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— Oscar Wilde

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NASCAR and festivals kick 16-inch softball out of Grant Park



NASCAR's arrival has driven Chicago's beloved game—16-inch softball—out of Grant Park. It used to be the biggest slow-pitch venue in the Windy City.

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Field

The redneck racing sport, NASCAR, apparently has driven Chicago's beloved game—16-inch softball—out of Grant Park, the biggest slow-pitch venue in the Windy City.

According to a report by Block Club Chicago, dozens of teams that have played in the corporate, industrial and saloon leagues at Grant Park for decades were tersely notified that their season had been canceled because of the upcoming June 22 through July 5 NASCAR race, festivals and other events.

"Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the Chicago Park District [CPD] killed 16-inch softball in the Windy City," said Ron Roenigk, publisher of Inside Publications, and a player-manager who participated in the Media Softball League for decades. His "Inside Dirt" co-ed softball team played at Grant Park, Lincoln Park, and Waveland Park on Tuesdays and Thursday nights.

"There are so many profit-making 'close-off-the-park-to-non-payer' events in Grant Park now that tax-paying Chicagoans have basically lost their recreational front yard for the better part of the summer. It really is a scandal," said Roenigk, whose 70-year-old Media League shrunk to six teams in 2022 from 36 teams in 2019—an astounding 83% loss in the historic Chicago sport in just three years.

The softball teams being booted out of Grant Park were not playing for free. The annual league fee was \$1,000 or more per team.

"The CPD sold out its long-

time steady customers for a 'hot new girl' who would pay more," Roenigk said. "Most Chicagoans don't have any concept of how much public-park real estate the Park District has leased out to private companies involved in profit-making ventures."

He also said that the for-profit Chicago Sport & Social Club [CSSC] "lock-up diamond permits early in the season, and that just reduces the days and times available for traditional CPD softball leagues which are rapidly disappearing. I guess, money talks, and if you pay enough money, you get preferential treatment from the CPD," said Roenigk.

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Paul Rowan, president of the 16-inch Chicago Softball Hall of Fame, said: "I think what makes it more disappointing is they're pushing it aside for the NASCAR event, which is not part of Chicago, where this game is known as Chicago's Game."

"Grant Park's historic softball fields should be nominated for landmark status," noted softball umpire Larry Comstock, whose

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North Siders go to the polls

***Run-off aldermanic races in 43rd, 46th and 48th wards;
run-aways in 40th, 49th and 50th***

Another election night has come and gone and here's what we learned about this one.

First, we saw that Mayor Lori Lightfoot made history as a one-term mayor. She was as unpopular as many on the North Side thought she was. The top two finishers, Paul Vallas and Brandon Johnson represent deeply opposite sides of Chicago's political spectrum, creating a matchup that should draw a great deal of nationwide attention as the two can-

didates are politically-positioned wide apart.

In aldermanic races on the North Side, Wards 2 (Brian Hopkins), 32 (Scott Waguespack), 42 (Brendan Reilly), 44 (Bennett Lawson) and 47 (Matt Martin) were all uncontested, so the winners were set in those wards before the first vote was ever cast.

Here is where the contested races finished on Tuesday at deadline.

There will be run-off elections

in three North Side wards, while in three others, the incumbents ran-away with the race.

Wards where fewer than 50% plus one vote were attained, will see the top two vote getters running against each other on April 4.

Lincoln Park's 43rd Ward proved to have had the closest race with Timmy Knudsen topping 27.3%, followed by Brian

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Community meeting March 8 on new Zen Leaf pot shop location

The Zen Leaf marijuana dispensary will be hosting a community meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, to discuss a request to change the Planned Development at the Gateway Center.

Zen Leaf owns a medicinal and recreational dispensary at 7305 N. Rogers and is looking to relocate into a vacant storefront on Clark St. directly north of the existing Aspen Dental in the Gateway Centre Plaza at 7541 N. Clark St.

The dispensary has outgrown its location on Rogers and has been searching for a new storefront in Rogers Park that would allow more space.

Previously, they had considered the former Leona's location at 6935 N. Sheridan Rd., but that

proposal was rejected by Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] and area neighbors who thought that an alternative location would be more suitable for the business.

Back then, on Nov. 23, we were told the Leona's owner changed their mind about selling the property and is only interested in leasing the site. But JB's does not want to lease, they are looking to purchase a property.

After the Sheridan Rd. pot shop proposal was rejected, Zen Leaf chose a new space at 7541 N. Clark St.

The location will provide them with approximately 4,800 square feet of retail space and 100 parking spaces just east of the building. The owners feel that this lo-

cation may meet the needs of its clients.

In order to establish a dispensary at this location, ownership must first amend the planned development that governs the zoning for the property. The only proposed change to the planned development would be to allow a medical and recreational pot dispensary within the planned development boundaries.

If ownership is successful in amending the planned development, it will still need to secure special use approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ownership intends to file for the planned development amend-

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City says TIF-tapping plan for Clark St. going to Plan Commission March 16

The Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] has announced their intentions to send their controversial Clark Street Crossroads study plan to the Chicago Plan Commission on March 16 for potential adoption.

The Clark Street Crossroads plan would impact the stretch of Clark St. from Montrose north to Foster.

The city may be angling a Pedestrian-Street zoning designation [P-Street] over the area. A P-Street is a relatively new zoning designation that few outside of City Hall understand. It is applied to streets with a pedestrian-friendly character, and limits some commercial uses that require vehicle use or traffic.

The purpose of the designation is to encourage a pedestrian and

biking character to a commercial districts. Therefore, commercial entities that attract cars (like drive-throughs, delivery services, car body or repair shops, or even Lincoln Towing) are intentionally zoned out.

P-Streets are required to comply with a series of pedestrian-oriented design standards for building setbacks, windows, and entries as well as restrictions on negative impacts to the pedestrian environment such as driveways, surface parking, drive-throughs.

The lightly promoted Crossroads plan was cobbled together over the last two years by the DPD and three North Side aldermen hoping to keep from having to return about \$7.3 million in Tax Increment Financing [TIF] property tax funds to the various

taxing bodies.

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In 1999 the Clark/Montrose TIF was formed with its goal being to ensure that new private investment occurred to "ensure that the land use, vehicular access,

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Mayor's "Cenaculo," minus the matzah and Kosher wine



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"The Last Supper," or "The Cenaculo," as Italians say, is a moment frozen in religious and artistic expression thanks to Gospel writers like St. Luke and artists like Leonardo da Vinci. Both men created and shared some pretty dynamic imagery of the life of Jesus and those who would follow him.

Ever since that history-laden moment of a special Passover unfolded, it has been the focus of great art from the Renaissance to the Modern Era. A communal portrait. The simple gathering with friends around a table to share not only special food, but also the limits of human endurance. It's become a profound expression of engaging the unchangeable in life.

I remember vividly visiting Milan decades ago. I entered the dining room of the famed Dominican monastery, Santa Maria della Grazie. After shaking off a load of Japanese tourists with cameras, I made it through a series of high tech, temperature controlled glass doors, only to find myself alone for six minutes looking up before the famed "Last Supper" by da Vinci, painted on the wall.

It was not the cliché I expected. My tears fell.

Back here in Chicago, having a "Last Supper" moment is often also profound.

That's what I heard all last week following the Calamity Jane Lightfoot "last supper" at Gibson's Steakhouse. Upstairs in a private room. Loaded with her strongest political allies.

A hungry Who's Who of Chicago political muscle for the beleaguered mayor. Her tried and true. People with the clout and the cash to help her stay on City Hall's fifth floor. But to no avail. Undoubtedly there is a Judas, a betrayer, nearby. And someone to rub the tummy, like the youthful apostle John.

It appears to have been a most heartfelt moment of gripping reality. A crystal ball moment. Especially after the mayor's campaign analysts started adding up the vote spread among the mayoral candidates.

They appeared to have come to the conclusion that Mayor Calamity was looking as a most troubled candidate. You didn't need to be a fortune teller to see this coming.

Calamity's inner circle was never more valuable to her. They spoke the hard truth of a failed campaign. Harsh words to hear, so you want your besties around you when those words are spoken.

Plus a few cocktails and a Gibson's steak.

Just what the doctor ordered, on the eve of destruction.

That's the thing about analysts. They are on a different timetable being in possession of information that the general public doesn't read every two minutes.

Truths beyond the campaign hype, the name calling, the false news narratives, the scolding fellow candidates, questioning the legality of where your biggest opponent resides and embracing the gibberish of the falsehoods of public data that you've released.

Ultimately all of it must come to an end.

Meanwhile the beleaguered voter was forced to rely only on the observable truth of reality.

And everyone is forced to acknowledge what the facts can teach.

For instance "Looting is looting." It's unreasonable to call it political disenchantment.

Stealing expensive items of clothing, again and again, from fashionable shops that will be forced to close, is not a political action. It's thievery.

When a couple of underage teens jump into your auto on Lake Shore Dr., Chicago Ave., or Michigan Ave. and terrify you till they toss you out of your car, that's not valued political expression. It's a nasty, thuggish crime.

And when elected officials no longer see the true nature of such crimes, they are no longer effective in their role as a political leader. They are just part of the general lawlessness of our time. Enabling the moral disintegration of our culture.

After months of dodging the truth of Chicago life and the vicious fears that hang about our zip codes, the mayor was told to brace herself. A time of change was knocking on her door. A change in leadership. A change in our embrace of the law. And a change in the brainpower that secures Chicago's safety, assets and honor.

All over town there seemed a surge in people making sure that their vote would count by making certain their mail-in ballot was posted early to the Board of Elections, or going to an early vote center. Voters no longer have to fear the snow, low temperatures or the necessity of a ride to the polling place.

Your vote by mail was secure. No cigar smoking precinct captain could alter the way you vote. No sneaky alderman could alter the power and value of your decisions.

The candidates you voted for all safely received your vote. No donut chomping election judge could obscure the dynamism of your vote.

Our Mayoral Election was a 'crazy as a bed bug' endeavor. The child of generations of Chicago vote shenanigans. Look at the huge slate of candidates. Or the top-heavy array of single party candidates. All are an indication of our long and troublesome history counting votes.

Just think of the JFK Presidential Election back in 1961. And the way in which Chicago concealed the final number of votes well into the night. Until they knew the number of votes JFK needed to put him over the top. Well after midnight. When the vote avalanche was finally released, poor Richard Milhous Nixon didn't know what hit him.

So I'm finding great irony and pathos in the Mayor's "Cenaculo," minus the matzah and the Kosher



Cardinal Blase Cupich and Father Greg Sakowicz.

wine. Just plenty of table-side friends. Disappointed. Heartbroken. War-weary and politically naive.

What were they thinking as they ordered their rare filet mignon? That Chicago's life was so good these past four years that only a fool would not want to continue with the Lightfoot regime?

Time for another Grey Goose martini, straight-up. Extra olives... Is that drink number four or five?

Da Vinci was a realist painter. Not my favorite. I prefer his contemporary Donatello. A true master of the brush. Da Vinci painted emotions. Whether that was a troublesome Judas or a tummy-rubbing boyish John. His Cenaculo marks the last time that gang of Jesus' would ever be together. The rest of the night would be shocking. Filled with chaos.

Maybe that's how Calamity's pals felt as they ordered their gigantic double-stuffed potato. Or that massive wedge of carrot cake for dessert.

Chicagoans are speculating where Calamity's career might wind up after her exit. Some thought the President might send her to a foreign diplomatic post. Don't think so. Others mentioned she might like a Federal Judgeship. Wow, she'd be tough. But she could always recuse herself from trials of Chicago aldermen. And others suggest she might find her way to a fancy law firm and teach in a Chicago law school because there's always her alma mater, the Univ. of Chicago.

But in the end, her political career, itself, has been the architect of her future. She enters a world more clear, less chaotic and more sincere. Where values can be re-defined and purpose can be re-designed. Populated with writers and painters in a landscape you can trust. Perfect for a profound expression for engaging the unchangeable in life. As easy as a Passover supper.

PACZKI: Sako and Soupie.

Cardinal Blase Cupich and **Father Greg Sakowicz**, pastor at Holy Name Cathedral enjoyed their pre-Lent Paczki. How many did you have?



Ron Lenzi

ERIE CAFE: **Ron Lenzi** for almost three decades was the tough and rough boss at Erie Cafe, River North Chicago's most fabulous Steakhouse and Italian eatery. Grandson of **Eugene (Gene) Michelotti**, Chicago celebrity owner of famed Gene & Georgetti's Restaurant, he died last

month. Ron had the touch of creating high end eateries of dynamic ambiance and stunning menus denoting a nonchalance that today is endemic Chicago. With a customer base that's a Who's Who of Chicago political power and social elegance with a twist, Ron welcomed Chicago's most colorful characters, the Gold Coast elite, who found in his most stress centered vittles, the sound of fresh generations of children with the legacy of true Chicago refinement and sizzling ambiance.

