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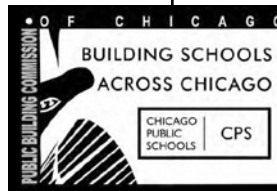
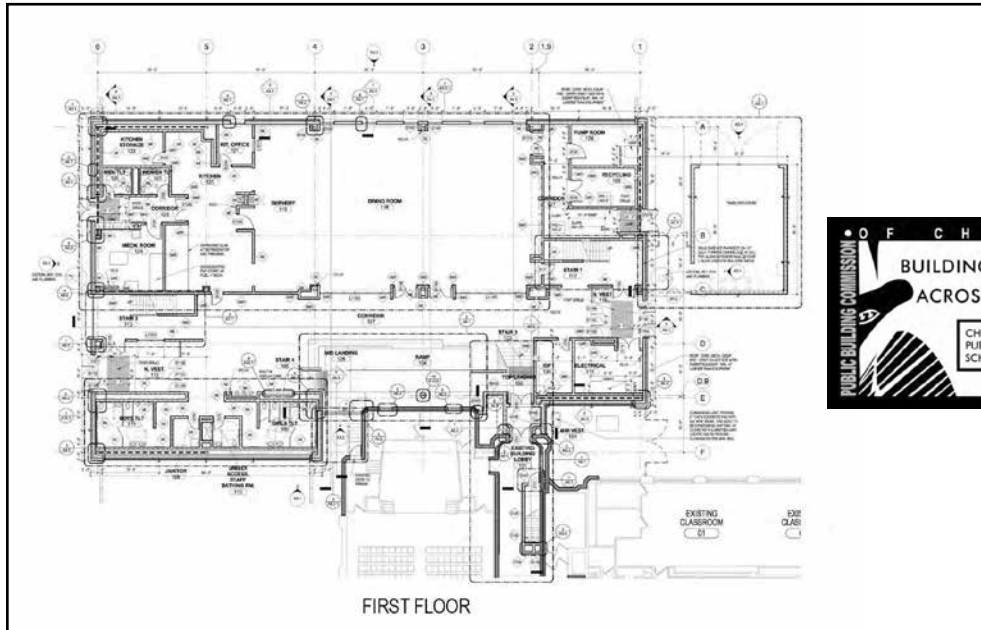
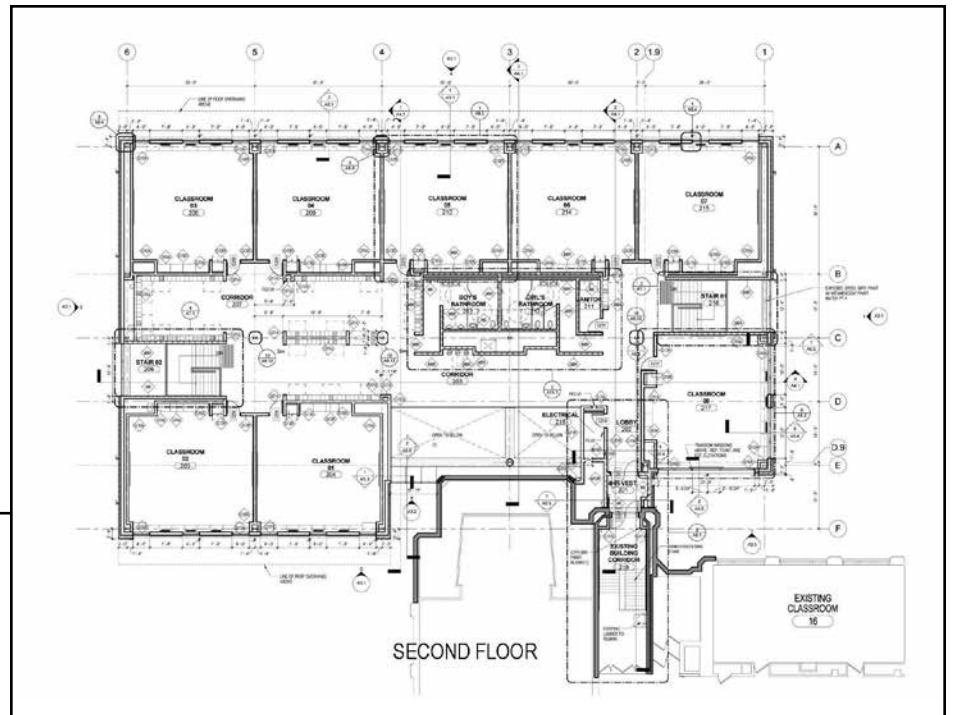
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Construction Begins on Mt. Greenwood School Annex

To address severe overcrowding issues at Mt. Greenwood Elementary School, Chicago's Public Building Commission recently broke ground on a two story, eight classroom addition that connects to the existing school facility. The new annex will feature a warming kitchen, dining facility, toilet rooms and storage and maintenance areas. Also included in the construction project are the ren-

ovation of the existing kitchen into storage, parking lot replacement, and many green building features including a partial green roof and storm water retention system. This project has a silver LEEDS certification. The construction value for the project is \$7.9 million and the annex is scheduled to be complete and ready for students this fall.



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Community Hiring for Mt. Greenwood Annex

The Public Building Commission and Alderman Ginger Rugai recently announced a community hiring day for local skilled and unskilled laborers interested in working on the construction of the Mt. Greenwood School Annex. City guidelines dictate that at least 7.5

percent of total labor hours be completed by local trades.

Skender Construction, the general contractor on the project, will be accepting applications in an on-site trailer at Mt. Greenwood School, 10841 S. Homan, on Friday, February 18, 2011 from 8am - 2pm.

19th Ward Family Ice Skating Party February 12th at Mt. Greenwood Park

Do your kids have cabin fever? Has cold weather kept you inside since Christmas? The 19th Ward Youth Foundation invites families to enjoy the winter weather with an afternoon of ice skating at the Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink, 3721 W. 111th St., on Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 2:00-5:00pm. All ages are welcome.



Admission is \$1 per person and includes skate rental, hot chocolate and refreshments. We hope you and your family can join us and get some fresh air and exercise. If you would like to attend please make reservations online at www.the19thward.com or e-mail mattoshea@the19thward.com. We hope to see you on Saturday, February 12th.



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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

It has been a very busy winter in the 19th Ward. We jump started the holiday season with our 2nd Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run & Family Walk. This year we raised over \$25,000 for local charities with an amazing level of community support. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event so successful. Later, in December, over nine hundred local kids enjoyed our 3rd Annual Children's Film Festival at the Beverly Arts Center.

Next weekend, all area families are invited to join us for our Family Ice Skating Party at Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink. In the following months, we will be offering many more family themed events to give our children activities that are healthy and fun.

In this issue, we have included information on some great new neighborhood developments including the multi-million dollar annex at Mt. Greenwood School. You will also find very helpful information regarding property tax relief. With the February 14th deadline rapidly approach-

ing we strongly encourage everyone to appeal your property taxes with the Cook County Assessor's Office.

Finally, we have included a map of our community police beats and a schedule of local CAPS meetings. These meetings give us the opportunity to become acquainted with the police officers who patrol our streets on a daily basis. The Chicago Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe. If you have any questions or would like information included in our next issue, please contact me at mattoshea@the19thward.com.

To receive regular community updates, please visit our website at www.the19thward.com and sign up for our e-mail distribution list.

