

We have always found the Irish a bit odd.  
They refuse to be English.

--Winston Churchill

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## Is city parking lot deal already fixed? Third 'visioning' meeting draws concerns of bias

City Hall announces partnership with giant D.C. housing charity

Ald. Matt Martin [47th] has still not reached out to community groups, businesses and citizens located in his ward who are opposed to building an affordable housing complex on a city-owned public parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave.

A third virtual 'visioning' meeting Thursday is supposed to review survey results, but those results and a press release issued by the Chicago Dept. of Housing [DOH] Monday leave those opposed to the plan wondering if the decision hasn't already been made, and if these meetings aren't just for show.

In a joint email sent out by aldermen Martin and Andre Vasquez [40th], it appears fears over a fix being in may have gained validity as the aldermen's note claims they "expect that we will receive formal proposals in the future," while never addressing the option to not undertake the project.

The third virtual meeting will be held 6 p.m. March 18, and those who oppose the project are openly complaining about the clear bias that was built into the survey they plan to review. The survey never even asks if nearby residents or businesses would oppose construction of a building on the parking lot; rather asking only for feedback on what level

of density and style of architecture they'd prefer to see in the proposed building, or what kinds of housing and businesses they'd like to see added at the site.

So far none of those in opposition to the project report meeting with the alderman or his staff on the controversial plan, including the DANKHaus German Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave., which depends heavily on the parking lot, or several adjacent community groups, residents, area businesses and cultural institutions.

In 2020 the alderman's office misled the Lincoln Square community by claiming DANKHaus was in support of the project. The DANKHaus later went on record in a March 6, 2020, letter to the City expressing their surprise over the alderman's incorrect claims of "support" of the plan. Like most of the 47th Ward, DANKHaus said that they had "never been officially informed of the proposed sale," despite the scheme being in the works for nearly a year by then.

In fact, outside of City Hall bureaucrats, it appears the only people in the 47th Ward Ald. Martin is working with is one community group - the Heart of Lincoln Square - that is closely affiliated with the 47th Ward Democrat or-

ganization.

Additionally, Martin says he met with the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce [LSRCC], who in the summer of 2019 wrote a letter of support for the project. LSRCC has not hosted a public membership meeting, nor undertaken a survey of its own membership on the project, despite the fact its own membership would appear to be at the greatest risk should the city dispose of the parking lot.

In Monday's press release from the Chicago Dept. of Housing, they announced the country's first "Racial Equity Impact Assessment on Qualified Allocation Plan [REIA] for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits." This REIA will inform "how, where and to whom" City Hall plans to allocate tax credits by using "a racial equity lens to garner opportunities for community wealth building."

The long release, filled with racial and social equity jargon and bureaucratise, explains how City Hall will allocate over \$61 million for 2022 and 2023 affordable housing developments. City Hall has partnered with a national housing nonprofit called Enterprise Community Partners out of

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## Conversion completed at former Ravenswood Sears

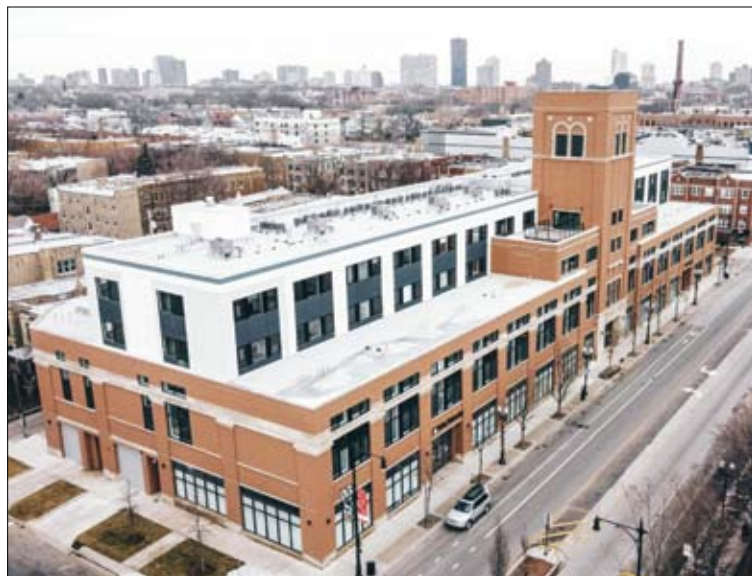
The adaptive reuse project that has turned a shuttered former Sears Store in Ravenswood into a mixed-use building has finally been completed.

On March 4 the general contractor on the project, Summit Designs + Build, Summit Design + Build, announced the completed construction of the development at 1900 W. Lawrence Ave.

The nearly 100-year-old building was the former home to the first ground-up Sears store which opened its doors in 1925 and closed in 2016.

The project, spanning the length of an entire city block, included the renovation and conversion of the former department store to 59 rental residences and first floor retail. The apartments range from one to three-bedrooms with private, internal staircases inside the second-floor units.

DeVry University is the first floor commercial tenant, taking up 90% of the ground floor space.



The former Sears Store site spans an entire block of Lawrence Ave.

Photo courtesy REJournals

The signature five-story tower, a trademark for early Sears department stores, now houses the development's first floor lobby, and amenity and lounge spaces on floors two through four.

The project also included the

demolition and rebuilding of the third floor, full addition of a fourth floor, the installation of two new elevators, all new mechanical systems, extensive masonry work for new window openings and full interior build-out.



Residents look over proposals for a city-owned lot at Howard St. and Ashland.

## Rogers Park residents debate future of community's only publicly-owned vacant parcel

BY DEBBIE LIU  
Metropolitan Planning Council

Amidst a pandemic, residents and local activists worked with 49th Ward Ald. Maria Hadden's office to ensure that the future of the only city-owned lot was conceived with the community, not for the community.

The site on the corner of Howard and Ashland has been part of the Peterson Garden Project since 2014. Before that it was the local office of the News Star newspaper and Lerner Communications Inc.

For years developers had submitted proposals to the city on the lot's future but rarely included any transparent and equitable engagement. The pandemic offered an opportunity to reimagine community-based planning in a hybrid model of engagement reaching over 200 residents in a three-part process between October and December 2020.

Over two town halls and several types of design charrettes, residents had multiple ways of providing input: virtually, in-person, or with a Do-It-Yourself kit from their own homes.