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"Signed, Sealed Delivered" at Mercury Theater is Wonder-ful

"You can feel it all over"



Heart
of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

John-Mark McGaha always knew he wanted to be a musician, "just like Little Stevie." That's Little Stevie, as in singer/songwriter extraordinaire, Stevie Wonder.

If you ask me, McGaha accomplished his mission. He is truly extraordinary telling the musical story of the incomparable Stevie in "Signed, Sealed, Delivered: A Stevie Wonder Experience," which runs through March 12 at the Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave.

MaGaha's performance would definitely make "Little Stevie" proud. Please, get there if you can and see this thoroughly Wonder-ful, joyful, and uplifting show while at the same time supporting a local, community theater.

McGaha, born in Birmingham, AL, but currently living in Nashville, is an acclaimed singer, storyteller, multi-instrumentalist, and also a Stevie historian. He does all of those jobs stupendously, and, dare I say this, his voice may even be better than Stevie's. Seriously, this guy is smooth as silk and that he performs with an amazing, seven-piece band and two awesome supporting singers is the icing on the cake.

Speaking of cakes, while me and a couple of others were dancing in the side aisle, the Stevie-written song, "Happy Birthday To You," started being played. I found out I was standing next to a birthday girl, Darlene Murray, who turned 88 last Saturday. Darlene's granddaughter, Shaneen Murray, had taken her to the show to celebrate. That was particularly special for me because it was my maternal grandmother Grandma Betty's birthday too and I was reminded of her. My grandmothers were a huge part of my life. Clearly Shaneen felt the same way about her grandma too.

The thing with Stevie music is, you pretty much know all the words so you can not only dance, but you can sing along, which of course I did. It was fantastic to escape from all the stress of the election and relax, listen to some great music and see fabulous performers. The songs took me back in time, to people in my life, to places I've been, and to memories of those no longer here.

During "Living for the City," and "Higher Ground/Don't You Worry 'Bout A Thing," I was 15 again, smoking pot at my older brother Marty's house, chillin' out to Stevie's "Innervisions" album, Bose speakers cranked up. At the time he lived in Lincoln Park, on Sedgwick, just north of Armitage Ave. My friends and I used to go there to hang out because he had the best stereo.

(Ok, full disclosure, it was because we could party there too. Hey, it was the '70s!)

To this day, "Innervisions" remains one of my all-time favorite albums. (I would've loved to hear McGaha sing "Golden Lady" off of it though.)

My other fave Stevie album is one we all know and love, "Songs in the Key of Life." It came out just after I graduated high school, and once again, my big brother Marty, who is no longer with us, turned me on to the "Songs" album as he had "Innervisions." So when McGaha sang "I Wish," "Sir Duke" "Isn't She Lovely," and "Love's In Need of Love Today," my thoughts turned immediately to my late bro.

It was definitely a trip down Memory Lane for me. And I didn't even get to my stories about tunes like "My Cherie Amour," "You are the Sunshine of my Life," "Boogie on Reggae Woman," "Superstition," and the ever-beautiful, "I Just



(L-R) John-Mark McGaha (right) and members of the band. Supporting vocalists Cherise Coaches, left, and Jessica Brooke Seals.

Photos by Ryan Bennett Photography



Happy birthday to you: Left to right: Martin McGee, Sharlene Ford, music director/musician William Kurk, Shaneen Murray, Darlene Murray (birthday girl 88-years-young) and Darlene Ford.

Called to Say I Love You."

I love that McGaha interweaves his own life and Stevie's, giving us a glimpse of where they both came from. He tells of how Stevie was born blind and tales of his upbringing and adoration for his mother, Lula Mae. We learn the stories behind the songs, and also of Stevie's history with Motown and beyond.

McGaha has been a lifelong lover of music -- and Stevie. At the age of five, he began studying classical piano and he later attended Birmingham Southern College and the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. He radiates charm, and although he spoke of his wife, "Amazing Grace," and their five children, McGaha still had some of the women in the room swooning (as did his band members). His charisma -- and enormous talent -- has him headlining concerts across the country with Artists Lounge Live, a Chicago-based production company presenting concerts nationwide with timeless, popular music, created and produced by married team Angela and Michael Ingersoll.

I like what the Ingersolls say on their website: "Together, we care for audiences with a refreshing blend of humor and heart. We explore America's cultural landscape with the music as our guide. Through popular music, our shared heritage, we offer audiences an authentic emotional connection. We believe in the restorative power of live entertainment for the individual and the community."

I wholeheartedly agree with their last sentence. I too believe in the "restorative power" of live entertainment. I firmly believe it helps heal the soul.

Sending a shout out to the Ingersolls, McGaha, and all the others involved in this outstanding production. They rocked it. That includes: Will Kurk (music director/piano/synth/vocals/band arrangements), Will Baggett on bass, Chuck Lacy on drums, Cherise Coaches and Jessica Brooke Seals on backup vocals, Josh Rzepka on the trumpet and Jesse Montijo on sax.

The show runs Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays: 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tix are \$35-\$75. For more info, go to www.mercurytheater-chicago.com.

A little trivia for you: Did you know that the building housing the Mercury opened in 1912 as a silent film nickelodeon, named The Blaine Theatre after actor and former

Senator and Secretary of State James G. Blaine? The Blaine became obsolete when talking pictures became popular nationwide in 1928. The building served a variety of uses until 1994, when it was purchased by theater producer Michael Cullen and transformed into a live theatre.

Congrats... to aldermanic candidate (as

of deadline we had no election results) Bill Morton and the Rogers Park Chamber of Commerce, for receiving an award from Employment Opportunities in Chicago for helping provide job opportunities. Morton (along with interim Chamber president Trudy Leong) recently accepted the honor at the Chicago Hip Hop Heritage Museum on the city's South Side.

Morton, a Rogers Parker, has held numerous job fairs and we applaud him for his efforts on that, as well as for running a clean and filled-with-hard-work aldermanic campaign. Each and every day he was out there in the cold, making pertinent videos, cleaning up the community and pointing out problematic spots. (He also stole the show at the 49th Ward Aldermanic Candidate Forum held last week.)

We send Morton our sincerest congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

Mark your calendars now... because

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There are no more games at Lake Shore Park on Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile, where elite competition was played in the shadows of high-rises, and teams partied on Rush St. after games. Above, another famous softball bar, the former Chicago Joe's on Irving Park (visited here by the team Vintage Risk, is gone, soon to be apartments. Today, virtually all of the very competitive neighborhood leagues are dead and the softball bars are now just a faded memory.

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team, "Smoke," was inducted in 2011 as a historic team in the Hall of Fame.

"After all, the very game of softball was invented here in Chicago in 1897, and the first indoor game was played at the Farragut Boat Club at Lake Park Ave. and 31st Street, only a couple of miles from Grant Park," said Comstock, who also played on the historic Chicago Sun-Times Hall of Fame team, inducted in 2008.

This writer was inducted into the softball Hall of Fame in 1999, played hundreds of games at Grant Park and won more than 30 championships in the Industrial League for the Chicago Daily News and the Sun-Times from 1975 through 1995, is thoroughly shocked that "Chicago's Game" was driven out and our parks were sold for cash.

"With the Michigan Ave. high-rise cityscape to the west and Lake Michigan to the east, playing



by Don DeBat

The Home Field

softball at Grant Park—Chicago's beautiful "front yard"—always was an awesome experience," said Robert Egan, a Chicago Sun-Times player and manager whose team was a five-time champion at the park in the elite Mike Royko Softball Tournament in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 and 2009.

"Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who brought NASCAR to Chicago, is not a native Chicagoan. She is from Ohio," noted Egan, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008 along with 120 other Sun-Times and Daily News players as teammates on that historic team. "Lightfoot doesn't understand the history of our game. She is rewriting history, and spitting on the grave of famed columnist Mike Royko, a great promoter of the game."

Over the past decade, traditional men's and women's 16-inch softball leagues have been shut down in far too many city parks to mention.

Memorable Lake Shore Park on Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile, where elite competition was played in the shadows of high-rises, and teams partied on Rush St. after games, now is a faded memory.

The once-elite 16-inch softball league at Clarendon Park, where



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the legendary water-injected "juiced ball" was invented in the 1960s by park director George Morris to hold scores down, now caters to 12-inch glove leagues in a "social setting."

Downtown softball at Grant Park, where more than 350 teams once competed in leagues organized by the CPD took a turn for the worse after the tragedy of 9/11.

Metered parking along Columbus Dr. near the fields was removed for security reasons. Players were forced to park five blocks away and walk to the fields, or take a cab. Chicago Fest and annual music festivals such as Lollapalooza trashed the valley between Columbus Dr. and the Outer Dr. Now, NASCAR sponsors are revving their engines to burn out the downtown game forever.

Another enemy of the historic blue-collar game of 16-inch slow-pitch softball is Chicago Sport & Social Club, which bills itself as "a leader in the social-sports industry."

The organization's website says CSSC is "the largest organizer of adult sports leagues, social

events and tournaments nationwide with more than 100,000 annual participants across 20 sports, including softball, flag football, kickball, beach volley ball, pickleball and cornhole, to name a few.

"Softball was good for neighborhood businesses, pumping tens of thousands of tax dollars into the city. Now, virtually all of the very competitive neighborhood leagues are dead and the bars are closing. It's a very sad turn of events," said Robert Egan.

The CPD collects their cut of the fees, and provides diamonds. The CSSC organizes, administers and profits heavily from men's and co-ed recreational and competitive softball leagues.

The CSSC play seven days a week in more than a dozen city parks, including Lincoln Park South, Revere, Hamlin, Stanton, Seward, Waveland, Union, Brands, Eckhart, Sheridan, Oz/Jonquil, Clarendon, Wrightwood and the University of Illinois/Chicago Turf Recreation field.

For the 2023 season of seven games, each team pays an entry fee of \$1,235. The fee includes team jerseys, an online schedule and standings, a certified umpire, and championship shirts for the winning team. Other perks and giveaways are handed out after the games in sponsor bars. Another bonus—a free Athletico Injury Assessment.

"Chicago's game once was played in every park and gravel

school yard across the city," Egan recalled. "At the neighborhood level, serious and skilled blue-collar saloon teams flocked to corner taverns after the game for camaraderie—the life blood of softball."

A tavern sponsor like Chicago Joe's, a saloon on Irving Park Rd. and Western, typically paid a sponsorship fee of about \$600 per league to bring in the players for shots and beer, Egan said. "Softball was good for neighborhood businesses, pumping tens of thousands of tax dollars into the city. Now, virtually all of the very competitive neighborhood leagues are dead and the bars are closing. It's a very sad turn of events."

Perhaps most symbolic in all this, last week Chicago Joe's was demolished to make way for a 39 rental apartments.

Today, the elite 16-inch softball teams play in the suburbs at Forest Park and Westchester. This writer wishes them well. Keep cutting and pounding that Clincher.

For a good read on the history of softball in Chicago, by a copy of "The Greatest Game on Dirt" by Al Maag. And, visit the 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame website: <http://16inchsoftballhof.com/shop>.

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Illinois annual effective tax rate highest in nation

Economists: High tax burden driving families, businesses out of state

BY MARK RICHARDSON
Illinois News Connection

You're not imagining it, taxes are making life in Chicago is very expensive. Studies show the tax burden on people and businesses in Illinois - and particularly those in Chicago - is among the highest in the nation.

Economists warn that unless lawmakers change how they write budgets, Illinois is likely to continue its decade-long exodus of residents and businesses, a 2022 WalletHub report found.

Reports show that the median Illinois household has a tax liability of \$9,500, while Chicago's debt per taxpayer is almost \$42,000.

Justin Carlson is a policy analyst for Illinois Policy Institute. He said the main driver of debt at both Chicago City Hall and the statehouse is underfunded pensions. The federal COVID bailout cash papered over the problem for the last three years but the problem has not gone away.

"It means higher taxes and higher fees, as the pension systems have required more funding," said Carlson. "That's less funding that you have for education or health care or social programs, or violence prevention, different things that communities rely on."

Carlson said the watchdog group Truth in Accounting reports Chicago's debt totals almost \$49 billion, with two-thirds of that owed to the city's pension fund. In recent years, the city has almost doubled its property taxes to make its annual payments. (The state of Illinois is estimated to have \$219 billion in unfunded pension liabilities.)

Carlson said across the state, the annual effective tax rate is just over 15%, making it the largest among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. That tax load is nearly 39% more annually than the nation's average. He said the

high taxes are taking the biggest bite out of the incomes of people in marginalized neighborhoods and communities of color.

"That burden shifts even more to the people who can't afford to

er and higher burdens."

He said part of the problem is that the formula for funding public pensions is spelled out in the Illinois Constitution, giving lawmakers very little leeway in how they write the budget.