Thank you,

Matthew J. O'Shea

19th Ward Youth Foundation

CAPS Meeting Calendar

BEAT 2212

First Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Avenue

BEAT 2213

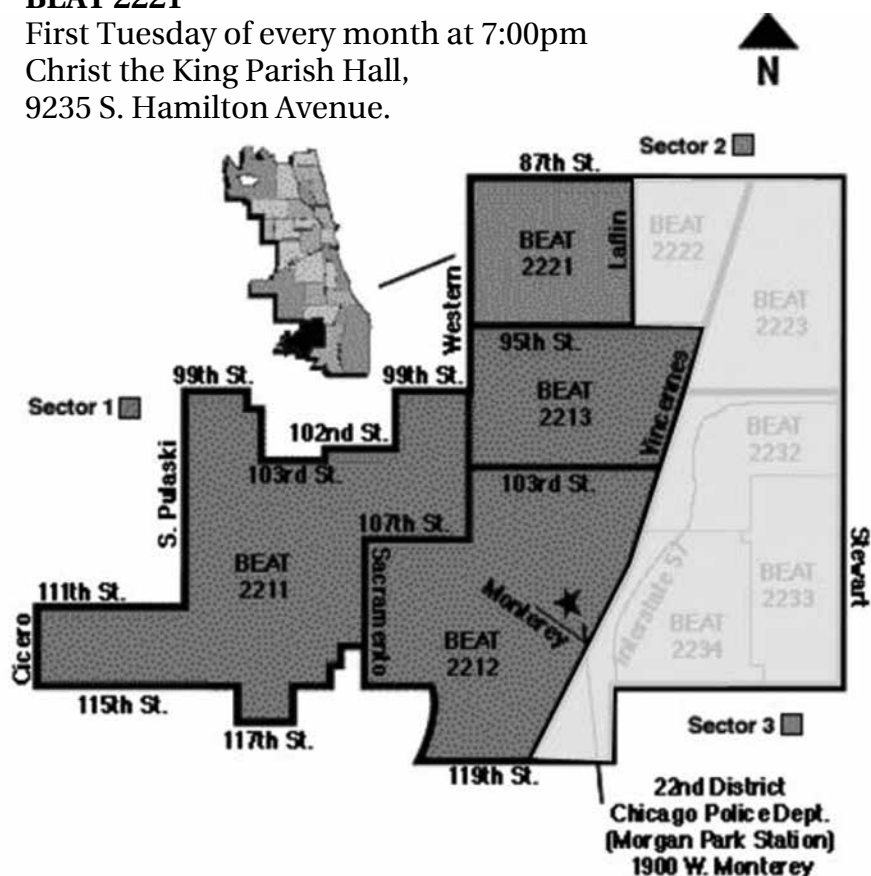
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive

BEAT 2211

Third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th Street

BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm
Christ the King Parish Hall,
9235 S. Hamilton Avenue.



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Sun., May 15, 2011

34th Annual Ridge Run

Mon., May 30, 2011

Beverly Hills / Morgan Park Memorial Day Parade

Mon., May 30, 2011

9th Annual Beverly Hills Cycling Classic

Friday, July 8, 2011

Music Under the Stars

Sunday, August 7, 2011

History Mystery Bike Tour

October, 2011

For more information visit www.bapa.org

Developer Acquires Beverly Place

WR Property Management, LLC. recently purchased the Beverly Place development at 1824 W. 103rd Street (103rd & Hale). Plans include 10 luxury condos and 28 three-story townhomes. Construction had begun on the condo development when the economic downturn shut the project down. No work had begun on the townhomes.

The new management intends to pick up where the previous owners left off and complete the entire project as originally planned. The complex includes 2 and 3 bedroom and 2-bedroom plus family room townhomes, and 1- and 2-bedroom condos. Townhomes open onto the

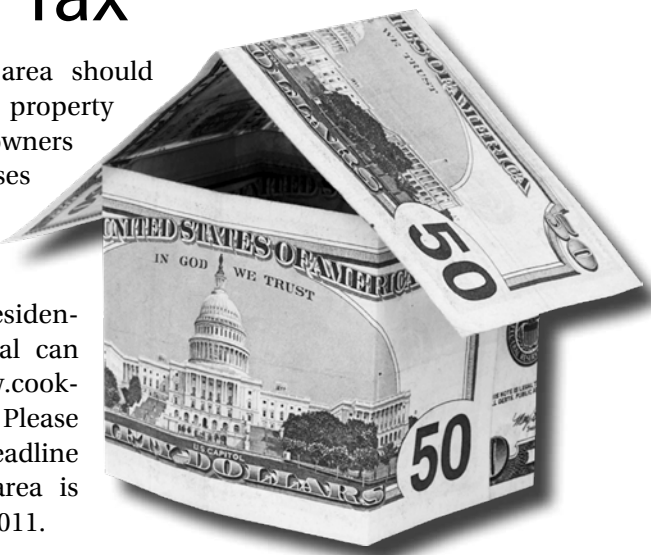
courtyard or private yards, and have garages. Features include 9-foot ceilings, granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, cultured marble bathroom counters and wall-to-wall carpeting in the family room, stairs and bedrooms. The residences have washer/dryer hookups, pre-wiring for telephone and cable TV outlets, solid core doors and thermal-glazed windows. Condos have private balconies and indoor parking.

For more information about Beverly Place, please contact Camel Halim at 847-920-2063 or cmlabd@aol.com.



19th Ward Urges Residents to Appeal Property Tax

Residents in our area should have recently received property tax bills. Many homeowners saw significant increases in their property tax assessment. We are encouraging everyone to appeal these bills. Residential property tax appeal can be filed online at www.cook-countyassessor.com. Please do not delay as the deadline for residents in our area is Monday, February 14, 2011.



There are three basic types of appeal:

1. Uniformity Appeal:

If you are concerned that the assessed valuation of your home is not uniform with the assessed valuations of other homes, compare your property to similar homes. This comparison will tell you if you have reason to file a uniformity appeal.

2. Overvaluation Appeal:

You may also wish to file an appeal if you believe the estimate of the property value is overvalued for any reason. You are encouraged to submit supporting documenta-

tion, such as recent closing statements or purchase prices of homes similar to yours, along with your appeal.

3. Property Description Error Appeal: Finally, if there is an error in the description of your property, such as incorrect square footage of living area or an error that you believe may affect property value, you may wish to file an appeal. However, a minor error does not necessarily indicate an incorrect assessment.

Please explore all of your appeal options and be aggressive throughout the process.

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When: Weekday evenings from June 13th thru August 9th

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• Sunday, Mar. 20th 1-4pm

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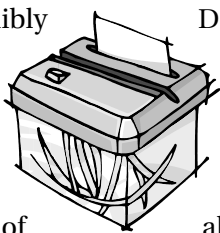
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19th Ward to Host Shredding Day

Following an incredibly successful shredding event in December, the 19th Ward and Midwest Document Destruction will again host a free paper shredding day for residents of the 19th Ward on Saturday, February 12th at the Saint Barnabas parking lot, 10121 S. Longwood Dr., from 9:00am-11:30 am.

Before documents can be shred they must be completely loose, any staples or binders must be removed. Residents can bring any documents they wish to shred to the school and load them into a plastic cart. The carts are then loaded into the truck and shredded on sight.



Document shredding is one of the most effective tools in preventing identity theft. Shredding documents also has positive environmental impacts; once shredded, all paper is recycled, thereby reducing the amount of waste in landfills. All 19th Ward residents are invited to participate in this shredding day at the St. Barnabas parking lot on February 12th.

This service is free of charge and there is no limit to the amount of waste you can shred. If you have any questions, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-8766 or matoshea@the19thward.com.

Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronic Equipment Collection

The Green Sanctuary Group of the Beverly Unitarian Church will host a household hazardous waste / computer and electronic waste collection on Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 8:30am-10:00am in the parking lot at 103rd and Seeley Avenue.