"It is imperative that the North of Howard community see their ideas and desires reflected in any development at Howard and Ashland," said Ashaki McClain

of Family Matters. "It has to be a space made by us, in order to feel like it's for us. It has the potential to symbolize a larger movement towards justice and our voices are being heard."

Four different scenarios were created with pro bono design and development finance consultants to show the variety of options.

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The Corridor Development Initiative [CDI] report is a compilation and summary of the results from the engagement process. Next the City will release a Request for Proposal for developers sometime this spring, where there will be additional opportunities for community feedback. The community values highlighted in this report will be used to create a review framework.

So what did the community express? Here's what was offered:

- Create a use on this site that will provide an economic benefit to

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## Midsommarfest postponed again due to pandemic fears

The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce announced the official postponement of this year's Midsommarfest due to fears over the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual neighborhood street festival was slated for June 11-13. It is expected to return next year from June 10-12, 2022. The Chamber will soon announce alternative programming throughout the summer months in support of the local business community.

"After much consideration, [we] have decided to officially

postpone the 2021 Andersonville Midsommarfest," said chamber Assoc. Director Laura Austin. "While we are encouraged by Chicago's progress in keeping infection rates lower, we must continue to put the health and safety of our patrons, artists, performers, vendors and sponsors first. As we move forward with our plans, we want to say thank you to our businesses, residents and patrons of this phenomenal district."

For more information visit [andersonville.org](http://andersonville.org).

# Scribbles in the wee hours of the night



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

*History says, don't hope on this side of the grave. But then, once in a lifetime the longed-for tidal wave of justice can rise up and hope and history rhyme.*

- Seamus Heaney

I am uncertain at the schedules that my favorite writers adhered to pursuing their craft.

When did they do it?

What time of day did famed poet William Butler Yeats put ink to paper?

Did James Joyce wander the halls of his Paris apartment on the Left Bank in the wee hours looking for more candles and whiskey?

Did Jane Austen pull the covers up on her bed each morning as she watched the sun rise and ladle ink on paper, creating the romance that brought Mr. Bingley and Miss Bennet to life?

Does Fran Lebowitz need fresh cigarettes and mugs of coffee to get started recording the antics of New Yorkers each day?

I am more and more convinced that for me there is something in the air around 3 a.m. from which I cannot flee. I flip the switch on my laptop. Readjust the many pillows on the bed. And then, without the benefit of glasses or contact lenses, I am off on the road to reflecting and writing.

I've determined it's the stillness of the night that does it. Writing is not enhanced by the chaos of daytime hours nor a plate full of cookies. Well, maybe a mug of strong tea. That's all I need. That and my memory.

The recollection of the past shoves me down the road to sub-

stance and clarity.

It's 3:45 a.m., and many things encircling my noggin, in slumber and out of it, are getting a needed airing. That's the formula, how good writing works for me. It's important to be able to say that. Or write that.

Today is St. Patrick's Day.

Memories of past St. Patrick's Days fill my heart. And my nose. I cannot think of our national feast without the aroma of roasting leg of lamb filling my nostrils. You know, that pungent, most aristocratic of all kitchen smells that punctuates the late winter air of March 17. Hints of fresh rosemary mingled with the roasting pan filled with celery, carrot and onions. Light on the garlic, please. Potatoes roast beside the leg getting a caramel-colored patina. The onions caramelize as well. I cannot remember a St. Patrick's Day without this smell. My father's gravy fashioned from the glory of the roasting pan was always the highlight of the day. It would put the French to shame. (Did you know Charles de Gaulle's grandmother was from Ireland?)

My mother always created a crowd-pleasing spinach soufflé to accompany the leg of lamb, always served pink in our house.

She also made sure we had plenty of mint sauce. Always two kinds of spuds, roasted and creamy whipped, which my father supervised and fussed over. He did extra duty that day. He was required to ensure there were plenty of Brandy Alexanders for all. They were Grandma O'Connor's favorite.

Later he was expected to provide his celebrated Irish music review when we were sated by the lamb. To this day I am a huge fan of crisp, deep green cabbage with leg of lamb. Not over cooked and cut on the bias, with unsalted butter and fresh ground pepper.

Grandma O'Connor would always bake a buttery supply of her Irish scones. She always brought Irish soda bread with heaps of raisins and caraway seeds, as well as an apple tart (which she called cake) with a fine crust of butter and sugar.

Of course assorted family just showed up for the vittles. Who'd blame them? I know sometimes some Irish Christian Brothers from Leo High School would be collected and join us. Some of them were cousins of my O'Gorman grandparents. They were erudite and liked their cocktails. I treated them like they were exotic intelligentsia.

We always celebrated St. Patrick's Day by gathering friends and foes around our dining room table with all the leaves in it. Irish linen on it. The good china out. The silver highly polished.

The biggest event since Christmas.

Conversation was essential, always engaging, robust and over-the-top, filled with poetry and song.

My poet grandfather could always be prevailed upon to grit his jaw and recite some blood curdling bit of verse he'd composed to celebrate the Irish independence movement, the death of friend, or the reflections of a life of exile.

My Aunt Mary Curran could always be prevailed upon to get to the piano to start a medley of family favorites. Meanwhile, my father was taking an Irish accordion out of its case. Sometimes my sister, Mary Regina, or I, would sit beside our aunt and expand the commotion on the keyboard. Squeezing in Curran cousin, Kathleen, for added hilarity. My father had his favorites he always played. Especially his renditions from 'The Quiet Man.' Within seconds my father could have a room of strangers on their feet dancing across the table tops to "The Rakes of Mallow." And Grandpa O'Gorman, just as quickly, could pull

us all back to earth with a tune as serious as a communion hymn. Entertainment and commotion went hand in hand at such dinners. And it's only now, decades later, that I realize what the complexity of our socializing was all about. And why it was so important that folk turned up to be a part of our celebration.

We were Americans of course. But our food, music, liquor and apple tart mingled with the tales we shared and the stories we heard of young girls and boys romping in the fresh fields of



My dad, Mossy O'Gorman.

Irish summers. And dances replete with first kisses and long walks along the country roads. It was the chance to see ourselves and to know one another in the bright promise of our American living. But always wrapped in the faith, loyalty and values learned in another century.