"If you wanted to reform public pensions in Illinois, you would need to advance a constitutional amendment in order to change the benefits that are currently being offered," said Carlson. "So it's the case really locally and statewide of pensions being over-promised."

The study also found Illinois state and local governments levy the nation's second-highest gas taxes and second-highest effective property taxes on residents.

Despite being asked to pay more than anyone else, the state's worst-in-the-nation pension debt eats dollars that should be spent on improvements to public services - the things residents ex-

pect their taxes to be used for. Illinoisans are left watching their tax bills climb while their tax dollars are diverted to cover in pension promises made by politicians.

When cities and towns face dangerously high pension costs, they are forced to raise property taxes to cover shortfalls on debt payments. As a result, residents pay more in taxes towards past government services but don't see benefits from current government services. They are more likely to see cuts to services as the old pension debts consume the new taxes. This often forces low-income families out of home ownership, or out of the state altogether.

When these pensions eat up more property tax dollars, less funding is left for essential services such as schools - unless taxes are increased. State teachers' pension payments have grown 225% since 2000, now consuming 39¢ of every K-12 education Dollar spent by the state in 2022.

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leave or don't want to leave," said Carlson. "Your taxes are just going to continue to go up, and that kind of feeds this vicious cycle where you have less money to draw from, and then the people who are left need to pay for high-

Push continues to fix Chicago region's transit finances

Rail systems face fiscal cliff in 2026

BY YVETTE SHIELDS
Illinois Bond Buyer

The quest to find a long-term funding fix for the Chicago region's transit system began in earnest during the last month with Chicago area civic, planning, and business leaders on board.

With ridership slow to return after the COVID-19 pandemic, the region's bus and rail systems face a \$730 million fiscal cliff in 2026 when federal relief coronavirus relief funds run out.

A coalition led by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning - the Plan for Action for Regional Transit [PART] - began meeting in January to begin developing recommendations for state lawmakers.

The aim is to ensure the long-term financial viability of a coordinated regional public transportation system with proposals due to the General Assembly.

The Illinois Regional Transportation Authority, which provides fiscal oversight of the Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] rail and bus service, Metra suburban commuter trains, and Pace suburban buses, last week adopted its long-term strategic blueprint, "Transit is the Answer" that lays out fiscal, equity, and climate goals.

The two efforts are closely linked. The RTA plan will inform the coalition's recommendations as will CMAP's own Mobility Recovery project. The goal also extends beyond overcoming the looming fiscal headwinds to cover governance and regional service with an eye on equity.

"We need big, bold solutions that can secure and strengthen the second-largest transit system in the country and continue to serve those who need it most, reliably and affordably," CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman said in a statement after PART's

Steering Committee's first meeting last month.

CMAP was created in 2005 under state authorizing legislation to lead regional planning.

Near-term, the RTA's service boards are grappling with lagging ridership numbers, an employee shortage, and - especially for the CTA - public safety fears over crime and violence that dampen the ability to lure back riders.

Longer term, the service boards face a financial reckoning in 2026 after federal pandemic relief is exhausted.

The PART steering committee held its first meeting Jan. 18 and plans to convene four more times over the course of the year with three subcommittees charged with laying out plans for what the transit system should look like, how to pay for it, and how to implement the recommended changes.

The 27 panelists cover a broad range of stakeholders from the business community, environmental, labor, and civic sectors with public finance well represented.

Muni specialists include Carole Brown, Chicago's former chief financial officer and public finance banker who also has previously led the CTA board and is now with PNC; and Mayer Brown partner David Narefsky. Justin Marlowe, a professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, and Deborah Carroll, director of the Government Finance Research Center at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago, are also members.

The size of the looming gap, which equates to nearly 20% of operating expenses, underscores the depth of the strains as ridership remains far below pre-pandemic levels.

"This large of a structural operating deficit cannot be addressed solely through service cuts and raising fares, because the cuts that would be required would bring about significant disruptions to service, further inequity in terms of affordability and accessibility, and disproportionate impacts on lower-income individuals who rely on transit for essential travel," Carroll said.

The anticipated service reductions needed to fill the 20% operating budget gap would likely be around 30-40% due to transit service having relatively high fixed costs, and the resulting impact would ripple through the region's transportation network, posing new strains.

"This would inevitably contribute further to roadway traffic congestion, which now exceeds its pre-pandemic levels, while transit ridership has not fully rebounded,

suggesting many riders have not come back to transit since the pandemic," Carroll said.

"So, looking at both sides of the revenue/expenditure equation is necessary," Carroll said. "Everything is on the table. We don't want to have to do this again in 10

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PAWS to host golf fundraiser June 12

The 3rd Annual PAWS Chicago Peter Fasseas Golf Open will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 12, at Westmoreland Country Club, 2601 Old Glenview Rd., Wilmette.

Guests will enjoy a day of golf with on-course entertainment including cocktail and food tasting stations, raffle prizes, golfing contests, a Golf Ball Shooter, and photo stations with adoptable animals.

The day will conclude with a dinner reception featuring a silent and live auction, program, and networking with other corporate and individual supporters. Funds raised will help PAWS Chicago save the lives of countless homeless dogs and cats.

For more information or reservations visit <https://www.pawschicago.org/events-dog-training/fundraising-events/golf>.

Lincoln Park Council meeting March 8

The Lincoln Park Advisory Council will be meeting in person 6:45 p.m. March 8 at the Margate Park Fieldhouse, 4921 N. Marine Dr. There is a parking lot east of the fieldhouse with a meter. The meeting will be in the smaller clubhouse meeting room.

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Community run at Warren Park March 4

'Go Run, a free series of organized and timed 1 mile and 5K community runs in neighborhood parks across the city, is back. The first run of the year will be 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4 at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western. Register is at www.cararuns.org/gorun.

'Go Runs are open to everyone and seek to make running enjoyable and accessible to all. Come out to walk, run, race, jog or volunteer. Long-time runners, first-time runners, families and children are invited to take part.

'Go Run is a community-based initiative that serves to activate neighborhood parks and to strengthen communities by encouraging an active lifestyle through running and volunteerism. Runs are held at parks throughout the city. For more information visit www.cararuns.org/gorun.

Weiss Hosp. supports earthquake efforts in Turkey, Syria

Millions of people in Turkey and Syria are in need of food, shelter, medical supplies, and essential provisions in the aftermath of the area's most powerful earthquake in modern history. To date, more than 42,000 people have lost their lives after two earthquakes with magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.6 rocked the area.

The tragedy hits home in Chicago for Turkish and Syrian medical residents at Weiss Memorial Hospital. Chief Resident Mehmet Vural, M.D., a Turkish citizen, has dedicated "every free moment" over the past two weeks to organize a medical supplies and essential needs drive at Weiss.

"I am a Turkish citizen helping the Turkish American Cultural Alliance and Turkish Consulate in Chicago to deliver medical supplies or any kind of essential items that are needed in the affected areas right now. In collaboration with Turkish Airlines, items are being delivered to Southeastern Turkey where most people were injured, perished, and left homeless in cold winter weather," said Dr. Vural.

"I was awake at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6 when the first main shock hit the Mesopotamia region, the birthplace of the first civilizations on Earth and the place where three main tectonic plates intersect," said Dr. Vural. "My first reaction was that we need to send immediate help to those people in anticipation of the natural disaster. While my family is located farther away from the earthquake zone, they still felt the tremors of the main shock. I have many friends who died—who perished under rubble—and colleagues who lost their lives while actively working in the hospital."

In Syria, a 12-year civil war has complicated relief efforts as the United Nations and humanitarian organizations struggle to deliver and distribute aid to millions of Syrians affected by the earthquake.

"Both Syria and Turkey have been greatly affected by this tragedy. For Syria in particular, things



(Left to right) Drs. Mehmet Vural, Amro Taha, Ahmed Ali, Ahmad Fahim Hedayat, Ali Rashidi, Fadi Khir and Ahmet Yassa stand near a truckload of donations.

"I want to especially thank our attending physicians who helped remarkably. With their financial support we purchased baby formulas, blankets, canned food, gloves, heating pads, tents and many other essential needs for the families and infants," Dr. Vural said.

are way more complicated. It's very difficult to get many supplies there. On top of the suffering that has been going on there for years, it makes it even more important to help," said Internal Medicine Resident Fadi Khir, M.D., a Syrian native.



Nearly 10,000 aftershocks have been reported since Feb. 6.

Fellow Resident Ali Al Asadi, M.D., added, "It is critical to help. We are doing this because of the need we saw on the news and what we heard from our families. Syria is going through a tough time anyway, and now they are in need of even more help."

Overwhelmed by the generosity of the Weiss community, Dr. Vural expressed his gratitude for being a part of and serving the Weiss family.

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mulas, blankets, canned food, gloves, heating pads, tents and many other essential needs for the families and infants," Dr. Vural said.

"I would also like to thank Dr. Fadi Khir from Syria, Drs. Ahmet Yassa and Seyma Eroglu from Turkey, and Drs. Ahmed Ali from Egypt and Ali Rashidi from Iran, for their great help with supplies and logistics," he added.

Dr. Vural and his fellow colleagues have purchased a wide range of supplies. In addition to these essential supplies, Weiss donated many pharmaceutical medicines and antibiotics. West Suburban Medical Center provided a large donation of essential surgical equipment.

To date, Dr. Vural has made eight trips to the Turkish Consulate and Turkish American Cultural Alliance to deliver provisions, medical supplies, and equipment donated from the hospitals.

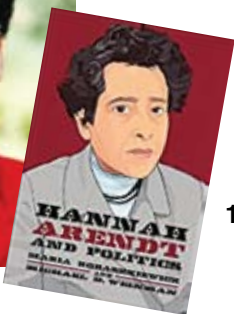
Engin Turesin of the Turkish Consulate General in Chicago expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of Turkish and Syrian nations to the two communities for their support. Given the ongoing earthquakes in the region, people will be in need of essential items for a very long period of time, Turesin noted.

If you would like to donate, refer to Charity Navigator's list of highly-rated charities providing relief and recovery to Turkey and Syria.

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Liquor store burglary crew strikes again; cops link dozens of cases to the group

BY CWBCHICAGO

An armed burglary crew that has struck dozens of liquor stores during overnight raids across Chicago over the past month was back in action Monday morning.

Chicago police have issued a series of warnings about the group, which has broken into stores from Hyde Park to Rogers Park to Jefferson Park and Wicker Park.

The crew of between three and five men travels in a gray Dodge Durango equipped with stolen license plates as they travel around town, according to Chicago police documents reviewed by this reporter. Police believe the burglars take the plates off the truck before they commit a crime, then put them back on afterward.

They started this morning by driving into the city from near 125th St., making a stop to

burglarize a liquor store in Hyde Park.

They moved on to the North Side and tried to break into Cardinal Wine & Spirits, 4905 N. Lincoln, around 2:45 a.m. But they were apparently spooked by a passing patrol car and moved on. Officers reported seeing the Durango running stop signals with its headlights off as it sped from the area.

But they had better luck breaking into Park West Liquors, 2572 N. Lincoln, around 3:30 a.m. A witness reported three or four men, all dressed in black and wearing face masks, inside the store.

Police arrived in time to see the Durango speeding away from the store. Officers followed it to Lake Shore Dr. but then let it go due to safety concerns, according to CPD radio transmissions.

Around 4:50 a.m., the group

broke into Division Street Liquors, 1759 W. Division, then headed outbound on the Dan Ryan Expy.

In addition to hitting mom-and-pop shops, the group has targeted big-box Binny's locations in Hyde Park and near Goose Island, according to police records.

In its most recent warning about the crew, CPD linked them to a growing list of burglaries including:

- 5500 block of N. Milwaukee on Jan. 21 at 5:35 a.m.
- 4900 block of W. Irving Park Rd. on Jan. 23 at 4:30 a.m.
- 4000 block of N. Kedzie on Jan. 24 at 5:30 a.m.
- 2600 block of N. Kedzie on Feb. 4 at 6 a.m.
- 3200 block of W. Diversey on Feb. 4 at 6:12 a.m.
- 1700 block of N. Marcey on Feb. 4 at 6:24 a.m.
- 1000 block of W. Fullerton on

- Feb. 7 at 1:58 a.m.
- 400 block of W. Belmont on Feb. 7 at 2:35 a.m.
- 300 block of W. North Ave. on Feb. 8 at 2:41 a.m.
- 3100 block of W. Montrose on Feb. 8 at 3:23 a.m.
- 5200 block of N. Lincoln on Feb. 8 at 3:45 a.m.
- 4600 block of N. Kedzie on Feb. 16 at 1:36 a.m.
- 1200 block of E. 47th St. on Feb. 16 at 3:01 a.m.
- 1700 block of N. Marcey on Feb. 16 at 3:28 a.m.
- 5500 block of N. Milwaukee on Feb. 16 at 5:41 a.m.
- 2900 block of N. Broadway on Feb. 22 at 2:48 a.m.
- 2900 block of W. Devon on Feb. 22 at 5:45 a.m.
- 2500 block of W. Lawrence on Feb. 22 at 6 a.m.
- 2400 block of W. Diversey on Feb. 24 at 4 a.m.
- 3600 block of N. Damen on Feb.