Household hazardous waste and non-computer electronics will be transported to Chicago's Household Chemical Disposal/Electronics Recycling Center on Goose Island that day.

The following items will be accepted, on the condition that they are properly sealed: antifreeze, used motor oil, old gasoline, OIL-BASED painted, paint thinners, aerosol

paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, drain cleaners, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury-fluorescent lamps and bulbs, car batteries, computer equipment, televisions and cell phones.



This is a service offered to area residents at no charge. Modest donations to help offset transportation costs are appreciated.

Water based paints, freon gas, incandescent bulbs, water soluble chalk, or bio-hazardous waste will not be accepted. For more information or questions regarding what will not be accepted please contact Eileen Klees at (773) 238-4221.

State's Attorney Alvarez Announces 2011 Anti Drug Poster Contest

State's Attorney Anita Alvarez is pleased to announce that her office his now accepting submissions for the Cook County State's Attorney's Annual Anti-Drug Poster Contest.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from across Cook County are encouraged to submit their drawings presenting positive ways for students to avoid experimenting with illegal drugs. Winning entries will be selected by a blue ribbon panel of judges and will be featured in a calendar distributed to schools countywide as an anti-drug aware-

ness tool.

In addition to being featured in the calendar, last year's winners received a savings bond from Bank of America and an assortment of tickets, including a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman Theatre, the Chicago White Sox, the Red Stars, and the Sky.

Entries must be submitted by March 31, 2011. For more information, contact the Community Outreach Unit at (312) 603-8710 or visit our website www.statesattorney.org.



State's Attorney Anita Alvarez congratulates poster contest winner Reynaldo Rodriguez, a 7th grade student, for his winning entry which is featured in the State's Attorney's 2010 Anti-Drug Calendar.

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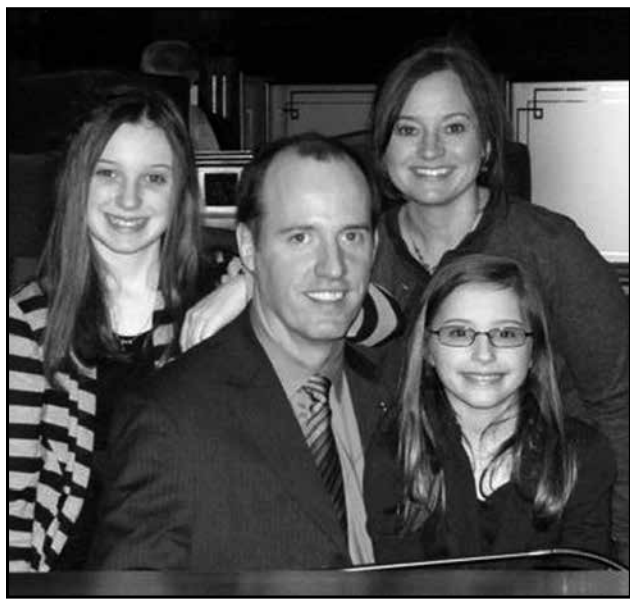
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Cunningham Sworn-In As New State Representative



On Wednesday, January 12th, Bill Cunningham was sworn-in as a member of the 97th General Assembly. He was joined at the inaugural ceremony by his wife Julie and daughters Madeline and Olivia, as well as nearly 40 other relatives, neighbors and friends.

Cunningham is succeeding Kevin Joyce in the State House, where he will represent most of the communities of Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood, as well as portions of several neighboring suburbs.

"It is great honor to be chosen to represent the area I've lived in my entire life in Springfield," Cunningham said. "And it was a thrill to take the oath-of-office in the company of so many family members and

friends from the neighborhood."

Cunningham was sworn-in during a busy time in Springfield. The night before he took office, the General Assembly approved an income tax increase and new caps on state spending.

"I will be facing a number of challenges in my new job, but none will be more important than finding ways to cut costs to make sure the temporary income tax expires in four years," Cunningham said. "State government has to work harder to live within its means."

Cunningham, 43, is a graduate of St. Barnabas Elementary School and Mount Carmel High School. His family has lived in the community since the 1890's, when his great-grandfather opened a restaurant and tavern on 111th Street in Mt. Greenwood. Prior to being elected State Representative in November, Cunningham worked for 20 years in the Cook County Sheriff's Office, serving as Director of Communications for Sheriff Mike Sheahan and Chief of Staff for Sheriff Tom Dart.

"I've learned about public service and government from two of the best public servants this com-

munity has ever produced in Mike Sheahan and Tom Dart," Cunningham said. "They taught me a number of valuable lessons, but none more valuable than the notion that when you work in government the taxpayers are your boss. Too many elected officials seem to believe just the opposite."

Cunningham's experience in the Sheriff's Office is also the inspiration behind his first piece of legislation. Shortly after taking office he introduced "House Bill 277," which increases penalties against registered sex offenders who harass their victims or their victim's family members.

"Last summer, the Sheriff's Police arrested an individual who made threatening comments over the phone to the grandmother of a child he molested ten years ago. The family was forced to re-live a nightmare they had just begun to put behind them. Unfortunately, the detectives working the case were only able to arrest him on relatively minor charges, like telephone harassment."

"If the bill I've proposed becomes law, sex offenders who harass their victims or the victim's family can face up to six more years in prison, not the relative slap on the wrist they get now."


Cunningham has also proposed legislation to enact political reforms, including a bill that would

require candidates for statewide office to disclose the sources of their income. Controversy erupted during last year's statewide campaign when Democratic Lt. Governor candidate Scott Lee Cohen and Republican Lt. Governor candidate Jason Plummer both refused to open their personal finances to public scrutiny.

"When a candidate puts his or her name on a ballot for governor or any statewide office, they are asking voters to put an enormous amount of trust in their judgment and character," Cunningham said. "Part of earning that trust should include being upfront and honest about your financial history. Tax returns tell a lot about how a candidate has made their money and offers assurances to voters that the person they are considering voting for is playing by the rules."

Cunningham said he will continue to propose and support ethics legislation that will help restore the public's trust in state government.

"When the state's last two governors are either in prison or on their way, and when the state raises taxes after ignoring budget problems for years, it is easy to understand why the voters don't trust the politicians who run Illinois. As a newly elected representative, It's my job to do everything within power to repair that damage."



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9th Annual Senior Prom

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, Alderman Ginger Rugai and Committeeman Matt O'Shea will host the 9th Annual Senior Citizen Prom from 4pm-7pm at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street. This year's

event is once again generously sponsored by Smith Village Continuing Care Retirement Community, 115 Bourbon Street, and Marist High School. The prom will feature an afternoon of dancing and reuniting with old friends. Rich Daniels and The City Lights Orchestra will provide live music that is perfect for dancing. 115 Bourbon Street will serve a delicious family style meal to all in attendance. As an

added bonus, Marist High School Student Ambassadors will be staffing the event helping to serve dinner to the seniors as well as providing dance partners for guests.

"Sentimental Journey IX" promises to be a wonderful afternoon for all 19th Ward Senior Citizens to enjoy the company of neighbors and reminisce about their own high school days. This event sells out quickly, and seats are limited. Please make your reservations by March 15th by calling Michelle Sullivan at the Alderman's Office at 773-238-8766. To help offset the cost of this event, a \$5 donation is requested at the door.