Our toes were tapping the tunes heard for generations giving comfort and consolation like our leg of lamb, our savory gravy and the dancing tempo of two pianists trying to keep up with the dancing rhythm and the laughter bouncing off the walls. Or the scribbles churned out of my Apple laptop in the wee hours of the night. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

**NO PARADE:** Kevin Byrne, the Irish Consul General in Chicago, is celebrating his first St. Patrick's day in Chicago, though heavily restricted by the protocols of COVID-19. He extends on behalf of the Irish Government best wishes to all Chicagoans for



Kevin Byrne

a happy and enjoyable day filled with the courtesies and arts of Irish culture.

**SHADES OF GREEN:** The Irish Embassy in Washington and the Consular Corps invite you to tune in to their 90-minute musical entertainment, Wednesday, March 17, at [www.ireland.ie/usa](http://www.ireland.ie/usa).

**IRISH SENATE:** Chicago restaurant legend **Billy Lawless**, of The Gage, spent four years working like a mad-man in Ireland's



Billy Lawless

Senate on behalf of the interests of Irish citizens living abroad. He was appointed to the post by the President of Ireland **Michael D. Higgins**. It was anything but ceremonial. Billy brought his formula for success with him to the

task. Hard work, generous understanding and the ability for "know how." He has been very popular and successful. Working hard to get Irish abroad the vote in Irish elections. Billy has just announced that he will now seek the post on his own and run for office. This column is delighted with the news and encourages all who can to assist a grand man achieve even further important goals.

**HISTORY:** Chicago native **Donald Lassere**, the current head of the Muhammad Ali Center in

Louisville, will be the Chicago History Museum's next president and CEO, replacing the outgoing **Gary Johnson**. The change of power will occur on April 12. Lassere was born on the South Side, and he graduated from Percy Julian High School, 10330 S. Elizabeth St. One of his odd claims to fame is that he once was in global business development for Enron and was there during the crash. That will give you a new perspective on corporate life. Welcome to the North Side, Don!

**NOT A BAD IDEA:** It emerged that the Sinn Féin, the Irish political party, has placed adverts calling for a United Ireland referendum, joining Northern Ireland to the larger Republic of Ireland, in a number of prominent American newspapers. Behind the move is the Friends of Sinn Féin organization, who are looking to capitalize on Irish-American support for the reunification of Ireland. According to the Irish Times, both the New York Times and the Washington Post have run half-page spreads of an advert titled: 'A United Ireland - Let the people have their say'. The promotion has been carefully placed in the run up to St. Patrick's Day to try and drum up as much Irish-American patriotism as possible.

**TRUE LEGEND:** **Richard Driehaus**, who started out as a newspaper carrier on the Far South Side, has left a long legacy in our fair city and far beyond. From financial literacy, education, arts and architecture, to assisting the Old Town School of Folk Music, Preservation Chicago, Uptown's Inspiration Café and many others world wide, Driehaus was a vi-

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# Local sculptor's work lights up Hollywood movie



## Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

Logan Square artist Davis McCarty has gone Hollywood. His drenched-in-color, award-winning sculpture, The Pulse Portal, is featured in the new Netflix movie, "Yes Day."

For McCarty, it was an instant 'yes' when he received the offer.

It all started five years ago, when McCarty, an artist/sculptor, was awarded an honorarium and built his dream sculpture, The Pulse Portal, at Burning Man in 2016.

"I'd broken my foot at the time and was in a walking boot," recalled McCarty, 35. "After building art on ladders in 100-degree desert heat, I was spent. Unbeknownst to me, and unfortunately for [my] friend Matt, a robotics artist, his appendix burst. He had to be raced [in] for surgery. Well, now we were both injured."

With both men needing a break, Matt invited McCarty to hang out and recover at his artist loft in Los Angeles, where McCarty met Matt's roommate, Eric, a lens and lighting engineer.

"Five years later, out of the blue, Eric texts me that he's putting up his art for a new Jennifer Garner film that is being produced by Netflix," said McCarty. "They are looking for other artists to create a special scene, and would I be interested in being introduced?"

"Hell yes I would!"

And that's how this all got started.

But none of it would have happened without these connections, or even the broken foot starting it all, said McCarty.

The award-winning Pulse Portal, which is currently on display at the Area 15 Outdoor Art Island in Las Vegas, is a functional, 20' archway that "welcomes viewers to pass through a gate of iri-

descent light on a journey into tomorrow." McCarty drove the sculpture 32- hours straight from Chicago to L.A.

"It all folds up and fits in the back of my pickup truck if you can believe it," said McCarty, who has a BFA from Beloit College. "On site it was a quick two days of building in the California sunshine, while hundreds of other artists and production teams built what felt like a mini city around us."

In addition to McCarty's piece there was a fire breathing dragon, LED domes, and even magnetic optical illusions that viewers didn't get a chance to see in the final cuts.

"I feel honored to be able to have worked with such a talented team of creatives," said McCarty, whose sculptures have been installed and exhibited at museums, iconic buildings, and art festivals around the globe.

"The Netflix production team and other artists who exhibited their pieces were great. I have always made art with the intention of creating moments of joy



Davis McCarty

for other people," said McCarty, who grew up in the Philippines and Thailand and assisted his parents in founding schools in remote cities. "When I heard the storyline of 'Yes Day,' I was instantly hooked."

"It is immensely gratifying to see my work amplified to a global audience through this movie," he said. "I am glad to have created a piece of art that is fun and inviting for all ages."

"Yes Day" stars one of my favorite actresses, Jennifer Garner. It's the story of a mom and dad who usually say no deciding to say yes to their kids' wild requests for one day. They set a few ground



McCarty's Pulse Portal sculpture.

rules and set out to have a whirlwind day of adventure and fun. What ensues is lovable mayhem and heart-warming parenting.

"'Yes Day' reveals the true nature of love: in order to fully receive it back you have to let go of trying to control it," said McCarty, whose art has been featured in The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Huffington Post and more. "It was a really heartfelt moment at the end and I teared up. The movie shows that festivals can be magical if you have the right people around you, or can become incredibly challenging and make you realize you are in over your head."

The night of a particular "Fleek Festival" scene (Fleek Fest is where Pulse Portal is featured) McCarty watched the shoot from the deck of a flaming dragon, a prop in the distance. Although he didn't get to meet Garner or any other stars, "I met people who shined just as brightly," he said.

"The art, scenic and production crew there were happy, positive, and optimistic, it was wonderful to be part of something whose goal was to bring more joy into this world," said McCarty. "We were all on the same team."