- 24 at 4:48 a.m.
- 1800 block of W. Irving Park Rd. on Feb. 24 at 6:02 a.m.

Anyone with information about the crew can contact Area One detectives at 312-747-8384, Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263, or Area Five detectives at 312-746-7394. Refer to crime pattern P-23-008B.

The crime pattern bears strong resemblances to a similar wave of liquor store break-ins that vexed Chicago cops one year ago. In fact, some of the stores that have been targeted this year were also victimized during last year's wave.

Two men and a woman have been charged with participating in last year's crime wave, which also included break-ins at high-dollar retailers, including Burberry and Moosejaw.

Appeals panel closes door on homeowners' challenge to Chicago's 'Airbnb ordinance'

BY SCOTT HOLLAND
Cook County Record

Chicago's River North, Rush St., Lincoln Park, Wicker Park and Wrigleyville neighborhoods are some of the most popular spots with Airbnb clients. A state appeals panel has now said they have no reservations about ending a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a Chicago ordinance regulating short-term rental properties, such as those sold through Airbnb.

Homeowners Leila Mendez and Alonso Zaragoza sued the city in Nov. 2016 to challenge its then-recently enacted shared housing ordinance. The lawsuit named as a defendant Kenneth Meyer, in his official capacity as commissioner of the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. They said the ordinance violated the state constitution through provisions concerning inspections and excessive noise, a primary residence rule and a ban on single-night rentals.

Airbnb's impact on the North Side is a hot topic of conversation among property owners, city government leaders and community members. Some argue that the sharing economy of Airbnb rentals hurts an already pricy housing market. Short-term rentals take away the option for longer term renters to claim that space, leaving fewer rental options on the market and



Single night Airbnb-type rental events to host large parties can draw trouble. In Sept. 2022, a man was shot and killed at a party in Old Town, and in Aug. 2020, a 30-year-old man was shot in Wicker Park.

driving up the prices.

Opponents feel it takes away from the sense of community because renters stay only short periods.

Proponents suggest Airbnb rentals bring money into the Chicago communities where they are located. A visitor who might normally choose a hotel Downtown might instead choose a unique rental in a different neighborhood. The restaurants,

boutiques and other businesses in that area earn revenue from those renters.

Single night rental events can draw trouble. In Sept. 2022, a man was shot and killed in the 1300 block of N. Hudson Ave., in Old Town. In Aug. 2020, a 30-year-old man was shot in his leg at 1478 N. Milwaukee Ave. in an Airbnb rental above Buffalo Exchange in Wicker Park.

The homeowners in the 2016 case said the city's inspection requirement violated protections against unreasonable, warrantless search and seizure of private property; argued a requirement that people can only rent space in their primary residences is disconnected from a legitimate state interest; and said a limit on excessive noise violates due process protections because it is both vague and inequitably applied, as hotels or bed-and-breakfast rentals don't have the same guideline.

After the city won dismissal on virtually all of the original complaint, it did so again on an amended complaint. They returned with a second amended complaint resulting in cross-motions for summary judgment. A judge ruled the homeowners lacked both a legal injury and standing to sue.

In their third amended complaint the plaintiffs added an allegation the single-

night ban unlawfully delegates the power of the legislative branch to administrative officials.

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Cook County Circuit Court Judge Cecilia Horan dismissed the final complaint due to lack of standing.

Mendez and Zaragoza then brought their challenge to the Illinois First District Appellate Court, which affirmed Horan's ruling.

Justice Terrence Lavin wrote the panel's decision, issued Feb. 14; Justices Michael Hyman and Mary Ellen Coghlan concurred.

Regarding inspections, the panel explained the ordinance allows inspections

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Be spotted at Bar Roma, third annual spaghetti + meatball eating contest

In celebration of National Meatball Day, Bar Roma, 5101 N. Clark St., will hold their third annual eating competition 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9. Put on an old t-shirt and get ready to splatter because participants will be challenged to race their way through a massive bowl of spaghetti and manzo (beef) meatballs.

The first person to finish the bowl will receive a \$100 cash prize, along with Bar Roma merchandise, restaurant gift cards and more. Prizes will also be awarded

to the second and third place competitors. The eating contest entry fee is \$20 per person. To reserve your spot, call Bar Roma at 773-942-7572.

Dining guests and spectators may enjoy half-priced “Spaghetti e Polpette” on March 9 from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Chef Ramos’ signature dish features hand rolled spaghetti with pomodoro sauce and beef meatballs (\$12).

For reservations visit BarRomaChicago.com, or call 773-942-7572.

How to get the stain out?

Are you planning to wear a 100% cotton white shirt to the Bar Roma spaghetti and meatball eating contest? Well then, machine washing your shirt may not be enough. Depending on what’s in the sauce, it’s going to host a combination of color bodies and oils.

Well nothing beats the kick bleach has to “bleach” to out the colored part.

What Clorox suggests is that one wash that shirt in the hottest wash recommended for the item. You might consider a quick bleach soak if appropriate for the item/color. Put 1/4 cup of regular

bleach in gallon of cool water, and soak for 5-10 minutes. Do a hot water wash with detergent and bleach.

Do the quick three-step Bleachability Test if you are uncertain:

1. Add 2 tsp liquid bleach in 1/4 cup water.
2. Apply a drop on a hidden area like inside seam, hemline or cuff.
3. Wait one minute and then blot with towel. If there is no color change, that means it is safe to use bleach on the item.

You might also try the Clorox BleachPen Gel on the stain. Apply using the scrubber tip; then wash in hot water with detergent and 3/4 cup Clorox Bleach.

Clorox says their UltimateCare Bleach is safe enough to pour directly onto the stain; rub in and then wash in hot water with detergent and 3/4 cup Clorox Bleach.

Now go eat some spaghetti and meatballs.

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if you missed this exhibit late last year when it was at the Northtown Library, here’s another opportunity to catch, “Then and Now: 10 Decades of Jewish Community in West Rogers Park.” The photo retrospective will be on display at the Bernard Horwich JCC, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., starting March 20.

Produced by the Jewish Neighborhood Development Council of

Chicago and the Jewish Historical Society, the exhibit, which is free and open to the public, features rare, annotated pix that go back as far as the early 1930s, which is when Jews apparently started trickling into the neighborhood with many coming from Lawn-dale, on the city’s West Side.

The images cover growing up in West RP, and its Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies. See the founding of the first synagogue and the “Golden Age” of the ’50s

and ’60s at Mather High School and along Devon Ave. (where some of my early and best memories are of my other, maternal grandmother, Grandma Peggy, taking me shopping at the department store, Crawford’s. Anyone remember it?).

The display sounds like a cool retrospective. This time around I’ll definitely check out the neighborhood’s history, community celebrations, demographic changes and more.

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or 20 years, so any recommendations for change coming out of the steering committee are intended to produce long-term solutions.”

For Carroll, the subject hits home personally because she lives in the South Loop and relies on public transportation after opting not to renew her car lease last June. “Other than being generally passionate about public transit, this project is giving us an opportunity to take a holistic approach to regional transit with the intention of making lasting, long-term changes,” she said.

“Transit is the Answer,” unveiled by the RTA late last year and approved last week by the board, provides a starting point for the PART group. The RTA describes the plan as promoting safe, reliable, accessible public transportation that advances equity and combats climate change with priorities laid out in areas of funding, safety, speed, and reliability.

The plan seeks to tackle issues on multiple fronts. Beyond financial fixes, it promotes the convening of a region-wide, cross-sector safety and security summit to come up with fixes for the crime issues, seeks funding to pilot an expanded regional free or reduced fare program for poor people, and looks for input on crafting a transit climate action plan that moves toward zero emissions for transit operations.

“The adoption of this plan represents a region-wide united front to meet the challenges facing transit head-on and to make crucial improvements to the system,” said RTA Board Chairman Kirk Dillard.

The RTA’s service boards re-

ceived a \$3.5 billion federal pandemic lifeline that has plugged budget gaps since 2020. Relief will help balance budgets through 2025.

The transit blueprint examines 27 revenue options and identified 11 potential fixes. “Their findings show that there is no simple or singular funding solution,” the plan says.

Potential revenue streams considered as fixes include an increase in the existing RTA sales tax levied on Cook County and neighboring counties, an increase in the state motor fuel tax, implementation of congestion pricing on highways into Chicago, and expanding the RTA sales tax to services that are now exempt.

Other ideas include a vehicle miles traveled tax on the number of miles driven in a vehicle to replace 5% of state motor fuel taxes lost by fuel efficiency, expanding the real estate transfer tax now imposed on city transactions to include the suburbs serviced by the RTA, raising vehicle registration fees, and increasing Illinois State Toll Highway Authority tolls to benefit transit.

Many of the options face roadblocks because they need other governmental bodies like the state and city to act.

Other options related to state funding include increasing the state public transportation funding match by 5% and eliminating a 1.5% surcharge the state keeps from RTA sales tax receipts.

The plan envisions cataloging capital projects and applying metrics that enhance accessibility, equity in the distribution of projects and enhancing spending in areas that traditionally have seen underinvestment, and promoting reduced emissions.

The RTA’s \$3.58 billion budget is up 6% from this year reflecting nationwide trends in inflation, rising costs of goods and labor, and a labor shortage. The service boards are raising pay and bonuses to attract and retain workers. The budget relies on \$657.8 million of system-generated revenue and \$1.55 billion of sales tax revenue.

The budget includes no general fare increases in 2023. The service board budgets will draw \$670 million from the federal well of \$3.5 billion in COVID relief.

Total ridership surpassed 50% of pre-COVID levels over the summer and is expected to rise to 316.3 million in 2023, which is about 56% of the pre-COVID 2019 level. Metra’s budget assumes ridership at 47% of 2019 levels, Pace at 51% and CTA at 58%.

The RTA and CTA won upgrades from Moody’s Investors Service in May, 2022, following the rating agency’s upgrade of the state government to Baal from Baa2. Moody’s raised the RTA’s \$1.7 billion of debt to Aa3 with a stable outlook from A1 and the CTA’s \$2.1 billion of senior lien sales tax bonds to A1 with a stable outlook from A2.

S&P rates the RTA at AA and stable and Fitch Ratings assigns its AA-plus rating and stable outlook.

S&P rates the CTA sales tax second lien A-plus and the senior lien AA and both get stable outlooks. Kroll Bond rates the CTA’s senior lien sales tax AA and the second lien AA-minus with stable outlooks.

The RTA’s financial troubles echo those seen across the sector. S&P Global Ratings revised its sector view on public transit to negative from stable for the coming year.

With transit, “there’s a lot of talk about a fiscal cliff,” S&P analyst Kurt Forsgren said in a recent webinar on the overall transportation sector. “Clearly we’re going to be watching how those operators are responding to the challenge and filling the hole left by fare revenues.”

S&P’s negative view on transit comes as operators spend down more than \$70 billion in federal aid that propped up agencies as ridership plummeted during the pandemic. The key question for many operators is whether they’ll be able to find a replacement revenue as federal aid runs out, S&P said.

The CTA’s fiscal and operational problems due to employee vacancies, which have stung service reliability and driven complaints about dirty trains and buses, and concerns about crime levels, have featured prominently among issues debated in Chicago’s mayoral race.

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Letters to the Editor

What are they thinking?

Good coverage and support for cars, roads, ample street parking, and “what are they thinking?” sprinkled throughout the Feb. 22 issue!

Why don’t we ask the “no cars!” people how they get their groceries and general supplies?

I would venture to guess they are Amazon Prime members, and we can thank their delivery trucks for clogging up our community by double parking while making their deliveries.

I don’t think I’m alone being annoyed with the bike lobby in our face, or pos-

ers posturing small business “support,” but taking away their parking in the next breath.

The 48th ward candidates proposed an array of traffic solutions, but not the side effects.

I’d vote to leave our streets and parking alone, but whatever safe street plan evolves, I’d ask to include accountability for those who blow through a stop sign on a scooter or bike.

Susan Darnall
Andersonville

Is city going to kill riverfront Nature Preserve public park plans over ‘equity test?’

Many North Side residents may not have heard that the city is conducting a feasibility study regarding the North Branch Park and Nature Preserve public park that is envisioned for the former General Iron site on the east bank of the Chicago River, north of North Ave.

Per our roles with the Lincoln Yards Community Advisory Council and the River Ecology and Governance Task Force, we have been asked to comment formally and informally on the feasibility study design.

But we got the sense that the City’s Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] designed it to fail, suggesting that it doesn’t stand up to equity tests.