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Senator Maloney Hosts 6th Annual Indoor Triathlon

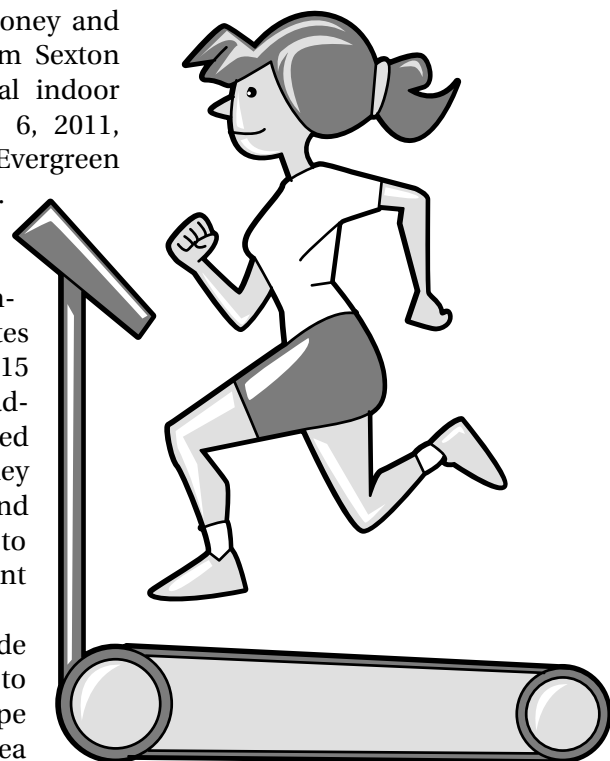
State Senator Ed Maloney and Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton will host the fifth annual indoor triathlon Sunday, March 6, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Evergreen Park High School, 9901 S. Kedzie Ave.

Each participant will compete in 15 minutes swimming, 15 minutes on a stationary bike and 15 minutes running on a treadmill. Participants are ranked based on the distance they travel in each category and awards are distributed to the top finishers in different age groups.

"Many people made New Year's resolutions to get in better physical shape and this event gives area residents something to train for and an opportunity to test their endurance without having to wait until the weather gets nicer," said Senator Ed Maloney, a veteran triathlete himself.

Proceeds support SERVE, Special Education Resources Valuing Everyone. SERVE offers scholarships to special needs students looking to enter college, vocational school or technical school after graduating from high school.

"This is a fun event; it promotes



fitness and benefits a good cause," added Mayor Jim Sexton. "This is a win-win for the community and I look forward to it."

Entry forms are available at the Evergreen Park Recreation Department, 3450 W. 97th Street - Room 106 and Senator Maloney's office, 10400 S. Western Ave. You must pre-register and be 18 years old to participate with the \$25 entry fee made payable to SERVE. All participants receive a t-shirt.

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Election stirs up fond memories of lifelong voting habits

Every election has its own twists and turns—often long waits in line or unpredictable weather, or a candidate's disputed residency and even his citizenship—but Chicago's elections require careful attention leading up to the time a citizen votes.

At Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community at 2320 W. 113th Place in the 19th Ward, residents are not newcomers to voting and the weather won't get in their way because Smith Village itself is a polling place. In fact, for last November's election as well as the presidential one in 2008, the 19th Ward ranked second in Chicago for voter turnout. Whatever their politics, Smith Village residents are expected to cast their votes just as they've always done.

Doing it right

Sue Delves, a long-time Beverly resident who now lives at Smith Village, is looking forward to voting in the upcoming election on Tuesday, Feb. 22, just as she always does. Sue recalls the excitement she felt voting for the first time. It was 1952 and Adlai E. Stevenson was up against Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had chosen Richard M. Nixon as his running mate.

Like any new voter, she clearly remembers stepping out of the booth and wondering if she "did it right," if her vote counted. Since then, the technology has evolved, but her politics have remained fairly consistent. She admits to sometimes still wondering if her first vote counted.



Sue Delves

To ensure she's an educated voter, Sue reads about the candidates and enjoys attending local forums like the one held for aldermanic candidates Feb. 3. When it comes to choosing from the long list of judges, she refers to the newspaper's picks. "I treasure the privilege

of voting," says Sue, "and I've never missed an election."

Run with respect and passion



Bernice Rayner

A life-long Chicago resident—except for 12 years living in Palos Heights—Bernice Rayner has many memories of past elections. An enthusiastic voter, she never misses the opportunity. Bernice grew up in Chicago's Bridgeport neighbor-

hood, home to five of the city's mayors. Because many city employees resided there, she recalls a lot of energy and excitement surrounding each election. Her family favored the Democrats, but still Bernice made sure she stayed abreast of the issues.

Her first election, however, holds special memories—because it was held on Nov. 4, 1948, her 18th birthday. Harry S Truman was to defeat Thomas E. Dewey, but everyone had their money on Dewey, including the Chicago Tribune, who inaccurately printed the famous "Dewey Defeats Truman" front-page headline. In the following presidential election in 1952, Bernice's favorite candidate was Adlai E. Stevenson, while her husband, Jim, supported Dwight D. Eisenhower. In fact, in her living room, photos of the two men hung on the wall right next to each other.

The gentle rivalry was all part of respectful competition that Bernice wishes was more common today. "Back then, candidates seemed to have more respect for each other,"

she says. She also recalls a more relaxed voting environment. "There's much more monitoring today," says Bernice.

In the past, she volunteered at her polling place. She credits this involvement with helping her learn more about the candidates. To stay informed today, she still reads the local papers and attends events to meet the candidates. "It's truly important to vote," says Bernice.

More communication makes for informed voters

For Jack Graves, a resident of the 19th ward for 51 years, voting is a truly important. "It's something you must do if you're interested in your city, your state and your country," says Jack. He cast his first ballot while he was serving overseas during World War II and he's been voting ever since.

Today, Jack learns about the candidates by reading the Beverly Review and the Chicago Tribune, and listening to the radio. He also attends forums and debates whenever he can. "These days voters are more informed because of the 24/7 communication," says Jack. "And you can tell people are involved given the number of lawn signs for candidates and informative events. The



Jack Graves

municipal election this month will be an interesting one!"

About Smith Village

Smith Village offers spacious independent living residences with a host of services and amenities, including a generous healthcare package for future needs if they should occur. Additionally, assisted living, Alzheimer's and memory support apartments, and skilled nursing care accommodations are available, as well as rehabilitation and respite care.

Smith Village is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community sponsored by Smith Senior Living established in 1924 on the site of Smith Village's newly redeveloped campus in the Beverly/Morgan Park/Mt. Greenwood neighborhood. For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors enjoy their retirement, call Smith Village at 773-474-7300 to schedule a tour or visit SmithVillage.org.

Smith VILLAGE

Smith Village is 14th Precinct Polling Place

Smith Village at 2320 W. 113th Place (just off Western Avenue) will be a polling place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, for the municipal elections, encompassing residents of the 14th Precinct in the 19th Ward.

Ample parking is provided in front of the building, and the polling place is fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

Resources for Voters

To learn more about the election, the candidates and their endorsements, visit:

Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago
www.chicagoelections.com

Chicago Tribune Election Center
www.elections.chicagotribune.com

Chicago Sun-Times Election Endorsements and SouthtownStar Election Endorsements
www.suntimes.com/news/elections/endorsements/index.html

Independent Voters of Illinois
www.iviipo.org

Alderman Rugai Seeks to Prevent Parking Tickets on Major Holidays

This Christmas, many of our neighbors received an unwanted package from the Chicago's Department of Revenue – parking tickets. On Christmas Eve, ticket writers visited blocks with residential parking restrictions to issue citations to vehicles without proper stickers or guest passes. Residents were outraged at such practices and many have contested the tickets.