Seems as if the sky is the limit for McCarty, whose fabulous sculpture, Quantum Dee, never ceases to amaze me as it lights up Juneway Beach in Rogers Park with its amazing color palette shimmering in the sunshine. He has just been invited to exhibit at the world's oldest art show, The

Venice Biennially, in Italy. He is building "Rosetta Home," which will be a levitating diamond inscribed with messages of hope in the 12 origin languages of the world. He's flying the piece of art there this spring.

"I want to remind people that we are all one people with one earth," said McCarty. "I want to remind them that we will see our loved ones again in the great beyond."

**Deepest sympathies...** to the friends and family of Edgewater resident Cheri Golde, who died last week at the age of 73. Cheri was the loving aunt of one of my oldest and dearest friends, Stephanie Perom. What I'll remember most about her is her wonderful sense of fashion style and how she and her late husband, Shelley, always made Stephanie, my friends of 50 years, feel loved and welcomed.

Cheri was kind, generous and compassionate and she deeply

loved her husband, and her daughter, the late Rebekah. Contributions in her honor can be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (komenchicago.org).

**Making beautiful music...** is the Lakeside Pride Music Ensemble, a family of performance groups for members/friends of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. Home to four major ensembles – Jazz Orchestra, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and Pops Ensemble – plus more than a dozen chamber ensembles, the organization offers a diverse musical experience for both its audience and its members.

However, it needs donations of used, musical instruments.

If you have a musical instrument sitting unused in a closet or collecting dust in storage, it could help to bring a tubist or bassoonist or other musician into Lakeside Pride, based at 3656 N. Halsted St. Your donation is tax-deductible and will help this wonderful nonprofit



Edgewater resident Cheri Golde, who passed away last week.

reduce barriers to access and become a more equitable, inclusive organization.

**'Twas the luck of the Irish...** when I walked into The Lodge on Division St. on St. Paddy's Day 1993 and met the person who would eventually suggest to me that I should go work for a news-

paper. That fateful night changed my life.

Happy St. Paddy's Day to all of us honorary Irishmen. May we all find our pot of gold today. Here's a little Irish blessing for you.

*May your troubles be less,  
Your blessings be more  
And nothing but happiness  
Come through your door*

## Broadway musicals of 1961

Porchlight Music Theatre's next virtual offering is the latest edition of its series, New Faces Sing Broadway 1961.

New Faces Sing Broadway 1961 was filmed on-site at Chicago's historic Studebaker Theatre and will be available for streaming beginning 12 p.m. Friday, April 16, through Sunday, May 16.

The show is hosted by Jeff Award-winning actor Kelvin Roston, Jr., who will serve as the guide to the stars, songs and stories of the 1961 Broadway season. Tickets are \$25 - \$50, for more information, visit PorchlightMusicTheatre.org or call 773-777-9884.



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# Police Beat...

## 15-time felon stole \$4,950 worth of high-end booze from Tao

A 15-time convicted felon who's on parole is facing burglary charges after he allegedly stole six bottles of high-end liquor worth nearly \$5,000 from a River North restaurant.

"I'm doing pretty good on the second chance program," Mark Anderson, 63, told Judge Charles Beach during a bond court hearing after the alleged heist. Beach seemed unconvinced.

Anderson, whose felony background includes seven burglary convictions, is currently on parole for committing a robbery on the Magnificent Mile.

Prosecutors said he slipped in the back door of Tao restaurant and nightclub, 632 N. Dearborn, as employees prepared to open for service on Feb. 25. He allegedly made his way to the second floor, took six bottles of premium liquor from the bar, and headed for the door.

Two employees tackled Anderson in the alley and held him until police arrived, according to a CPD report. A restaurant manager told police the restaurant's surveillance cameras recorded the whole thing.

Tao's Chicago outlet is one of the high-priced restaurant group's newer locations. Its Las Vegas venture was the highest-grossing restaurant in the country before COVID set in, with sales of over \$42 million a year. The chain's New York City locations are third- and 14th highest-grossing venues in the country.

In Chicago, Tao offers \$23 Chilean sea bass satay, \$17 potstickers, and bottle service options like \$8,000 Remy Martin and \$28,000 Dom Pérignon, according to its menus.

Anderson's defense attorney said he services buses for the CTA. He's charged with felony burglary and misdemeanor battery in connection with the Tao allegations.

Judge Charles Beach set bail at \$5,000. Anderson went home by posting a \$500 deposit bond.

## Uptown man beat, tried to shoot acquaintance during home invasion, but gun jammed

A man is facing attempted murder charges after he allegedly broke into an acquaintance's Uptown apartment, forced the victim to smoke pot, beat the victim, and then pulled the trigger while pointing a gun at the victim's face, according to prosecutors. But the gun allegedly jammed, and the victim was able to get help when the intruder allowed him to enter Joseph Brennemann Elementary School to pick up a child after class.

According to prosecutors and police, the strange tale began March 8 when the alleged victim, age 26, woke up to the sound of Johnny McDowell breaking into his home in the 800 block of W. Eastwood. A relative of McDowell's also lives at the address, prosecutors said, but the victim had only seen McDowell one time before.

McDowell, 32, began to argue with the man about some damage to a relative's car from a year ago and then pulled out a gun that he began waving around while threatening to kill the victim.

He then allegedly punched the victim twice in the face and ordered him to empty his pockets while holding the man at gunpoint. After getting the man's phone, cash,

credit cards, Apple watch, and some pot, McDowell ordered the victim to smoke the marijuana with him, prosecutors said.

McDowell allegedly became angry about a comment the victim made after smoking up, and he punched the man in the face two more times before pistol-whipping him in the head twice.

The attack caused the man to experience convulsions, and McDowell threatened to kill him if he didn't stop shaking.

At that point, McDowell pointed the gun at the man's face and pulled the trigger. But the gun jammed. McDowell allegedly cleared the gun, reloaded it, racked the slide, and then placed it on the kitchen table.



Johnny McDowell

Shortly before 4 p.m., the victim reportedly told McDowell that he had to pick up a child at Brennemann School, a fact that McDowell allegedly confirmed by calling the child's mother.

The men got into the victim's car and the victim drove to the school, 4251 N. Clarendon, while McDowell held him at gunpoint and ordered him not to do anything stupid, prosecutors alleged.

The victim sought help from school staff members when he got inside. Police arrived quickly and found McDowell sitting outside the school in the victim's Jeep.

Cops recovered the victim's ID, phone, credit cards, and Apple watch from McDowell and found a loaded handgun under the driver's seat, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors charged him with attempted first-degree murder and armed robbery.