But they also keep insisting that the riverfront park would only serve neighbors who essentially live within walking distance of the park, whereas they are siphoning away tax dollars from all of us for a mega-TIF for Sterling Bay to build Lincoln Yards next door using the argument that it will benefit the whole city.

Balderdash!

We just got some insider information confirming our suspicions about DPD’s intentions, and a bunch of us are pushing to make sure the city thinks about the envisioned 24-acre nature preserve as a space for all of us.

Friends of the Park

Top twelve things to give up for Lent

1. Expecting to get real neighborhood news reading the Tribune or Sun-Times.
2. Getting carjacked.
3. Eating bait and calling it sushi.
4. Calling the property tax lawyer every week to check on your appeal.
5. Buying another baseball jersey, every time your team signs a new second baseman.
6. Doing the math every morning to see if the Bulls still have a shot at the playoffs.
7. Buying an extra bag of salt, “just in case,” every time you stop by the hardware store.
8. Leaving the broken chairs to use for dibs out until April 15.
9. Grabbing extra crushed red pepper packs every time you pick up a pizza.
10. Skimming through the sports section at 7-11 and still not buying the paper.
11. Taking up an extra seat on the Clark St. #22 bus.
12. Wearing a COVID mask while driving alone in your car.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

Lincoln Park Ward Walks

The 43rd Ward Aldermen’s Office has announced three upcoming “Ward Walks.” The meeting locations will be:

- Thursday, March 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Gold Coast. Meeting at the SE corner of North Blvd. and State Pkwy.
- Friday, March 10, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Mid-North. Meeting at Adams Park at 1919 N. Seminary.
- Thursday, March 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Wrightwood. Meeting outside of New Life Church at 1110 W. Lill.



A Jurassic herd of giant animatronic dinos – from the largest predators to playful baby dinos – are coming to Navy Pier.

Jurassic Quest comes to Navy Pier

Walk among a herd of photorealistic dinosaurs

North America’s most popular interactive dinosaur experience is back, bigger than ever. Dinosaur fans can walk among the nation’s biggest herd of photorealistic dinosaurs when Jurassic Quest comes to Navy Pier, March 3-5, at Festival Hall A, 600 E. Grand Ave.

Jurassic Quest allows families to walk through 165 million years of the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods to learn about the creatures that ruled on land, and “deep dive” into the “Ancient Oceans” exhibit to come face to face with the largest apex predator that ever existed – a moving, life-size, 50’-long megalodon.

In addition to life-like dinosaurs, Jurassic Quest includes some of the largest rideable dinosaurs in North America, live dinosaur shows, interactive science and art activities including a fossil dig and real fossils like T-Rex teeth, a triceratops horn and life-size dino skull, a “Triceratots” soft play area, bounce houses and inflatable attractions for the littlest explorers.

Jurassic Quest is the largest and most realistic dinosaur exhibition in North America. Since 2013, Jurassic Quest has been touring epic dinosaur experiences, hosting millions of people across North America to an as-close-as-you-can-get look at the giants that ruled the Earth and sea millions of years ago.

New this year, Jurassic Quest is bringing more hands-on activities, that include an expanded Excavation Station and more Jurassic-themed rides and inflatables.



Even the animatronic herd has expanded to include fan favorites, the Utahaptor and Giganotosaurus.

In addition to “The Quest,” a self-guided scavenger hunt style activity where budding paleontologists can become Jr. Dinosaur Trainers, Jurassic Quest has launched a new video tour that features star dino trainers: Safari Sarah, Dino Dustin, Prehistoric Nick and Park Ranger Marty.

All expanded activities are included with general admission.

The Jurassic Quest herd of animatronic dinos are displayed in realistic scenes with some that move and roar, allowing guests to experience them as they were when they roamed the earth billions of years ago. Jurassic Quest works in collaboration with leading paleontologists to ensure each dinosaur is painstakingly replicated in every detail, from coloration to teeth size, to textured skin, fur or feathers, drawing on the latest research about how we understand dinosaurs and ancient giants of the sea looked and moved. Meet the babies, hatched only at Jurassic Quest: Cammie the Camarasaurus, Tyson the T-Rex and Trixie the Triceratops.

For more information and tickets visit www.jurassicquest.com.

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Lincoln Park Zoo has attracted countless Chicago locals and visitors since its founding over 150 years ago.

A unique realization of the city’s motto, “Urbs in Horto,” or “City in a Garden,” the zoo has provided generations with the opportunity to connect with nature in the heart of our urbanizing landscape.

Please join Adrienne Horrigan, Lincoln Park Zoo’s Senior Manager of Animal Data, Permits & Zoo Archives, as she discusses the history of the nation’s oldest free zoo and how it has evolved from a gift of four swans from New York’s Central Park into the remarkable cultural,

conservation, and educational organization it is today.

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\$200K bail for man who allegedly ran from River North crash scene with a gun in his hand



Tyris Banks

A Cook County judge set bail at \$200,000 for a driver who allegedly crashed into another car while speeding away from Chicago police in River North and then ran from the scene with a gun in his hand. The collision left four people in the other vehicle with minor injuries.

Cops saw Tyris Banks, 32, driving recklessly downtown while they were handling an unrelated traffic stop around 8 p.m. Feb. 19, officials said. They pursued him as he went through an alley, but ended the chase after he accelerated to a high speed on Dearborn, prosecutors said.

The cops saw him run three red lights after they terminated the pursuit, and he eventually crashed into another car at the intersection of Grand and Dearborn.

Police said Banks continued driving west on Grand, then stopped and ran from the car with a gun in his hand. After the police caught him, the cops retraced their steps and allegedly found his loaded handgun ditched between two vehicles.

All four people in the car Banks allegedly struck were taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Banks was also taken to Northwestern for back pain, police said.

Prosecutors charged him with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, aggravated fleeing causing bodily harm, and aggravated reckless driving causing bodily harm.

His defense attorney said he is a meatpacker who co-parents his 2-year-old child.

Judge Ortiz said that Banks must submit to electronic monitoring if he posts 10% of his bail amount to go home.

16-time convicted felon apologized for scaring woman while burglarizing her Edgewater apartment

A 16-time convicted felon says he's sorry that he scared an Edgewater woman while burglarizing her house. That's according to prosecutors who charged Christopher Johnson, 45, with residential burglary on Feb. 19.

Johnson, who is on parole for a burglary he committed while on parole for yet another burglary, was held in lieu of a \$1,500 bail payment by Judge Barbara Dawkins. The Illinois Dept. of Corrections has not filed paperwork to revoke his parole.

Prosecutors said the victim was sleeping in her garden unit in the 6200 block of N. Wayne when she heard a noise outside her bedroom window around 10:11 p.m. Feb. 18.

Moments later, she saw someone enter feet-first through one of her windows. She jumped out of bed,

ran out the back door, and went to a friend's house to call the police, said Adam Sammarco, a Cook County prosecutor.

Chicago police officers allegedly found Johnson near the woman's back door. He fled, but cops apprehended him a half-block away. Police also discovered an item belonging to the woman's roommate next door to their apartment building, as well as \$75. At the time of the break-in, the roommate was out of town.

Sammarco said Johnson apologized to police officers for scaring the woman.

He was released from prison last May after serving half of a six-year burglary sentence, according to IDOC records. His previous convictions include a 14-year sentence for burglary in 2009, possession of contraband in a penal institution in 2009, four felony theft convictions in 2007, and more burglaries in 2003 and 2002.

Judge Dawkins said that Johnson must go on electronic monitoring after posting his bail deposit.

Feeling lucky punk? Lincoln Park man, 73, opens fire on catalytic converter thieves



A Lincoln Park man likely made Dirty Harry Callahan proud when he fired shots at a catalytic converter theft crew that pointed a gun at him Feb. 21, according to a Chicago police report. No injuries were reported.

The 73-year-old man saw two thieves trying to steal his catalytic converter in the 2000 block of N. Larrabee around 3:40 a.m. He confronted the thieves, and one of them brandished a firearm, prompting the victim to open fire, a police spokesperson said.

Both thieves escaped in a dark SUV, which struck a parked car as they fled the scene, according to police.

Neighbors who called 911 said they heard yelling, followed by two or three gunshots. Police said the victim is licensed to own firearms.

Another round of catalytic converter thefts was reported in the area just after 5 a.m. One incident was reported in the 2200 block of N. Cleveland, just a couple of blocks from where the shots were fired earlier. Witnesses said the thieves on Cleveland fled in a white Dodge Durango.

A group of catalytic converter thieves has been threatening people with a handgun on the Northwest Side, according to a community alert issued Feb. 22 by Chicago police.

The police have not linked the Lincoln Park incident to the pattern.

Police said the Northwest Side crew travels in a black Audi and has been working during the afternoon and early evening hours. The car is a sedan with dark tinted windows and Wisconsin license plates, according to one police report.

Whenever someone confronts the crew in the middle of a theft, they threaten the person with a firearm, according to Chicago police.

The alert said the group struck in the 3300 block of W. Newport at 4:50 p.m. on Feb. 15; the 3700 block of N. Lawndale at 5:20 p.m. on Feb. 15; the 3700 block of W. Berteau twice at 5:38 p.m. on Feb. 15; the 7000 block of N. School at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, and the 3000 block of W. Sayer at 3:54 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Anyone with information about

the crimes is asked to call detectives at 312-746-7394 and reference pattern #P23-5-012.

Chicago police warn of robbery pattern in Loop

Two men have been mugging people this month in the Loop and South Loop, mostly along Michigan Ave., according to a new alert from the Chicago Police Dept. CPD said the robbers took the victims' property by using or threatening to use force. All of the crimes occurred on sidewalks, according to police data.

The first robbery listed in the warning occurred at 7:41 p.m. on February 2 in the 800 block of S. Michigan. According to a police report, a woman told officers that a man took her phone by force and fled in a car that appeared to be a Toyota.

The group struck again in the 1300 block of S. Wabash around 8:05 p.m. on Feb. 7.

Then, around 2:51 a.m. on Feb. 12, they took a woman's phone in the first block of N. Michigan and forced her to reveal the device PIN. A police report said the men, who acted like they had weapons, fled in an older black sedan. The report said the woman's phone was later tracked to the 3500 block of W. Lexington.

Police said the duo robbed another victim in the 1100 block of S. Michigan around 8 p.m. on February 12.

The suspects are both Black males between 16 and 26 years old, according to CPD's alert. They have been wearing dark hoodies with dark pants.

Tips about the crimes can be shared with detectives at 312-744-8263. The crime pattern is P23-3-016.

Thugs rob and beat man

Armando Puentes, 40, of the 2500 block of W. Fitch Ave., and Elizabeth Ortiz, 35, of the 2500 block of W. Fitch Ave., have both been charged with one felony count of Robbery and one felony count of Aggravated Battery/Victim 60+ after they were arrested on Feb. 20, in the 6800 block of N. Western Ave. and the 6400 block of N. Clark St., respectively.

They were positively identified as the offenders who, on Feb. 5, at approximately 11:34 a.m., battered and forcefully took property from a 62-year-old male victim in the 2500 block of W. Touhy Ave. The offenders were placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Federal helicopter, Chicago cops team up to catch 16-year-old carjacker in minutes

Chicago police officers and a federal law enforcement helicopter teamed up to arrest a 16-year-old carjacking suspect moments after the teen allegedly hijacked a 67-year-old man's BMW on the North Side on Feb. 21.

The victim had just parked his car and was walking in the 6000 block of N. Campbell when two offenders confronted him with a handgun around 8:07 p.m., according to a Chicago police report.

The report said that one of the robbers pistol-whipped the victim, then pointed the gun at the man's face. After getting the man's keys, wallet, and phone, the robbers drove away in his BMW X5. EMS took the victim to St. Francis Hospital for treatment.

Chicago police immediately began tracking the stolen car's license plate as it headed south on Lake Shore Dr., then east on Wacker Dr., according to CPD radio transmissions.

Within minutes, a high-tech helicopter operated by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security located the BMW from overhead. Ground officers arrested the BMW's driver after the car stopped in the 2400 block of W. Lexington around 8:33 p.m.

Police said he is a 16-year-old boy, now charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking of a person over 60 years old.

In a radio transmission to ground units, the federal officers said they did not see anyone else emerge from the BMW.

The helicopter, operated by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, partners with Chicago police, Illinois State Police, and the Cook County sheriff's office to conduct anti-carjacking surges a few nights each month. Tuesday just happened to be one of those nights.

Uptown man who allegedly fired shots, prompting SWAT standoff is on electronic monitoring for a gun case



Juan Manon (inset) and a SWAT vehicle that responded to the scene.

An Uptown man who is on electronic monitoring for a pending gun case is charged with firing a gun inside his apartment on Feb. 22, leading to an hours-long standoff with a Chicago police SWAT team.

Juan Manon Jr., 23, will appear in bond court on Thursday to face a new charge of reckless discharge of a firearm, according to a CPD media statement.