Alderman Ginger Rugai advocated for the tickets to be thrown out because of the holiday and was immediately informed that there is no legal reason that tickets cannot be issued on Christmas eve or other major holidays. Therefore, Rugai recently introduced an ordinance prohibiting tickets from being issued in

residential parking areas from noon the day before through noon the day after six major holidays – New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

If the ordinance passes, visitors parking on blocks with residential parking restrictions would not be required to display guest passes for the 48 hour period surrounding these holidays. "Many families host large gatherings on these days" said Rugai, "using these days to generate money for the city is wrong" she added. Rugai's ordinance is currently in the City Council Traffic Committee and could come before the full council for a vote later this month.



Upcoming Events

Chicago Polar Plunge
Sunday, March 6, 10:00 A.M.
North Avenue Beach



Think you're fun? Here's the test! Whether you go knee-high, waist-high or take the full Plunge, all are invited to participate! The team raising the most funds will win a two hour Lake Michigan boat party for 100 people this summer! Free round trip bus for groups of 20 or more - contact your favorite neighborhood bar and recruit your friends! All participants receive a t-shirt, souvenir beach towel and free admission to the post event "Melt Down Party" held in huge heated tents. Register today at www.sochicago.org. Questions? Email scc@sochicago.org

guaranteed to be a great time! It's quick and easy to set up your personal fundraising page. You will receive a link to send around to family and friends so they can make secure tax deductible donations. Top fundraiser will win 2 tickets to Ireland - (2\$500 Aer Lingus gift cards). Runners raising \$300 or more will receive a souvenir fleece blanket! 21 or older? Your first Guinness is on the house! Register today at www.sochicago.org

Join Team Special Olympics Chicago and run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Sunday, October 9, 8:00 A.M.
Grant Park

New year, new you! Change your life and the lives of other when you join Special Olympics Chicago to run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Enjoy exclusive benefits including a free race entry (valued at \$145), a free training program and incredible race day benefits at the Chicago Firehouse Restaurant located on the home stretch of the race. Your efforts will be rewarded as you raise funds for the athletes of Special Olympics Chicago! For more information visit www.sochicago.org.



St. Paddy's Special Olympics Chicago 8k Run
Sunday, March 20, 10:00 A.M.
Lincoln Park



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Mount Carmel High School Caravan Alley Players to present encore performances of Sound

Sound, written by Mount Carmel students and Padre Benjamin Aguilar, O. Carm., will be performed by Mount Carmel's Caravan Alley Players at the Beverly Arts Center this month

What:

The Mount Carmel High School Caravan Alley Players brought topics of big importance to their small stage when they presented Sound, an in-house play, written by Mount Carmel students and Padre Benjamin Aguilar, O.Carm., about the harmful effects of bullying this month at Mount Carmel. Due to popular request, they will present encore performances of their hard-hitting, drama February 26 and 27 at the Beverly Arts Center.

When:

Encore performances of Sound are scheduled for:
Saturday, February 26 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Where:

Beverly Arts Center
2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, IL 60655

Contact:

For ticket reservations, contact the Beverly Arts Center at 773.445.3838. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with a valid school ID. The play uses adult language and explores themes that are not meant for audiences under the age of 13.

About the Show:

The story of Sound centers on the new kid in town, "Andrew". "Andrew", played by sophomore Joey Casasanto, of Mt. Greenwood, quickly becomes a target for ridicule and humiliation by the popular crowd at his high school and receives abuse from four bullies on a daily basis.

Pushed to the limit by the bullies, Andrew hatches a plan for revenge. He rallies together three other bullying victims, "Victor", played by Connor Golden, of Beverly, "Laurie" played by Katie Geary, of Mother McAuley High School, and "Richard", played by Ned Wilson. Together, they form an alliance and work together to plot against the school's four leading bullies:

"Grant", played by Vince Morgan, of Beverly, "Wes", played by Victor Rivera, "Mike", played by Tyler Lennon, and "Ashley", played by Allie Mason of Walter Payton High School.

As their plan begins to unfold and the tables start to turn on the bullies, problems quickly escalate for the entire group and the audience is given a deeper view into the suffering of each of the characters.

Sound is written by Mount Carmel students and the show's director Padre Benjamin Aguilar, O. Carm. To develop such an honest script that tackles such difficult issues, the writing team worked in supportive atmosphere where no topics were off limits.

The cruelty the characters endure throughout the show reflects the mistreatment that teens and their peers often experience throughout our nation.

"It is important for people to learn that bullying is an unfortunate reality for too many kids," said Padre Benjamin when asked about the importance of the show.

The show's honest subject matter, paired with a talented cast of young actors packed audiences into Mount Carmel's student center for six performances taking place over the course of two weekends in January. Since then, the show has continued to receive media attention and Mount Carmel continues to receive requests from audience members for encore performances.

Padre Benjamin notes that one reason audiences are responding so much to the show is that they are forced to sit back and watch as bullying takes place. "They audience feels helpless because they can't stop the bullying from taking place," he says. "How often does this happen in real life? Some kids, for whatever reason, do not stop other kids from bullying--maybe it's because they, too, feel helpless."

The audience is exposed to a full-range of issues that teens must cope with; body image, sexuality, racism, and classism are among the key topics explored by the script. We see the characters suffer through verbal, physical, and psychologi-

cal abuse. With the play set in the current day, cyber-bullying plays a prominent role in the plot.

We have to face the fact that bullying is real and traumatic," said Padre Benjamin. "Yes, it's always been around, but today, because of the ubiquitous nature of cyber-technology, our kids may have to relive many of their childhood traumas later on in life. Once a threat or an abuse becomes a digital tattoo, no laser treatment in the world can erase it."

Sound is the third in a series of in-house original shows at Mount Carmel inspired by the five senses, following Touch in 2009, and Sight in 2010. In addition to the annual winter play, the Caravan Alley Players also perform a fall play and spring musical each year.

Writer/performers of Sound include Casasanto, Morgan, Mason, Ricardo Scheiber-Camoretti, and Darius Johnson, of Beverly. Jake McCabe and cast members Rivera and Kris Kocinski also contributed to the script.



"Grant", played by Vince Morgan (left), of Beverly, teases the new kid in town, "Andy", played by Joey Casasanto (right), of Mt. Greenwood, as "Mike", played by Tyler Lennon, of Bridgeport, looks on in Mount Carmel's original play about teen bullying, Sound. Originally performed at Mount Carmel and back by popular demand, Sound now comes to the Beverly Arts Center for two encore performances on February 26th at 8 p.m. and 27th at 2 p.m.



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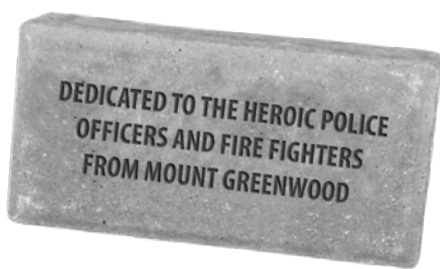
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111th & Kedzie Ave. "Lasting Legacy" Brick Campaign

Construction is underway at Mt. Greenwood's new signature corner at 111th and Kedzie Avenue. Once completed, the corner will welcome people into the Mount Greenwood Community with a beautifully landscaped gateway lined with inscribed brick pavers. This gateway will be dedicated to the heroic police officers and fire fighters from Mount Greenwood who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Additionally, personalized brick pavers will be sold to raise money for the Chicago Fire Department's Gold Badge Society and Chicago Police Department's Gold Star Society.



Bricks will be sold for \$75 and include space for three lines of inscription with up to 20 characters per line. These bricks are a great way to honor anyone who has left a lasting legacy in your life.