"There's something in these facts that just don't add up," McDowell's public defender told Judge Mary Marubio during a bond court hearing March 10.

But Marubio said she thought the allegations were clear and ordered him held in lieu of \$250,000 bail. She also ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a 10% deposit bond.

## Cops questioning "multiple" suspects in weeks-long wave of ATM burglaries, carjackings

Chicago police are optimistic that they have dealt a serious blow to a violent carjacking and ATM theft crew that has struck dozens of times across the city in recent weeks, according to multiple law enforcement sources.

At least four people are in custody after police tracked GPS signals from an ATM that was stolen on the Near South Side March 10, the sources said. Two ATMs have been recovered.

The crew sprang back to life around 1 a.m. March 10 when they apparently stole three SUVs from a car rental agency near O'Hare and then broke into several businesses to target ATMs on the Northwest and Near South Sides and in Bucktown.

Police said two white Infiniti SUVs and a black Range Rover were taken from a car rental agency parking lot near O'Hare around 1 a.m. Cops and witnesses would later report seeing white Infiniti SUVs bearing "fleet" license plates at the burglary scenes.

After getting the SUVs, the crew got to work doing what they've done dozens of times: burglarizing businesses for ATMs and cash registers.

They broke into Christina's Place, 3759 N. Kedzie, around 2:50 a.m. and took the ATM. A white SUV was seen leaving the area.

About 20 minutes later, cops turned

a corner and apparently saw the crew sitting outside their next target, a Mexican restaurant on the 3500 block of W. Montrose. But the crew sped away in their white SUV when they saw police rolling up, officers said.

The next stop was in Bucktown where the crew had a close call as a patrol officer came upon them as they burglarized Bucktown Pub, 1658 W. Cortland. The officer briefly pursued their white SUV westbound on North Ave., but they got away.

One of the ATMs they took was equipped with a tracking device that police followed to 19th Street and Lawndale Ave. When cops arrived at the intersection, they didn't find an ATM, but they did find one of the stolen SUVs abandoned in an alley, sources said.

Law enforcement resources were sent to the area where officials focused their attention on a home located in the 1800 block of S. Lawndale.

Around 8 a.m., police chased two men who walked out of the home. One of the suspects reportedly dropped stacks of new currency as he ran. Both men were caught and arrested.

According to a source, police entered the home and found an ATM on the second floor with a crowbar lying next to it. At least two occupants of the home were also taken into custody for questioning.

Another ATM was found around noontime in an alley behind the 4000 block of W. 26th St. in Little Village. Investigators were trying to determine where it came from.

Cracking the criminal crew has been a priority for Chicago police and the FBI's Chicago field office, which joined the hunt on Feb. 28 after 12 businesses were burglarized in one morning by a group of men who used a carjacked SUV to steal ATMs.

The burglary team has been taking ATMs, liquor, cigarettes, and other valuables during early morning raids for weeks. They struck multiple locations on Dec. 26, 2020, Jan. 1, Feb. 3, 4, 23, 24, 26 and 28.

Investigators have linked them to armed carjackings, including one in which a man was shot at a Northwest Side gas station.

## "Dent scammer" charged with targeting yet another driver — in Lincoln Park this time

A North Center man who was charged last month with ripping off senior citizens with an auto dent repair scam caused more than \$3,000 damage to a 72-year-old driver's vehicle in a similar scheme last December, prosecutors said this week.

Gino Johns, 27, is now charged with felony criminal damage to property in the new case.

According to prosecutors and a



Gino Johns

CPD report, Johns and an accomplice pulled up next to a 72-year-old man as he parked in the 1600 block of N. LaSalle on Dec. 1, 2020, and told him they could repair a dent on his car at a discount.

When the alleged victim told them his vehicle wasn't damaged, they got out of their truck, and he heard a "thump" sound, prosecutors said. He got out and saw a small dent on the front passenger side that hadn't been there before.

Johns began smearing a paste on the dent to "repair" it, but the damage only got worse, and the victim pulled out his phone to call police.

Both of the alleged scam artists fled in the truck they pulled up in.

CPD detectives realized the scam, the alleged perpetrators and the

## Executive used HIV-AIDS charity's money to pay for divorce, go on "lavish" shopping sprees

The former chief financial officer of a charity that provides housing and other support to persons living with HIV and AIDS stole more than \$300,000 from the organization to pay for her divorce, buy an Audi, and go shopping at high-end retailers, prosecutors said.

A close friend of the woman, who worked as the charity's chief program and development officer, is accused of embezzling a lesser amount.

On March 11, Assistant State's Attorney Paul Kiefer told Judge Charles Beach that the thefts from Chicago

House Social Service Agency came to light after the charity launched an investigation when its top finance officer, Andrea Peoples, was charged last year with stealing money from her previous employer, Planned Parenthood.



Andrea Peoples

Chicago House, which was founded in the early days of the AIDS epidemic, was three days away from shuttering due to lack of funds when the alleged thefts were discovered, Kiefer said.

According to Kiefer, Peoples stole \$350,142.45 of Chicago House funds through electronic transfers and checking deposits to her personal accounts that were disguised as payments to legitimate vendors. The alleged scam also involved the misuse of a credit card the charity provided for business purposes.

"She had lavish spending habits," Kiefer said as he accused her of using money intended to help LGBTQ community members with health and housing resources to go on shopping sprees at Neiman Marcus, Yves Saint Laurent, and Louis Vuitton.

She put \$12,500 of the charity's money toward a new Audi and used

more to pay for her divorce attorney, Kiefer continued. Chicago House was paying her a salary of \$125,000 at the time.

As the charity's chief financial officer, Peoples was "at least com-



Tijana Timatyos

licit or permissive" in allowing her friend and co-worker, Tijana Timatyos, to steal \$48,588.47 from the organization for personal use, Kiefer said.

Rather than going toward helping people in need, \$48,588.47 of the charity's funds paid for Timatyos' purchases at Ashley Furniture, Darvin Furniture, and American Mattress, according to Kiefer.

Peoples, 42, is charged with felony theft of over \$100,000. Timatyos, 54, is charged with felony theft over \$10,000.

Neither of them is currently employed, according to their defense attorneys.

Judge Beach set bail for Peoples at \$50,000 and ordered her to go onto electronic monitoring if she posts a \$5,000 deposit bond. He released Timatyos on her own recognizance but said she must also go on electronic monitoring.