Officers responded to the 900 block of W. Cuyler after a resident reported that his next-door neighbor, who had been yelling all morning, had fired gunshots around 1:30 p.m. The first Chicago police officers on the scene radioed that they heard gunfire coming from the man's apartment, too.

Manon surrendered to the police around 6 p.m. More information about exactly what police and prosecutors believe happened should be revealed during Manon's bond hearing.

Court records show he is on electronic monitoring for a felony gun charge filed against him last summer. Officials said he was on probation for yet another gun charge at the time of his arrest last year.

In July 2022 incident, Chicago police responded to a trespassing call just a couple of doors down from where this week's SWAT incident occurred. Officers found Manon unconscious inside an apartment that was under construction with a backpack lying next to him, prosecutors said.

The fire department transported Manon to a hospital for treatment, and police, hoping to find identification for the unconscious man, looked inside the backpack. They allegedly found his ID inside the bag along with a loaded 9-mm handgun.

He was supposed to appear in court for a routine case hearing on Thursday, but he didn't make it because he was in police custody, according to court records.

At the time of that arrest, Manon was on probation for yet another gun case, which prosecutors allowed him to plead down from a felony to a misdemeanor, according to court records.

Boy, 13, shot in Rogers Park

Chicago police are investigating after a 13-year-old boy was shot in Rogers Park on Feb. 25.

Officers who responded to the scene said the boy and some witnesses did not provide information to help the police investigation, so details

about what happened are sketchy.

The boy was with other people on the corner of Jarvis and Greenview when someone fired shots around 3:35 p.m., according to initial information from the scene.

One bullet struck the boy just above the ankle in his left leg. He was taken to Lurie Children's Hospital for treatment.

Several people fled the scene, but one witness described the shooter as a Black male in his twenties wearing a black face mask, a black coat, and gloves. An officer said that he may have gotten away in an older white sedan, maybe a Toyota or a Honda.

The boy is the fourth person shot in Rogers Park this year. Three people had been shot in the neighborhood at this point last year, including one who was shot by a person acting in self-defense, according to public records. There was only one shooting victim in Rogers Park as of this date in 2021.

Armed robber tied up Andersonville phone store employee

Chicago police are investigating after an armed man tied up a cellular store employee during a robbery in Andersonville on Feb. 24.

The employee told police a man confronted him with a handgun and demanded cash from the register at Verizon, 5314 N. Clark, around 10:15 a.m. The robber then took phones from a safe and fled the scene, police said.

A CPD report said the victim was tied up during the robbery, which was recorded by the store's surveillance system.

An officer who saw the video radioed that the robber was a Black male standing about 5'-6" tall and wearing white gloves, a mask, a white hoodie, and a black blazer. He also carried a red book bag.

Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.

Locked inside Uptown jewelry store, robber escaped by firing shot through front window

An Uptown jewelry store robber shot out the store's front window because he couldn't get the door to open as he tried to make his escape on Feb. 22, according to Chicago police.

The man entered Heng Heng Jewelry, 1058 W. Argyle, around 2:30 p.m. and asked to see a gold chain, the police report said. He then tried to walk out with the jewelry without paying for it.

But the front door would not open, so he pulled out a gun and fired a bullet through the front window, causing the glass to shatter, police said. He then stepped through the window frame and fled the scene, according to an officer at the scene.

No one was injured during the incident, police said.

Surveillance video shows the man to be Hispanic and in his early 30s. He wore a black jacket over a gray hoodie and was last seen heading west on Argyre.

Parolee tried to sexually assault woman inside Buddhist temple

A Chicago man on parole for sexually abusing an 86-year-old woman during a home invasion is now accused of trying to rape a woman inside a Buddhist temple in Ravenswood. Donquale Glass, 27, was released from prison on July 13 after serving half of a seven-year sentence he received for committing a home invasion with a sex offense, according to state records.

Around 6 p.m. Feb. 22, Glass entered Chùa Quang Minh Temple, 4429 N. Damen, as a group session

Serial robber busted after angry ex-boyfriend turned him in

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Chicago man exacted a little revenge by notifying Chicago police that his ex-boyfriend was responsible for a string of robberies on the North Side in which the offender escaped in a U-Haul truck.

Kyuan Murry, 24, is now charged with four counts of robbery and unrelated misdemeanors, including domestic battery and criminal damage to property.

Prosecutors said Murry threw rocks at his ex's windows and kicked the man's door on Nov. 18. The ex-boyfriend reported domestic violence incidents involving Murry to police on Nov. 11, 2022 and again on Dec. 13, saying Murry pushed him against a wall both times.

On Feb. 22, the ex-boyfriend contacted police about the domestics and provided officers with pictures of the robbery proceeds, Assistant State's Attorney Rhianna Biernat said.

The robbery spree began on Dec. 10 when Murry grabbed a 62-year-old Uptown woman's purse by force, causing her to fall to the ground in the 600 block of W. Bittersweet, according to Biernat. Witnesses heard the woman's screams, and one took pictures of

the robber running away and the U-Haul truck he escaped in.

He allegedly committed three more robberies the next day.

First, officials said he climbed into the back seat of a 72-year-old woman's car as she was preparing to go for a drive in the 5900 block of N. Kenmore. He allegedly ripped a purse from the woman's shoulder and fled in a U-Haul truck. Once again, witnesses took pictures of the truck, and a CPD surveillance camera captured its license plate number.

Then, around 9:40 p.m., Murry grabbed a 49-year-old woman from behind in the 3000 block of N. Pine Grove in Lakeview, said Biernat. He allegedly tore away the woman's purse and escaped in the U-Haul.

The third robbery of the day was a bit different. Biernat said Murry and another man grabbed a 40-year-old male attorney from behind as the lawyer walked home in the 1600 block of S. Clinton.

They threw him to the ground, and one of them threatened to stomp on his face as they took his

wallet. The robbers fled in the U-Haul.

Police released surveillance images of the moving truck and the robbery suspect on Dec. 8, but the investigation ramped up after Murry's ex stepped forward.

Biernat said that Murry always got into the U-Haul cab from the passenger side, suggesting he also had help in the other robberies. She said the victims' credit cards were used at Target stores to buy gift cards shortly after each crime. Police found surveillance footage that showed Murry getting out of the U-Haul at one of the Target locations.

Murry's ex contacted the lawyer's law firm and reported that he had his court identification, which was taken during the robbery, Biernat said. Police also learned that Murry rented the U-Haul on Dec. 5.

Judge Ankur Srivastava set bail at \$120,000, meaning Murry must post \$12,000 to be released before trial.

On Feb. 15, Murry was charged with snatching a woman's purse in the parking lot of a CVS in Palos Heights earlier this month. Judge Linzie Jones handled that bail hearing and released him on his own recognizance with electronic monitoring.



Kyuan Murry

Prolific armed robbery team held up former Chicago cop at gunpoint

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three men recently charged with committing four armed robberies on the north and near west sides in December are now accused of robbing a former Chicago police officer during yet another hold-up on Dec. 11.

Dashun McGraw, 19, and 21-year-olds Marquise Green and Marchello Hicks were each charged with an additional count of armed robbery with a firearm on Feb. 21.

Prosecutors said the former cop saw all three men and an unidentified fourth person arguing with a woman as he left a laundromat in the 1100 block of W. 31st Street around 8:16 a.m. on December 11.

Hicks and McGraw ran up to the 57-year-old man, and McGraw held a firearm to the victim's face while searching his pockets for valuables, Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt said. Hicks also held a "rifle-like gun" to the ex-cop's side.

Green, who held a similar weapon, allegedly told the others they should shoot the man because he saw what they looked like.

After getting the man's wallet, the trio fled in two nearby cars, Dale-Schmidt said.

The next day, Dec. 12, the crew allegedly committed armed robberies in the 2400 block of W. Berwyn and the 4300 block of N. Leavitt around 3:15 a.m. and in the 2100 block of N. Claremont and the 4100 block of N. Wolcott around 10:30 a.m.

Prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said the four robberies followed the same playbook. The



Mugshots L-R: Marquise Green, Marchello Hicks, and Dashun McGraw.

crew boxed in someone sitting in a parked car, swarmed the victim with guns drawn, and took property.

She said three of the victims were warming up their cars as they prepared to go to work. The fourth had just parked when the crew spotted them.

Police recovered proceeds from most of the victims, and video cameras recorded all or parts of three robberies, Dale-Schmidt said.

Chicago police located the crew's stolen Hyundai Santa Fe shortly after the Wolcott robbery. Officials said it crashed into a city-owned truck in Lin-

coln Square and burst into flames while police were nearby.

According to Dale-Schmidt, at least one person in the area provided police with surveillance footage that helped cops locate the crew inside a garage in the 5100 block of N. Oakley. The officers found two guns in the garage and another inside a nearby garbage can.

All the men have been in Cook County jail since being held without bail during court hearings in December. On Tuesday, Judge William Fahy also ordered them held without bail for the latest allegations.

How to avoid business, consumer scams

The City of Chicago, the Better Business Bureau [BBB] and the Federal Trade Commission [FTC] are hosting a virtual webinar 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, that hopes to show people how to be alert to scams.

Steve Bernas, BBB CEO, and the FTC's Bill Hodor will present a fast-paced run through of the top scams now operating in Chicagoland, and they will

explain how to protect yourself and your business.

Fraudsters are constantly updating their techniques to scam business owners and consumers, and this seminar will show attendees how to be a hard target and avoid scams.

To register, visit https://us02-web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I6R1yf1ST_y6_ZP3lLp-Wdw.



Phyllis Johnson (inset) was paid \$300 for every three to five bags she stole and delivered to an exporter.

Woman shoplifted from Gold Coast lululemon store 30 times, getting merch worth \$36,000

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Chicago woman took merchandise worth \$36,000 during more than 30 raids of the Gold Coast lululemon store, prosecutors said on Feb. 23. At one point last year, she allegedly told a lululemon security guard that she sold the stolen merchandise to a third party for \$100 or less per bag so it could be shipped overseas.

Phyllis Johnson, 48, faces four counts of felony retail theft and operating a continuing financial crime enterprise. Judge Ankur Srivastava ordered her to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to be released.

Johnson shoplifted from the retailer's 930 N. Rush St. store over and over again, taking items worth \$1,920 on July 16, \$2,042 on Aug. 16, and \$1,672 on Aug. 17, prosecutors said.

On Aug. 26, when a store security officer spoke to her about retail theft, she allegedly identified herself as Victoria Johnson and said she was paid \$300 for every

three to five bags of merchandise she delivered to the exporter.

Prosecutors said she returned to the store two weeks later and took another \$3,200 worth of merchandise.

Cops arrested her Feb. 21 after someone saw her inside the Southport lululemon store and contacted the Chicago police fugitive apprehension unit.

Prosecutors said she has seven felony convictions in her background, including six for retail theft. She received a 13-year sentence for attempted aggravated arson in 2004.

Her public defender told Judge Srivastava that she attends church, volunteers regularly, and has a degree in construction management. While prosecutors accused Johnson of shoplifting from the Rush St. store more than 30 times, her lawyer argued that she was charged with "only eight" incidents.

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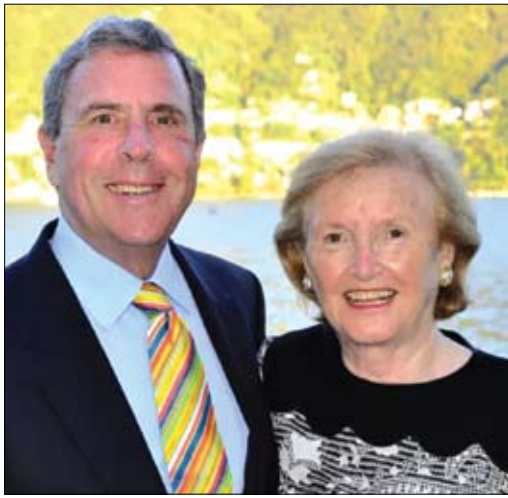
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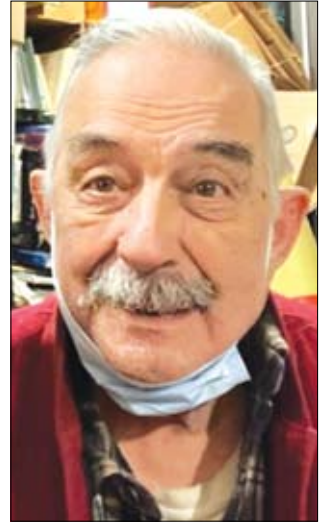
Chase Stokes, Whitney Reynolds and Rudy Pankow.



Buddy Guy



Shannon Rovers Pipe Band in New Orleans.