Order forms are available at the 19th Ward's new Mt. Greenwood Service Office, 3215 W. 111th Street, or online at www.the19thward.com. Bricks will be for sale until February 15, 2011. For further information, please contact Maureen Chausse at mchaussemk@wowway.com.



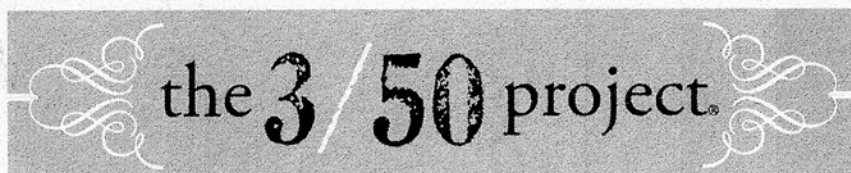
New *Walgreens* Open for Business



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After much anticipation, the new Walgreens at 111th & Kedzie is open for business. Pictured above is Alderman Ginger Rugai with representatives from Walgreens cutting the ribbon on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. We look forward to the opening of a new Dunkin Donuts at that location later this year.

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EVENTS

40th Annual Beverly Arts Center Benefit Auction, For the Love of Art, Sat., Feb. 12, 6 p.m. Admission is \$50 and includes hors d'oeuvres buffet catered by Wishbone, live music by the Smiley Tillmon Band, silent and live auctions, and Valentine's surprises.

12th Annual Chicago Irish Film Festival, Fri., Mar. 4 through Wed., Mar. 9. Six days of screenings plus opening and closing receptions give audiences a glimpse into the innovation and cultural creativity of today's outstanding Irish filmmakers. Individual screenings, \$10; opening night reception and screening is \$30; closing night program of short films and reception is \$20; festival passes, which can be purchased through Mar. 1, are \$65 and include all screening and receptions. Discounts are available for BAC members.

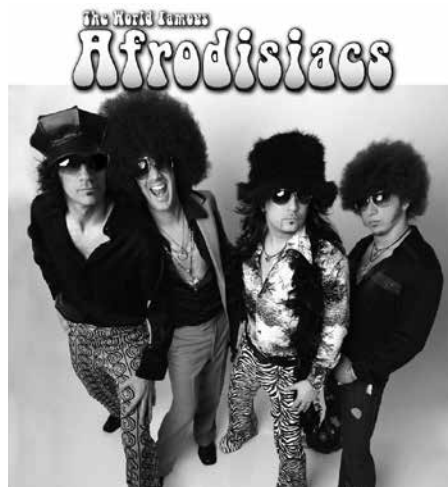


2nd annual South Side Irish Parade Family Fest, Fri., March 11, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sat., March 12, noon to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10 each day for ages 13 and up; \$2 for children age 2 through 12; free for children under age 2. Friday night fun includes bean bag tournament and live music beginning at 5 p.m., and Tributosaurus as Van Morrison at 8:30 p.m.; over 21. Saturday's family activities include children's South Side Irish Parade, contests, crafts, theater performances, live music and lots more. Food, beverages and vendors both days. Plus, the grand raffle! This event is a partnership of the South Side Irish Parade Committee and Beverly Arts Center.



MUSIC

The World Famous Afrodisiacs, Sat., Feb. 19, 8 p.m. Spend an evening in Funkytown as America's #1 disco tribute band performs hits by KC & the Sunshine Band, Kool & the Gang, Lionel Ritchie and more. You can't have more fun for \$20 (\$15 for BAC members)!



Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett of Little Feat perform a concert of outstanding guitarwork and song, Sat., Mar. 19, 8 p.m.

Dick Tumatote & The Power Trio, Fri., Apr. 1, 8 p.m. Native south sider Duke Tumatote grew up with the blues and began playing rocking-blues-roots around the city in the 1960s and a member of REO Speedwagon. \$15 (\$12/BAC members).

John Lee Hooker Jr., Fri., Apr. 15, 8 p.m. Born in Detroit, the son of the great John Lee Hooker has blues in his blood, and performs a knock-out show full of fire and inspiration. \$18 (\$16/BAC members).

BULLY FREE BEVERLY

On Tues., Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Anne Parry of the City of Chicago Office of Violence Prevention will be joined by other anti-bully experts at a program designed to help parents, educators, community members and kids recognize and eliminate bullying. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by The Blossom Boys.

"Sounds," an original play written and performed by students from Mount Carmel High School, dramatizes the extreme effects of bullying, Sat., Feb. 26, 8 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 27, 2 p.m. \$10 general admission, \$5 for students with ID. In the show, four students who are deemed "abnormal" by their classmates and bullied incessantly band together to teach their bullies a lesson.

BACinema

"Last Train Home," Wed., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. Every year a Chinese husband, wife and daughter, among thousands of other families, make the journey home to celebrate New Year's with their family. The expensive, 2,000 kilometer travel nightmare gives them only a few days together, time which can bring as much difficulty as happiness. \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

"Inspector Bellamy," Wed., Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Gerard Depardieu plays a celebrated Paris police inspector who gets caught up in an investigation while on vacation. A memorable crime thriller. \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

"Inside Job," Wed., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. The Wall Street Journal calls this documentary narrated by Matt Damon "a scathing examination of the global economic meltdown that." \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

Special Screening:

"Race to Nowhere," Sun., Feb. 20, 2 p.m. This compelling documentary examines "the dark side of America's achievement culture" and how it affects children whose lives are so structured and focused on success, they have little time to be children or learn some of life's most basic lessons on how to succeed, such as creative thinking and working together. Discussion follows screening. \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members, \$3/students).



"Made in Dagenham," Wed., Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. In 1968, female workers walked out of the Ford Dagenham car plant to protest sexual discrimination. This dramatization of the events stars Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins and Miranda Richardson. \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

LITERARY ARTS

BAC Writers, open critique group for adult creative writers, 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 7 p.m. \$5 (\$3/BAC members). Information: grace@beverlyartcenter.org.

Author Afternoon hosts Bonnie McKeown and Chicago blues musician Larry Taylor discussing their book about Taylor's life, "Stepson of the Blues," Sun., Feb. 27, 2 p.m. \$5 (\$4/BAC members). Books can be purchased and signed at event.

BAC Street Journal, the BAC's literary and fine arts magazine, is accepting submissions of poetry, short fiction, essays, black and white illustrations and black and white photos through Mar. 1 for review for the spring issue. For information or submission guidelines, email bacstreetjournal@gmail.com.



CHILDREN'S THEATER

Chicago Kids Company will perform "Sleeping Beauty," a one-hour musical version of the favorite fairy tale, on selected weekday mornings, Feb. 2 through Apr. 29. Tickets are \$10 per person with group rates available.

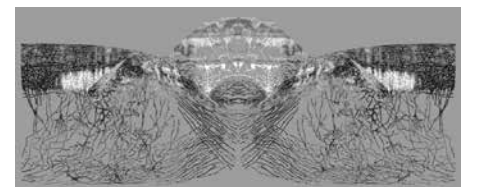


"How to Eat Like A Child," Delia Ephron's hilarious guide to NOT being a grown-up is a BAC Star Production, performed by acting students, Sat., Mar. 19 and Sun., Mar. 20. \$7 (\$5/BAC members).

GALLERY NEWS

South Side Impressions art competition and exhibit, open to all ages. Share your artistic expression of what the South Side means to you. Entry deadline is Feb. 20. Accepting and winning works will be exhibited Mar. 4 through Mar. 31. For applications and more information, visit www.beverlyartcenter.org and go to Gallery.

