mercy Circle executive director Francis Lachowicz values connections that Holloway has built at the community. "Many people have the professional skills to be a nursing assistant, but Nickey elevates her role into something truly loving and giving. She touches hearts."

Mercy Circle is currently hiring both full and part-time certified nursing assistance to work on the team with Holloway. What does it take to be successful at Mercy Circle? Holloway says, "You have to have a heart, be a caring person and have patience."

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While masks are no longer required, patrons are encouraged to monitor recommendations from the CDC and make the choice that is appropriate for them. Complimentary face masks and hand sanitizer are available at the market entrance tent.

This seasons amazing vendors include: Pixie Dust Salts, Danie's Natural Juice Blends, Aimee's European Bakery, Three Apples Baked Goods, Finn's Ranch, The Smile on a Dog, Yoberri, Earl's BBQ, Lafavor Farms and Greenhouses, Stamper Cheese Company, John Bailey Honey, Coco's Tamales, Breadman Bak-

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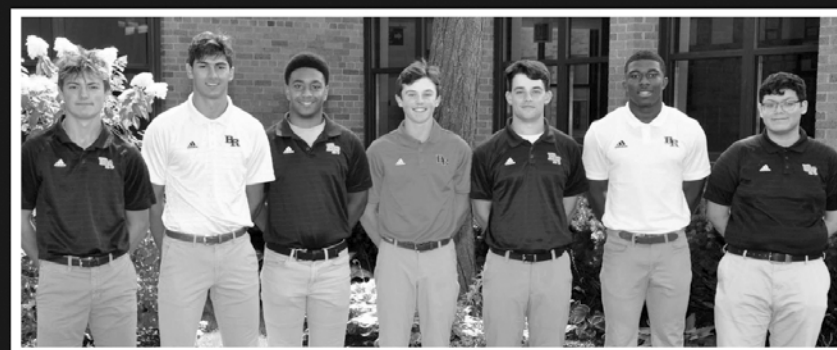
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