John Chandler

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AD MAJOREM DEI GLO-
RIAM: At 103, Loyola University's Basketball Chaplain **Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM**, just published her memoir of faith and basketball entitled, "Wake Up with Purpose: What I've Learned in My First Hundred Years." Sister tells her life story, offers spiritual guidance and shares some of the lessons she's learned beyond the Pick and Roll or Triangle Offense.

SUPER SONIC: Just adding my two cents, I'm thrilled the SST is returning. New York to London in just over three hours with the return of supersonic jets.

MANGE, MANGE: Carmine's, **Alex Dana's** star eatery on Rush St. (a Rosebud Restaurant), is closing its doors for 15 months, planing a huge \$4 million remodeling. The hibernation began on Feb. 26. Demolition will begin March 5. Fabulous Rush

St. patio is scheduled for a 2024 opening.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AUCTION: Chicago's Hindman Auction House will present the sale of "Property from the **Fred and Kay Krehbiel** Collection," at auction Friday, March 17. The death of Fred Krehbiel brought an end to the stunningly tasteful ability by which he gathered great treasures from the 18th century, particularly of Irish origins and manufacture. Call 312-280-1212 to register. See website to view the auction items.

VALENTINE'S TEA: The Service Club of Chicago held its 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Tea in the beautiful atrium of the Ritz Carlton Chicago on Feb. 14 to a sold out group all wearing beautiful pinks and reds in the spirit of "spread the love." Event Co-Chairs, **Bobbi Panter, Kathy Piccone, Heather Spyra** and **Myra Reilly** and their dedicated Development Committee welcomed 60 guests in the sun-filled atrium decorated with pink ribbons, flowers, swag bags for everyone, candy on the tables and lots of love which filled the room. President **Jean Antoniou** thanked each guest and reminded everyone to be grateful, be kind and keep spreading the love. **Philip Emigh** sipped the brew while remembering **Bunky Cushing** and his famed holiday event.

MUSIC LEGEND: **Buddy Guy** notes that an end to his touring doesn't mean a complete retirement. "I'm still going to

probably play some of the big festivals," promises Guy, who began his Damn Right Farewell Tour on Feb. 12.

BOOKS BOOKS: Do you remember Bookmans Corner on Clark St. in Lakeview, a really great Chicago bookstore? Owned and run by the fabulously cantankerous man of books, **John Chandler**? After a long life of books, he has now returned to God, certainly among the most erudite and well-read in heaven.

CORONATION: Why is **King Charles III** so obtuse and numbing with details of his crowing in May? Stop now, your Majesty, not on a daily basis. Unless your gift to the Irish nation is the return of our six counties that make-up fictitious Northern Ireland.

GAS BAGS: Peoples Gas has admitted they are behind schedule for systems upgrades.

SUSTAINED: No new Chicago federal trial for **R Kelly**. Request denied. Go to jail, do not collect \$200.

ILLINOIS WRESTLING: Former 1st Ward Ald. **Manny Flores** is a proud Maine South High School varsity wrestling Papa. His talented son, **Teddy Flores**, just placed 4th of 120 at the ISHA Wrestling State Championships. His varsity wrestling teammates qualified five Hawks. What a team - **Nathan Beltran, Tyler Fortis, Teddy Flores, Dan Spandiary**, and **Luke Morrison**.

IN SPIRIT: **Billy Lawless**, highly successful Chicago restaurateur and Irish statesman, was recently awarded the 2023 "In Spirit Award" at the Irish Network Annual Ball at the Drake Hotel. Lawless has been an indispensable force for business and politics on both sides of the Atlantic. And a sturdy, supportive friend to Irish businesses networking in Chicago.

THE LEGEND: **Tony Ocean**, the legend, will make his downtown debut tonight at The Alley at Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton Market, 312-850-5005 ext. 1.

WHO'S WHERE: **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** rubbed

shoulders with host **Melissa Babcock** at the Opening Night of The Joffrey Ballet's "Anna Karenina" at Lyric Opera... Everyone's favorite Irishman, **Edward Galvin**, chasing the chills away with a stay in San Francisco... Special get well wishes to jewelry designer **Takara Beathea Gudell** on the mend following some wrist surgery... **Anne Kavanagh** and **Ozzie Soto** took in the Chicago Auto Show... **Liz Doyle** at the Tate Modern Gallery in London checking out the **Paul Cezannes**... **Mark Olley** and **Jim Ellsworth** doing luscious burgers at M Henry Cafe at 5707 N. Clark... **Whitney Reynolds** and **Christine Cantalupo Marzullo** at Chicago's CineCity Studios with **Chase Stokes** and **Rudy Pankow**... Board members **Nick Kendellan, Rose Marie O'Neill, Diane O'Connell** and this columnist of the Irish Fellowship Club, lunched at Gibson's Steakhouse... Horsewoman **Patti Bidwill** in Paris at the Musee de Louvre... **Anne Schwartz Sherri** with celeb **Alpana Singh** at Alpana Restaurant on N. State St... **Mary Frances Trucco** and the Shannon Rovers Pipe Band marched in New Orleans, in the Mardi Gras Parade as honored guests... **Dan Balanoff's** sister, **Asa Balanoff Naiditch**, flew in from London for a surprise visit... Former Ald. **Vi Daley** and daughter **Colleen** on a special day, strong beautiful mom's birthday. Remembering her late husband, **Vince**... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** in San Francisco at the Sephora Conference... Murray Bay Canadian Reunion, **Rodger and Janet Owen, Peggy Snorf, Judy Bross** and **Todd Schwebel** attended YachtClubMardiGras... **Abbey Fishman Romanek** at 16th century synagogue in Cochin, India... **Mark Zipperer** doing a swell birthday with **David Dymkowski, Jason Molchanow** and **Anne Harvey** at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Eamonn Cummins** at the United Center... Second row on the ice with old U. of I. pals **Chuck Smith**,

Bobby Burke and **Blair Clark**... **Father Jerry Boland** was at Glenview Train Station giving out ashes... **Zurich Esposito** with **Trina Turk** at Marakkeh Country Club, Palm Desert, CA, for Modernism Tour of his home... **Al Shorey** tubing on the White River in Jamaica.

KIDO TO THE KIDS: Let's hear it for the volunteer work crew from Saint Ignatius College Prep who worked a **Paul Vallas** fundraiser in Lincoln Park last week. Very well-dressed, polite and attentive, and not a one caught gazing down at a smartphone during the entire event, waiting until all the guests were served before circling the fare. We all noticed. There's still hope for the future out there.

GOOD IDEA: Opening March 10, at the Gene Siskel Film Center, **Kino Lorber** will present "Film, The Living Record of Our Memory," a documentary on the importance of film preservation by **Inés Toharia**, featuring appearances by cinematic luminaries including **Costa-Gavras, Jonas Mekas, Patricio Guzmán, Ken Loach, Bill Morrison, Fernando Trueba, Win Wenders, Martin Scorsese, Barbara Rubin, Idrissa Ouédraogo, Ridley Scott**, and **Ousmane Sembene**. This explains why we preserve film in a world where audiovisual materials seem so readily available digitally. This effort is critical because, as the film explains, so much of our heritage has already been lost forever.

A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.

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Savor Lincoln Park heads to Theater on the Lake

Savor Lincoln Park, the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce’s one-of-a-kind indoor food festival, will showcase Lincoln Park’s incredible culinary scene 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr.

bites and samples from over 20 neighborhood restaurants and bars against the backdrop of Chicago’s iconic skyline and crashing lake waves. Tickets range from \$50 to \$70 per person, for reservations write to events@lincolnparkchamber.com. All tickets include a sample

bite from each participating restaurant, beer tastings from local breweries, as well as complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks at the bar. A silent auction will also be held that will include packages and experiences from some of Chicago’s top destinations.

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of units “operated by a shared housing unit operator,” which it defines as someone who has registered or must register “more than one” unit.

“Zaragoza rents out only one unit as a shared housing unit; plaintiff Mendez has ceased doing so due to the ordinance provisions,” Lavin wrote. “In short, plaintiffs are simply not currently subject to any inspection provisions. They thus lack standing to challenge the inspection provision of the ordinance because they are not interested parties, as required.”

The panel also said the claims are premature. The ordinance says inspections must fall under the building commissioner’s rules and regulations, but those rules have yet to be promulgated, rendering the ordinance powerless. It also referenced the Fourth Amendment does not inhibit “administrative searches” of hotel records, but would not analyze whether that applies to shared housing rentals.

In analyzing the primary residence rule, the panel pointed to an Aug. 2020 committee meeting prior to the City Council amending the ordinance, which established the rule “was intended to curb investor rentals in residential neighborhoods with single-family homes and townhouse walk-ups; as a matter of common sense, those residing in and more closely watching their homes a majority of the year have a greater stake in renting them to well-behaved and legally-compliant guests.”

On appeal, Zaragoza challenged the ordinance clause granting city officials the power to make exceptions to that rule. The panel said it could not invalidate that clause without negating their entire rule. They further explained Zaragoza lacks standing to challenge the clause by failing to allege how a vague application caused him legal injury. And they said he had not yet exhausted appropriate administrative remedies.

“As the circuit court observed, even a child understands the difference between inside and outside voices,” Justice Terrence Lavin wrote. “The ordinance clearly aims to proscribe the yelling, screaming and loud laughter that often accompanies a party and wafts over to neighboring properties.”

Similar logic doomed the challenge to a limit on single-night rentals, pending review of the building commissioner and police superintendent. The panel said the council enacted that ban as a public safety measure in 2020 amid pandemic-era concerns about party houses. So even if the panel decided the method for approving such rentals gives undue powers to administrators over elected aldermen, the reasons for instituting the ban remain valid.

The justices also rejected arguments the city’s limits on excessive noise were too vague.

“As the circuit court observed, even a child understands the difference between inside and outside voices,” Lavin wrote. “The ordinance clearly aims to proscribe the yelling, screaming and loud laughter that often accompanies a party and wafts over to neighboring properties.

It also reasonably proscribes this conduct during the evening hours when, due to such excessively loud noise, the average Chicagoan in a residential high-rise or neighborhood might be precluded from sleeping and getting up the next morning to go about their day. Notably, the ordinance does not proscribe just any noise, such as a baby crying or garage door opening, as plaintiffs would have us believe. Rather, it proscribes ‘excessive loud noise,’ and with the limiting language and parameters, it adequately delineates a nuisance.”

Lavin further explained that plaintiffs’ allegations of other types of rental units not being subjected to similar limits lacked supporting evidence while also failing to put their properties on the same legal footing as a hotel, bed-and-breakfast or long-term rental. Even if the panel did

Lincoln Park Zoo summer job fair

Have your friends and family ever told you “you should be in a zoo?” Well now is your chance as the Lincoln Park Zoo is hiring for summer seasonal positions.

Ages 15 and up are invited to join them in the Pepper Family Wildlife Center 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Zoo,

2400 N. Cannon Dr., to learn about high school internships, positions in membership, guest services, food service, and more.

Hiring managers will be available to answer questions and provide details about each opportunity.

Food pantry volunteers needed

Howard Area Community Center is recruiting volunteers for its Friday food pantry delivery day. Volunteers must be able to lift 50 lbs and work inside and outside.

The Friday volunteer hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers can also volunteer on Mondays from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information call 773-262-6622 ext 106, or email volunteers@howardarea.org.

Bethany Church chili+dessert cookoff March 12

Bethany United Church of Christ and Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School are partnering to host a Chili Cook-Off/Dessert Bake-Off 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12.

The fund-raiser offers an evening of all-you-can-eat chili and baked goods - and friendly competition - at Pilgrim, 4300

N. Winchester Ave. Admission is free, but the hosts wants everyone to bring cash, and “vote” on the best entries with small bills. All proceeds support the congregations’ work with Refugee One to welcome and resettle refugee families in Chicago. For more information write to jhbeaupre@yahoo.com.

A history of hair transplantation March 11 at Surgery Museum

The International Museum of Surgical Sciences is hosting a talk titled A History of Hair Transplantation with Dr. Robert Dorfman, at the museum, 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Hair transplantation in the US originated with Dr. Norman Orentreich, a NYU Dermatologist who performed the first hair transplant to treat male pattern hair loss in 1952.

Modern hair transplantation is based on transplanting follicular units, which are natural groups of hair follicles which grow in groups of one to four hairs, with the average group of about two hairs.

Dr. Dorfman gained acceptance to medical school at the age of 18 years when he was admitted to Northwestern’s Honors Program in Medical Education, and he completed a Masters Degree in the History of Medicine at Univ. of Oxford. After residency in plastic surgery, Dr. Dorfman pursued his interests and established himself as a leader in non-invasive aesthetics and hair transplantation.

He has published numerous peer reviewed publications, and has lectured internationally.

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accept the plaintiffs’ allegations, Lavin wrote, it also could logically explain why different types of rental housing businesses can earn different treatment.