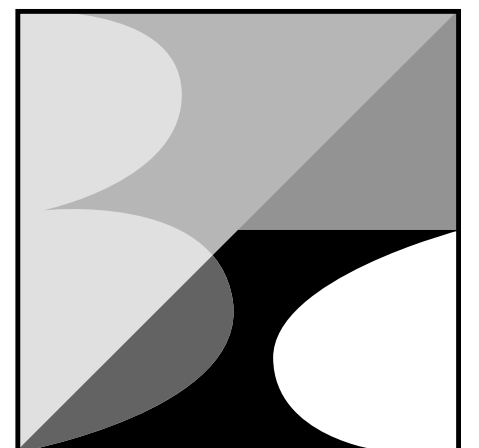
"Minscapes," work by Beverly artist Andrius Plioplys, Feb. 11 through Mar. 20, opening reception Fri., Feb. 11, 6 to 9 p.m. Free.



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Spring classes in art, drama, music, dance, theater, writing, movement and more the week of Mar. 20. Registration is open until classes begin. Register early for discounts: Super Savings Day is Feb. 4; early registration discounts continue through Feb. 18.

The BAC is a great place to see a show, and it's also one of the most affordable venues around! Call 773-445-3838, purchased at the BAC, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago or buy online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.



For the Love of Art

BAC Hosts 40th Annual Benefit Auction

For the Love of Art, the Beverly Arts Center's 40th annual benefit auction, will be held Sat., Feb. 12, at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. This Valentine's weekend event will be filled with romance: champagne will be poured at the bar, chocolates and red velvet cake will be served for dessert, and diamond jewelry will be offered in the live auction.

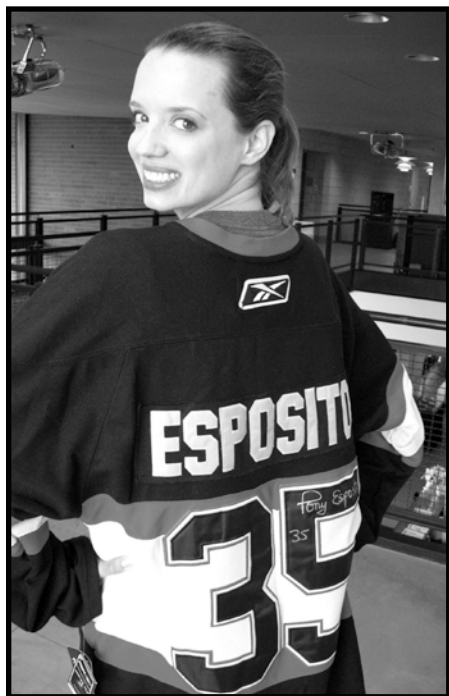
The evening begins at 6 p.m. with the silent auction featuring a variety of items from jewelry to original fine art. The professional live auction begins at 8 and will offer an outstanding array of unique items. Although the focus is the auction, the event is much more than

just a bidding war! It's one of the year's most popular parties. Hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Wishbone, whose Southern style home cooking was recently featured on WTTW's Check, Please. Following the live auction, the Smiley Tillmon Band will perform their danceable blues, soul and funk revue. Red Velvet Cake, chocolates and more champagne will add a sweet touch to the festivities.

"What's not to love?" asks the Beverly Arts Center Auxiliary members who plan and present this all-volunteer fund raiser for the not-for-profit arts center.

Here are a few of the items that will be auctioned For the Love of Art:

- New York City trip that includes a four day art history connoisseurship class with the Cristin Tierney Fine Art Advisory, plus a bicycle tour of Central Park, tour of the Lincoln Center, dinner at the new Lincoln Ristorante and a New York Yankees baseball game, includes airfare and accommodations.
- Custom made hat from Optimo. One of the few places in the United States that still makes hats by hand, Optimo made the hats Johnny Depp wore in "Public Enemy" (Johnny is a repeat customer!) as well as Tom Hanks and Paul Newman in "Road to Perdition." The shop has customers from around the world, including many high profile Chicagoans.
- A week-long getaway to a cozy farmhouse in Harbor Springs,



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- A private tour of the Art Institute Modern Wing and lunch at Terzo Piano.

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- Original fine art, including works by Tim Anderson and Brian Ritchard whose works were commissioned for permanent exhibit at the new Beverly Branch Library, and John Colson, a founder of the Colson Truck Group of Chicago artists. Anderson is an artist of international acclaim who is best known for his iconic portraits. Ritchard had exhibited his work all over the country, most recently at the South Bend Museum of Art. Colson is known for his whimsical wire sculptures.

- Chef for a Day at Cafe 103. Spend a day as Sous Chef, working alongside Chef Kevin Koziol and the Cafe 103 kitchen team, preparing the evening dinner service. Learn kitchen prep skills and food presentation from the best! Auction items are added every day! Keep up with the news about the Beverly Arts Center 40th Annual Auction on Facebook.

For information on donating to the Auction, call 773-445-3838 ext. 208. The Beverly Arts Center is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit.

Auction tickets are \$50 and available by calling 773-445-3838 or online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Transportation: Metra Rock Island to 111th Street/Beverly Hills; CTA 111th Street from 95th Street Red Line; PACE 349 and 49A Western Avenue.

2nd Annual South Side Irish Family Fest

March 11th and 12th

The 2nd annual South Side Irish Parade Family Fest will be held on Fri., March 11, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. (over 21 crowd), and Sat., March 12, noon to 11 p.m. at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th Street south on Western Ave.), Chicago. Admission is \$10 each day for ages 13 and up; \$2 for children age 2 through 12; free for children under age 2.

Live music, food and beverages, vendors and special events will be the cornerstones of the two-day celebration of Irish heritage.

Headlining on Friday night will be Tributosaurus as Van Morrison, a terrific, high powered tribute show. The evening starts at 5 p.m. with live music and a beanbag tournament; Tributosaurus will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Family will be the focus from noon to 4 p.m. Sat., Mar. 12, with activities ranging from a children's South Side Irish Parade (kids' sized floats encouraged), a variety of free crafts, live children's theater performances with an Irish twist, con-

tests that include Irish Soda Bread and Best Dressed Irish Dog, and lots more.

The main tent stage will be busy all day and night with a variety live music ranging from traditional Irish to Irish rock.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each with a \$5000 grand prize. To purchase raffle and/or festival tickets, or for more information about the Family Fest, contact the Beverly Arts Center at 773-445-3838 or www.beverlyartcenter.org.

This event is a partnership between the South Side Irish Parade Committee and the Beverly Arts Center.

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ernment also offers tax credits for the purchase of many energy efficient products for your home. Credits are available for many heating, ventilating, air conditioning (HVAC) systems, insulation, roofs (metal or asphalt), non-solar water heaters, windows and doors. Through the energy star tax credit program,