Chicago House was days away from closing when it learned of the alleged embezzlement, "that's largely because of Ms. Peoples' representations to the board that they were financially solvent when they clearly were not," Kiefer told the judge.

The charity was temporarily unable to make payroll or rent and they were on the cusp of losing federal grants that fund some of its operations.

truck were similar to circumstances in another incident reported a few days earlier in Lakeview, Assistant State's Attorney Franka D'Antignac said.

Investigators found surveillance video of the reported scam on LaSalle and determined that the victim's car was not damaged before the men "worked" on it, but had visible damage after they were done, D'Antignac alleged. The victim later identified Johns as one of the offenders in a photo line-up.

A U.S. Marshals task force arrested Johns at his home this week. Judge Mary Marubio, noting that the alleged incident took place before Johns was arrested in February, released him on his own recognizance.

The dent repair scam is one of the most prolific schemes in Chicago. But the scammers, who sometimes pocket thousands of dollars for phony dent repairs, are rarely caught.

In the Lakeview incident that reportedly helped detectives identify Johns, two victims, ages 82 and 65, were driving in the 3200 block of N. Lincoln around 12:50 p.m. on Nov. 27, 2020, when he caught their attention in traffic and identified himself as a car dealership employee, prosecutors said.

He directed them into a nearby parking lot, and an unknown co-offender began smearing green paste on their car's front quarter panel, according to the allegations. He told them to leave the paste on for a day and then demanded \$6,500 as payment, prosecutors said.

Johns then allegedly followed the victims to a bank where the 65-year-old withdrew the money and gave it to him. Later, Johns called the victims

and asked to meet again, prosecutors said.

When they met, Johns allegedly demanded another \$6,000. They gave it to him — and then wrote down his license plate number, which police traced to Johns, according to the state.

Cops arrested Johns last week after the older victim identified him as the scammer who called himself "George," did most of the talking, and took their money. The younger victim allegedly identified Johns in a photo line-up after he was arrested.

Prosecutors said the scammers actually caused over \$1,300 in damages to the victims' car.

Prosecutors charged Johns in February with felony theft by deception from a senior citizen and aggravated battery of a police officer. He has a 2012 conviction for burglary.

"The allegation is that you were preying on two individuals with delicate sensibilities based on their age," Judge Arthur Willis said during Johns' bond hearing last month. He then set bail at \$5,000 and ordered Johns to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a \$500 deposit bond.

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# How a pandemic changes rental apartment hunting



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Rental apartment living in Chicago and across the nation may never be the same again a year after the pandemic.

Traditionally, apartment dwellers are always looking for the best rent deal. However, one year into the COVID-19 virus pandemic “more space” beats “cheaper” rent.

Many cramped apartment dwellers now are hunting for better rental digs with open-air amenities and more living space—preferably in the city in which they already reside, according to

a new survey of 10,000 prospects who shopped for an apartment on rentcafe.com. Here are highlights of the survey:

- Lifestyle improvement is the main motivator for those looking to rent this spring. Forty-one percent of renters surveyed said “open-air amenities” and “more space” as their most essential apartment features in 2021, outranking by far amenities such as “home office” (5%) or “good internet connection” (10%). Only four percent of renters chose to move because they could now be more flexible by working remotely.

- The reasons for moving are within the same spectrum: “looking for better deals” was the top answer for 29% of renters, followed by “the need for a change of scenery” (25%).

- When asked how the pandemic affected their apartment-selection process, 28% of renters said they prefer a place to live by

themselves. “Something cheaper” (25%) and “something larger” (19%) were next on the priority list.

- Ninety percent of renters said they are looking for long-term rentals. Moreover, 48% wish to remain in the same city in which they currently reside. This trend shows that improving housing conditions is the goal, not necessarily a drastic change like moving to a different city, noted rentcafe.com.

- Many of those who moved in the spring of 2020 seemed to have done so out of need, not because they wanted to. “Expiring lease” was the main reason for moving (26%) last year, while a significant share of renters was concerned whether they’d be “able to pay rent during this time” (32%).

- Of the survey respondents looking for an apartment to move into now, one-third (34%) had moved once before during the past

12 months—and most of them did so because of pandemic-related reasons.

- Looking at those who are just moving now, 33% said that they didn’t move earlier because of the pandemic. This means that 67% of the renters currently looking for a new apartment may be committed to making this change now, regardless of the COVID-19 situation, said rentcafe.com.

### Cook County enacts Renter’s Ordinance

Inspired by the tough Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, the Cook County Board has enacted a new ordinance that imposes scores of new regulations on landlords and tenants in the suburbs.

The new ordinance takes effect June 1 and draws its inspiration from Chicago’s ordinance, which has been in effect since 1986.

Owner-occupied buildings

with six units or less are exempt from the ordinance, in addition to condominium or single-family homes where the housing provider resided in the property at least one month of the previous 12 months.

Under the suburban Cook County ordinance, move-in fees can be charged only for “reasonably related” costs, and landlords must provide tenants with an “itemized list” of these costs. Late fees are limited to \$10 for the first \$1,000 of rent, plus five percent of any amount above that amount.

For more housing news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit [www.escapingcondojail.com](http://www.escapingcondojail.com).

## Old Town artists colony presentation

Edgar Miller Legacy will be hosting a live virtual presentation 6 p.m. Thursday March 25, titled “Artistry & Intuition: Edgar Miller’s Carl Street Studios.”

The presentation will explore the story of the Carl Street Studios, 155 W. Burton Pl., in Old Town, the first of Miller’s “Handmade Homes.”

The presentation will review its inception as an urban artist colony through to its recent saga undergoing landmarking and becoming a part of the West Burton Place Historic District.

The Carl Street Studios is one of the most distinct and eclectic built environments of the entire Midwest. The artist colony project began in 1927.

Miller, with creative partners Sol Kogen and Jesús Torres, and a team of artisans, totally reimagined a 19th century residential building, turning it into a sprawling live-work studio complex in the heart of the city. The studio still stands in Old Town, and is a sanctuary of some of Miller’s best examples of organic architecture and decorative art.

To register, visit [edgarmiller.org/lectures](http://edgarmiller.org/lectures).

## DePaul Prep upsets #1 Whitney Young 55-43 in first round of new tourney

### Final game in Tom Winiacki Gym



By Jack Lydon

I had a whole different story planned. I intended to write about DePaul Prep Coach Tom Kleinschmidt’s 200th win and the final game in the former Gordon Tech gym.