Finally, the panel rejected the plaintiffs’ arguments they have grounds to sue as payers of sales

and property tax, explaining the complaint fails to show how the ordinance itself makes them, as individuals, liable for increased taxes.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE F/B/O HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3
Plaintiff,

-v.-
PATRICIA EDRIS, ESSAM EDRIS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES AT ONTARIO PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 1980
10 E ONTARIO PLACE, UNIT 4706
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 10, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 10 E ONTARIO PLACE, UNIT 4706, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-111-014-1032
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$707,343.37.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Real Estate For Sale

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Case # 22 CH 1980

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDITED LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3
Plaintiff,

-v.-
SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2020CH03907
512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 4, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1427
The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$234,671.73. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 312792.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,

-v.-
CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, U/T/A DATED OCTOBER 5, 2009 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002353855, CHRISTOPHER E. COOPER, THE LAKE SHORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITIBANK, N.A.
Defendants
2022 CH 07284
1440 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE #22ABCD
CHICAGO, IL 60610
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Property Index No. 17-03-103-028-1135, 17-03-103-028-1136, 17-03-103-028-1137, 17-03-103-028-1138

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Case # 2022 CH 07284
I3214436

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
EDWARD BROWN

Real Estate For Sale

Plaintiff, -v.-
FREDRIC BREWER
Defendants
20 CH 01095
1214 NORTH LASALLE STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 5, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1214 NORTH LASALLE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-221-034-0000

The real estate is improved with a red brick, three story single family home with no garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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Case Number: 2022 CH 00395
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Case # 2022 CH 00395
I3214435

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN ABS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1
Plaintiff,

-v.-
NEVILLE MUIR SR., ANDRE MUIR, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLEEN BROWN MUIR, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHARLEEN BROWN MUIR (DECEASED)
Defendants
2022 CH 06433
7318 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 17, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7318 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-316-011-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2022 CH 06433
TJSC#: 42-4742

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Attorney File No. 20-04320LL_610329
Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 20 CH 01095
TJSC#: 43-197

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Case # 20 CH 01095
I3214480

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2018-SP2 TRUST;
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM CLARK AKA WILL CLARK, DECEASED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; CHRISTINE CLARK; JENNIFER CLARK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; HURON STREET LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; EVERGREEN BANK GROUP; JOHN J. LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WILLIAM CLARK AKA WILL CLARK, DECEASED;
Defendants,
22 CH 944

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 17-09-216-018-1024.
Commonly known as 225 West Huron Street, Unit 304, Chicago, IL 60610.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611, 21-008608 F2
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US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v.-
SARAH B. GLASCH AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JOHN HOLIC, DECEASED, CHASE ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, SARAH B. GLASCH, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD JOHN HOLIC
Defendants
2022 CH 04370
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This sale is to be held on Tuesday March 28, 2023, at 2:00PM. Cash payments only.

Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Storage, located at 429 W. Ohio St, Chicago IL (312-644-2000), is opening lockers:
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vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; MARISOL RIVERA AKA MARISOL R. RIVERA; BILLY RIVERA; JOHN RIVERA; TONY RIVERA; JOHN JACK LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
20 CH 662
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-06-215-020-0000.
Commonly known as 6129 North Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall

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pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2004-11; Plaintiff,
vs.
ROSE MILLS; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; DAVID LAUNIUS; NANCY LAUNIUS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
19 CH 12619
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as

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set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-29-227-014-0000.
Commonly known as 1123 West Wolfram Street, Chicago, IL 60657.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The successful purchaser is entitled to possession of the property only. The purchaser may only obtain possession of units within the multi-unit property occupied by individuals named in the order of possession.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ARSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2007-AR3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AR3 Plaintiff,
-v.-
JOHN T. BACA, KAREN H. BACA, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWHQF, INC., CWHQF REVOLVING HOME EQ-

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UNITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-1, LADDEN & ALLEN, CHARTERED
Defendants
12 CH 00086
817 W HUTCHINSON STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 21, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 817 W HUTCHINSON STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-17-411-002-0000; 14-17-411-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a residence.
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levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 12 CH 00086
TJSC#: 43-574
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was about to begin. During Glass' bail hearing on Feb. 23, prosecutor Anne McCord said he had never been there before and did not know anyone in the group.

Glass sat in a chair by the door after the group leader gave him some books for the meeting, and the victim arrived a few minutes later with other participants.

McCord stated that the woman decided to use the restroom prior to

the start of the meeting. As the victim was finishing up, Glass entered the women's room and pushed her stall door open.

The woman told police that Glass's pants and underwear were down to his thighs, and he had an erection as he cornered her in the back of the restroom, McCord said. Other meeting participants rushed in after the woman screamed for help.

They found her on the floor with Glass "hovering over her," said McCord. One of the witnesses ordered Glass to

pull his pants up, and the group held him until the police arrived. The officers found a condom and a condom wrapper in Glass' pocket.

McCord also provided details of the 2019 home invasion that is the basis for Glass' parole. She said an 86-year-old woman saw Glass looking through her window as she watched TV, and she opened the door after he rang her doorbell. Glass forced his way into the home, grabbed the woman's private parts through her clothing, and stole her car from the garage, McCord

said. He was also convicted of a separate burglary that same year.

Glass, according to an assistant public defender, regularly attends church and most recently worked as a restaurant busser in Chinatown.



Donqualle Glass

Judge Kelly McCarthy said Glass must post a \$25,000 deposit toward bail to get out on electronic monitoring. However, before he can do that, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections will review his parole status.

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New building proposed on Broadway

A proposal to convert a two-story retail building into a five-story mixed use building on the corner of Broadway and Leland has just been revealed by the 46th Ward Office.

The current building at 4655 N. Broadway hosts the Dalia Food Mart and has been up for sale for months. Developer Wemi Properties LLC proposes adding a three-story addition to the existing building.

In total, 24 units of housing would be created. The ground floor retail would be renovated and become two retail units.

Free concert March 6 at Senn High

Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's [CSO] elite training orchestra, is performing a free concert at Senn High School, 5900 N. Glenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, led by conductor Lidiya Yankovskaya, and featuring Hymn for Everyone by CSO Mead Composer-in-Residence Jessie Montgomery as well as Dmitriy Shostakovich's Symphony No. 11.

Free tickets are available by visiting <https://cso.org/performances/22-23/civic-orchestra/civic-at-senn-high-school/>

Chicago Covenants Project part of March 11 historical society meeting



LaDale Winling

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, 7363 N. Greenview Ave., will host its 2023 annual meeting 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11. The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom, and include a report on the past year as well as an election of new members to the Board of Directors.

Following the annual meeting, guests are invited to learn about The Chicago Covenants Project from Professor LaDale Winling of Virginia Tech Univ., who heads a team of researchers and dedicated volunteers investigating the location of areas in Cook County where racially restrictive covenants have been included in property deeds and other agreements.

Racial and religious restrictive covenants were created to prevent "undesirable" groups from buying, renting, or living in houses in "white" neighborhoods. Restrictive policies were legal in the first half of the 20th century and were sometimes even required by government agencies and private lenders who otherwise would not offer home loans to prospective buyers.

Unearthing documents to identify the extent of this segregation requires searching through real estate index books, one building at a time. Winling and his team have so far examined records for about 20% of Chicago and suburban Cook County properties.

They have recently started researching Evanston, Rogers Park, and Roseland. The meeting is open to all, but only current Historical Society members may vote in the election.

To register for the meeting visit <https://rprwhs.org/>.

Apachi Day Camp new additions elevate the camp experience

With a reach that spans across nine locations throughout Chicago and suburbs, JCC Chicago Apachi Day Camp provides campers with new, meaningful and enriching life experiences. Apachi's camp communities are brought even closer together through recent campus enhancements.

This summer, Apachi's Lake Zurich, Evanston and Rogers Park camp locations are all gaining enhancements unique to their locations to provide enhanced social emotional support.

In response to increased emotional distress stemming from the pandemic lockdowns, Apachi Evanston and Apachi Rogers Park are introducing Mindful Moments

Through Inclusive Play, calming outdoor play areas for campers to find sanctuary.

Each camp location will have a unique mix of dedicated play spaces that include a Zen walking meditation path, a Zen garden, calming Yogibo bean bag chairs, a gross motor sensory path and a gymnastics play space, all of which use movement as a tool for regulating camper bodies and emotions.

"We believe deeply in the magic of summer for children to have new experiences, explore personal interests, build lifelong friendships and develop the person they will become," said Addie Goodman, President & CEO of JCC Chicago. "Our campuses are a reflection of that focus which is

why investment in new programming elements is debuted every summer. Apachi is a playground for the soul and human spirit, a beautiful place where kids become the very best versions of themselves."

The camp is open to children 3 years to 7th grade, plus for counselors in training (8th-10th grade). For more information visit www.apachi.org.

The camp's investment in spaces provides avenues for learning and creativity. These enhancements, coupled with a variety of camp activities including sports, arts and crafts, science, performing arts, Shabbat Celebrations, Maccabi Games, Theme Days and spirited song sessions make for fun summer experiences.

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parking, service and urban design systems will meet modern-day principles and standards."

City officials in 1999 recognized that there was limited availability of commercial and residential parking, and knew how that impacted retail sales, and residents, in the area. So the TIF set out to improve the lack of off-street parking and preserving existing street patterns, improving parking areas and addressing the lack of loading and service zones for businesses.

In 2023 the Clark St. Crossroads committee is concerned with the exact opposite, and more concerned about superficial cosmetic "identity" attributes and bicyclists than solid long-term business-friendly, and resident-friendly, plans.

The sudden urgency now is that the TIF is set to expire this year, and if the city does not find some way to spend the taxpayers money, those funds would have to turned over to the various taxing bodies [think schools, libraries, parks and water districts]. So this effort now is basically the City's last second 'Hail Mary' pass to keep the cash in their hands.

Biking activists have lobbied for protected bike lanes along this narrow stretch of Clark St., and the city says that the only way that could be accomplished is by removing half of the commercial street park-

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The city claims there is no confirmed funding or designed bike lane project at this time, but they also said that about the entire Crossroads plan just prior to releasing an extensive plan for the entire project.

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ment in March 2023 and then for the special use approval in July 2023.

If successful, the owners hope to open the new location by the end of 2023.

The March 8, meeting will be held on Zoom. To register visit bit.ly/2023TownHalls. Spanish translation will be available.

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Comer with 23.6%, Rebecca Janowitz with 19.7%, Wendi Taylor Nations at 13.5%, Steve Botsford with 9.3%, and Steve McClellan with 6.7%.

In the 46th Ward, where outgoing Ald. James Cappleman stepped down, Angela Clay took 36.7% of the vote, Kim Walz got 25.26%, Marianne Lalonde took 16.82% of the vote, Patrick Nagle took 11.44% of the ballots, Roushaunda Williams got 8% and Michael Cortez 1.91%.

The 48th Ward, where outgoing Ald. Harry Osterman has retired, a run-off was well-expected with 10 candidates in the race. Joe Dunne took the top spot with over 27.16% of the vote. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth finished second with 21.5% of the vote. Nick Ward got 18.27%, Isaac Freilich Jones got 10.38%, Larry Svabek got 6.56%, Roxann Volkmann 5.78%, Andy Peters 3.76%, Nassir Faulkner 2.55%, Andre Pelquin 2.55% and Brian Haag 1.5%.

With 100% of the vote in, Andre Vasquez took 78% of the cast ballots and wins his second term with 8,753 votes. He topped Christian Blume with (15.14%) 1,598 votes, and Jane Lucius (6.8%) 762 votes.

In Rogers Park's 49th Ward, Maria Had-den will also serve a second term taking about 74% of the cast ballots. Bella Rodriguez garnered just 16.4% of the vote while Bill Morton took about 9.6% of the vote.

In West Rogers Park, Debra Silverstein got 69% of the vote to Mueze Bawany's 31%.

Police District Council races where top three vote-getters will serve

18th District [Near North]:
Brad Kessler - 24.39%
Karen Kane - 19.29%
Robert Johnson - 15.6%
Amy Cross - 13.78%
Kimberly Lynn Bowman - 13.67%
Lisa Seigneur - 13.27%

19th District [Town Hall]:
Jennifer Schaffer - 23.87%
Maurilio Garcia - 18.68%
Samuel Schoenburg - 17.08%
Dan Richman - 16.79%
Julienn "Julie" Kaviar - 12.02%
Demerike Palecek - 11.55%

20th District [Lincoln]:
Deirdre O'Connor - 25.19%
Anna Rubin - 24.4%
Darrell Dacres - 17.47%
Patrick McNeil - 17.32%
Joshua D'Antonio - 15.61%

24th District [Rogers Park]:
Veronica Arreola - 20.7%
Marilyn Pagán-Banks - 16.57%
EdVetté W. Jones - 15.89%
Cynthia McFadden - 13.73%
David Earl Williams III - 12.54%
Daniel Wolk - 10.96%
Mitchell Rose - 9.61%



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