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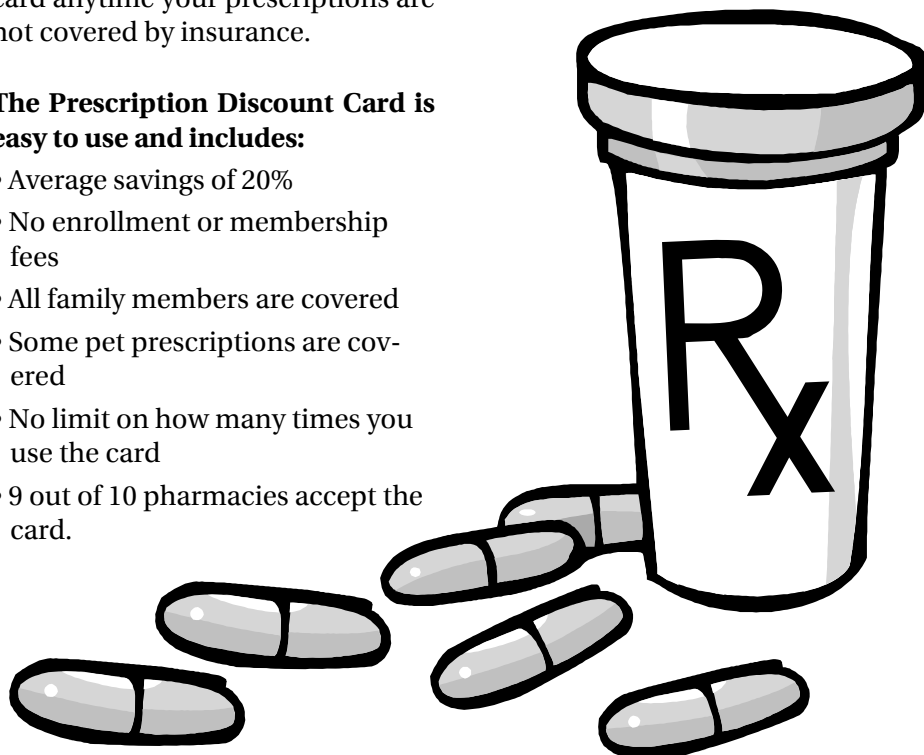
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Golf I*: (June 13-16)

Football: (June 20-23)

Basketball: (June 27-30)

Wrestling: (June 27-30)

Volleyball: (July 11-14)

Golf II*: (July 11-14)

Soccer: (TBA)

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Senator Maloney on Current Issues in State Government



Even though the new session of the 97th General Assembly has just started, State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) is already hard at work.

Committee Appointments

Maloney will continue to serve as Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee. He also has been appointed a member of the Labor, Transportation, Appropriations II and Redistricting Committees.

"I'm happy that I will be able to continue my work as Chair of the Higher Education Committee," said Maloney, a former educator. "For years I have been trying to make college more affordable and to im-

prove graduation rates. I now have the opportunity to continue on with these important initiatives."

Education Reform

Late last year, Senator Maloney was appointed to the Special Committee on Education Reform. Members of the committee have held two meetings with education reform groups, teachers' unions, parents' groups, and other interested parties. They are discussing important topics like tenure, teacher dismissal, school report cards, and collective bargaining, issues that have long been taboo in state government.

"I am convinced that everyone involved in this process—parents, teachers, administrators, and reformers alike—believes we need to provide Illinois' children with the best education possible," Maloney said. "We need to make every effort to

help every child in this state graduate from high school. And, when they graduate, they should be prepared to go to college, to get a job, and to be responsible citizens."

Performance-based Funding for Public Universities

For several years, Senator Maloney has been exploring of tying part of public universities' funding to performance—not just enrollment.

His goal is to introduce a legislative proposal this year, and his currently working with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and others to form a specific plan.

"Performance-based funding is a way to encourage universities and students to excel," Maloney said.

"We need to look at how many students complete classes, not just how many students sign up for them."

Reaching out to the Local Community

Senator Maloney recently invited local elected officials to sit down with him and Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) to sit down and discuss state and local issues. Maloney and Cullerton were joined by local state representatives, aldermen, and mayors. The productive discussion centered around the recent tax increase and public-employee pension reforms.


Alsip Mayor Patrick Kitching and Palos Heights Mayor Bob Stras felt the meeting gave them a better understanding of the State's financial position. They also both said they felt fortunate to have Maloney representing them in Springfield.

Public Recognition

Senator Maloney has also received two legislative awards in recent months. He was named Legislator of the Year by the Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Life Services Network, which advocates for better long term care for the elderly and chronically ill.

"I always appreciate being recognized for my legislative work," Maloney said. "I will continue to fight for better care for people with disabilities, chronic diseases, and long-term illnesses."







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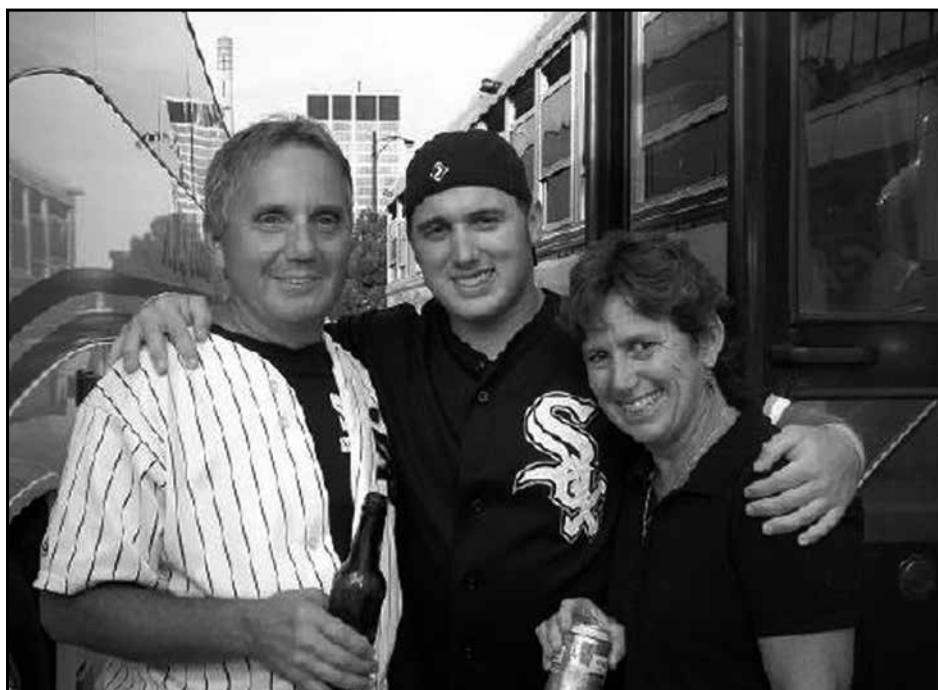
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race to the finish line. With God's grace and support of his loving family, friends, therapists, nurses and medical staff, Kevin's journey to the finish line continues. Kevin's daily successes are celebrated; he is determined to win this battle and has a strong dedicated team supporting him.

Friends of the Renderman family have created gray rubber bracelets, gray to symbolize brain tumor awareness. All proceeds from the sales of the TEAM KEVIN bracelets will be used to prepare for Kevin's homecoming. Bracelets are \$20.



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Providing a strong presence in the community

- More than 350 undergraduate and graduate students live in the 19th Ward.
- University events have drawn approximately 16,000 visitors annually.
- The SXU Community Connection Council provides a forum for the University and its neighbors to discuss programs and policies that might impact the community.
- The semi-annual Community Connections newsletter has a circulation of approximately 6,200 area residents.

Contributing to the health of the community

- Saint Xavier demonstrates a commitment to the health and well-being of the entire community by offering lowcost, professional primary health care to our neighboring areas through the University Health Center.
- The Ludden Speech and Language Clinic provides affordable diagnosis and treatment for clients with various communication disorders.

Offering free cultural events to the community and the public

- The SXU Voices and Visions Speaker Series, featuring prominent speakers such as former Secretaries of State Madeline K. Albright and General Colin Powell, and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel, has drawn a combined total audience of more than 6,500.
- The Catholic Colloquium lecture series seeks to expand our understanding of the University's identity and responsibilities as a Catholic institution of higher learning.
- The Squeaky Weal Lecture Series promotes thoughtful consideration and civil discourse on issues of public concern, with a focus on the religious, moral and/or ethical implications of such issues for the common good.
- The art gallery hosts approximately 10 rotating exhibits each year, contributing to the University's positive cultural impact on the community.
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