All that changed Friday evening at St. Patrick at the Chipotle Clash of Champions game between #19 ranked DePaul Prep v. and #1 ranked Whitney Young.

With no state tournament to crown a champion this year, former New Trier and Fenwick coach turned television broadcaster Rick Malnati put together an eight-team tournament for the final two days of this abbreviated season. It has the feel of a championship tournament drawing the top ranked teams all of whom would have been contenders for state championship in 3A and 4A. The teams invited (in order of seeding) are Simeon, Whitney Young, Mundelein, Notre Dame, Evanston, Fenwick, DePaul Prep and St. Patrick.

Early in the first quarter, the DePaul Prep Rams (13-2,10-2) opened a 9-0 lead on Whitney Young (13-1, 5-0), holding the mighty Dolphins scoreless for the first four and a half minutes of the game.

Dolphins were by no means out of it. Young rallied with some tremendous outside shooting. The lead changed hands a couple times in the second quarter and Young led 21-20 at the half.

The Rams had made a respectable showing. They could have folded in the second half and capped off another successful



DePaul Prep Players from left Jabari Sawyer, Cam Lewis, TY Johnson and Brian Mathews watch Rasheed Bello take foul shots late in victory over #1 Whitney Young.

season. That’s not going to happen with a Kleinschmidt team, and particularly not with this experienced senior-lead Rams team.

The Rams came out fired up, confident they would beat the #1 ranked team. The Rams continued to force the Dolphins to play their half-court game. They controlled the tempo and moved the ball around in their spread offense until either senior guard Rasheed Bello found a seam to slice through, or the other senior guard Tyler “TY” Johnson did, and scored.

As the game wore on, with the Rams maintaining their 10-point lead, Young began to send the Rams to the line, where Bello, Johnson and senior center Brian Mathews made their free throws to maintain their lead.

The final score was DePaul Prep 54, Whitney Young 43. DePaul Prep’s Johnson had 32 points and Mathews had 11 points and 7 rebounds.

“It was a great step for our program. We have been there. We have been in the mix. We have been a top 10 team for a while, we just haven’t been a top three team,” said Kleinschmidt after the game.

When asked what this means for his 200th win, he said, “It’s

more about the seniors. They are not able to play for a state championship. So getting to play in a tournament against great teams and great coaches, and great schools, it’s an honor and a privilege for them and when we get a big win, it’s even better.”

The number #1 ranked Whitney Young Dolphins are coached by the legendary Tyrone Slaughter who has multiple state championships under his belt. The Dolphins lead the Chicago Public School’s Red-West North division.

Kleinschmidt took over as head coach of then Gordon Tech in 2012. As a student and player at Gordon Tech, he led his Rams, under then head coach, Steve Pappas, to the state title game in 1991.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Mayor needs to go on a diet

Mayor Lori Lightfoot needs to go on a diet.

Yep. That's right. A diet.

No, I am not trying to fat shame Madam Mayor.

Chicago needs to go on a diet and she is the face of the City. Mayor Lightfoot has been carrying around an extra 5,000 pounds of ugly, worthless fat since she was sworn in.

I am talking about that worthless bunch of rumbling, tumbling, stumbling bums called the Chicago City Council.

We have 50 alderman in the City of Chicago. Fifty! And they all have chiefs of staff, assistants, secretaries, drivers, coat holders and door openers who also collect paychecks, benefits and pensions.

Do we really need 50? Can we cut some and survive? I think we can.

Think about it. Cinderella survived with only seven dwarfs. Jesus preached with only 12 apostles. A baker can survive with 13 in a dozen.

Why do we need 50 aldermen?

Their offices have been closed since the pandemic started. They don't teach schoolchildren. They don't pick up garbage. They don't fight crime.

Have you've seen how bad crime is lately?

Now I am not saying cut the City Council down to 10 members and make them really work for a living. It is a City job after all.

But couldn't we cut it down to 30, 25 or 20 future federal defendants and use their and their staff's salaries for education, patching potholes or abating the sin taxes the City collects on all my sinful consumption?

A lot of the aldermanic toadying or blustering is duplicated.

Does the Avondale neighborhood really need both Rossana Rodriquez-Sanchez and Carlos Ramirez Rosa to wave the social justice warrior flag to hide the fact that Chicago does not adequately fund Special Education?

Does Ravenswood need both Andre Vasquez and Matt Martin to

push the White guilt trip to distract homeowners of the annual double-digit property tax increases on their million dollar homes, even though most of their kids will never get a fair shot to get into Northside or Payton College Preps?

Does the northwest side really need three firefighters pretending to be aldermen who all vote 95% with the mayor anyway?

And does River North really need (or want) Brendan O'Reilly? It has gotten much worse since he replaced ol' Burton Natarus.

But just to recap, 10 aldermen always scream and vote against the Mayor, and 20 aldermen always remain silent and vote with her.

So Madam Mayor, can you just keep the 20 in the middle who remain awake during City Council meetings and cut the rest?

And cut the liquor and consumption taxes.

Chicago is getting bad enough to drive a guy to drink.

Michael Sullivan

### The grand diversion

"The fate of Grant Park statues in balance," [March 10 edition]?

Who ever told these Public Servants that they needed to decide anything about the statues, other than to ensure adequate upkeep of these priceless PUBLIC treasures.

With the City of Chicago in shambles, unemployment, streets falling apart, the local economy in ruins, a Public Transport train system that is filthy and dangerous, rampant street crime, and a constant struggle to overcome a health crisis... they're addressing the "problem" of statues?

This is a grand diversion from the looming above-mentioned flaws at great expense to the City, and the rights of its Citizens.

It is an insult to every Citizen of Chicago.

Be put on notice: Vandals and politicians, hands off our statues.

John Loftus  
Edgewater

### WEE HOURS from p. 2

sionary and major philanthropist who believed in giving individuals the chance to create their own success. Driehaus died on March 9 at the age of 78.

**RIP: Mike Hamernik**, a WGN-TV meteorologist, died of lung cancer last Wednesday morning. He was 60.

**RIP CARMEL QUINN:**

Sometimes the memories of childhood are the strongest. So I owe a lot to my grandparents for all the clutter and paraphernalia that they filled my mind with so that I could retrieve it decades later to peruse and study. Their love of traditional Irish music was shared with me. Before I could walk, I could jig. I could tap my toes, stomp my feet and sing along to the brisk tempo and choruses of a vast array of Irish music. Never to be forgotten. No one was more helpful in that cultural transmission than

TV mogul Arthur Godfrey and Variety Show host Ed Sullivan. She appeared on countless game shows and music variety shows. She came to Chicago back in the early 1980s when Jane Byrne was mayor. I remember meeting her out in Beverly Park for Irish Fest. Carmel Quinn was the immigrants' dream. Beautiful. Lyrical. Poetic. And successful in helping the Irish hold on to a bit of their



Mike Hamernik



Richard Driehaus



Carmel Quinn

homeland. She was a trooper. She's already tuning up the angels with special ditties. Pax tibi.

**RIP TOO: Thomas Havey** was "a man for others," in the finest traditions of his Jesuit educators whose influence on him was formative and resulted in his charitable generosity that governed all the days of his life. Nowhere did he demonstrate that more than on the board of Misericordia, where his sensitive faith could impact the lives of the most vulnerable. It was the same way at the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the board of the Catholic Charities, and the Board of the Society of Jesus. For the past 16 years Havey resided in

Florida where he delighted in the opportunities it offered to chase a small white ball around a finely sheered green lawn. In addition, he served as the 86th President of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago where he led by kind example with noble purpose. His accounting practice grew large based on his well-respected reputation. Havey died last week at 98. Rest, great friend.

**ARTEMISIA:** Monday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m. "Live from WFMT" will feature 'Sounds Like Us,' performed by the Chicago-based vocal trio Artemisia (Diana Lawrence, Alexandra Olsavsky, Kaitlin Foley), along with an interview with host, **Oliver Camacho**. A real treat for the ears.

**OLD TRICK:** Cheap Trick is back with another blistering single, "Boys & Girls & Rock N Roll," in anticipation of the release of their 20th studio album, "In Another World," out April 9. Look for the limited edition blue and white splattered vinyl which will be available at independent record stores all over town. Rockford's own was founded in 1973, and is now an indisputable American rock institution.

**SEATTLE GIFT:** Seattle Art Museum gets major gift, a prized art collection of 19th and 20th-century abstract expressionist and European masterworks, including those by **Jackson Pollock** and **Willem de Kooning** from the Lang Collection.

WHO'S WHERE: Emmett

**Whealan**, namesake of his political grandpa, Cook County Board President **Emmett Whealan**, is back in FL for sun and recovery...

**Karin Carlson** had a fun night in Palm Beach with **Robert Kiger** and **James Noodle**. ... **Ken Norgen** enjoying an Aperol spritz at Ajax Tavern in Aspen, CO, with **Kate and Chris Reilly** and **Matt Olaveson** ... **Kathie Roenigk** celebrating her birthday on Maui,

fleeing flash floods... TV's **Whitney Reynolds** packed the car with hubby and kiddies for skiing in Galena where they're staying in a tree house... **Brian White, Jim Kinney with Peggy Snorf, Karen Zupko, Albie van Alyea, Ginny van Alyea and William M. Fox** all dolled up and dining at their Lake Shore Dr. pad... **Bobbi Panter** feeling excited with **Matthew Arnoux** to be back in Dubai, UAE, for Phase II... **Thad Wong** helping his daughter **Ella** fulfill her dream to deliver food with Door Dash to earn some coin, supporting his kids by learning and seeing the larger picture... **Mary Laskey** and **Sherry Lea Fox** at the Monarch Dallas opening in TX with **Peaches Carr** ... **Dr. Lester Fisher** turns 100, 30 years as Lincoln Park Zoo Director... barman **Mark Wagner** holds court at Gibson's regularly, so stop by for a cocktail soon, he's usually chatting with **Shelley Howard** ...

**Lanise Antoine Shelley** named new artistic director of the Chicago Theater... **Charles Jordan** and **Candace** with **Justine Fedak** at La Scarola Italian restaurant, glad to be back with **Armando**, whose done so much to promote Chicago restaurants... and chic **Rose O'Neill** holding a vastly scaled back St. Patrick's dinner toasting the loss our dear friend **Mary Jo McGuire**.

Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.

--William Butler Yeats

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## North Township Real Estate For Sale

### Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ALLIANT CREDIT UNION, AN ILLINOIS STATE CHARTERED CREDIT UNION Plaintiff,

-v- LAKE POINT TOWER RENAISSANCE PLAZA, LLC F/K/A LAKE POINT TOWER COMMERCIAL, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, EVANGELINE GOULETAS, AN INDIVIDUAL, A. ROBERT ABOUD AND COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

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This event will take place on the 2nd

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Washington D.C. that owns and operates nearly 800,000 housing units worth about \$61 billion.

Given the "long role that City Hall has played in creating and maintaining segregation" in Chicago, "we are very aware of the need to examine our work and be accountable for our outcomes," said DOH Commissioner Marisa Novara.

The release lists eight criteria designed to "ensure racial equity" - one of which is to "Ensure residents have choices about where they can live affordably by ensuring that affordable developments are built in highly resourced, amenity-rich areas." Most North Side communities, including Lincoln Square, would be considered 'highly resourced, amenity-rich areas.'

"This is a powerful step in institutionalizing equity into how we do business. REIA is one tool that a growing number of government departments and agencies are using to guide equitable policy develop-

ment and decision-making," said Candace Moore, Chicago's Chief Equity Officer.

At an earlier Jan. 21 virtual visioning meeting, a great deal of frustration was openly expressed in hundreds of comments and questions by area businesses and residents over the city's plans. Most were disturbed by the lack of transparency on the project, that the scheme was created in secrecy back in 2019, and the speed with which decisions were being made during a pandemic lockdown.

Despite the clear opposition to the project, the 47th Ward Office has made no effort to negotiate with those people in their own ward who are opposed to the plan.

The parking lot in question was actually taken from their former owners in 1975 by City Hall in an eminent domain action to support the commercial district with a metered off-street parking lot. To now turn that property over for free to a private developer seems a disservice to those people who gave up those properties for a greater community need over 40 years ago. The

proposal also ignores the findings of a 1998 Master Plan undertaken by The Lakota Group and DLK Architecture, at the behest of the 47th Ward Office, Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce and Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development, that stated that the 45-acre Lincoln Square commercial district had a parking deficit of "approximately 1,519 parking space."

Many area residents and local businesses fear that the loss of the commercial parking lot would damage their businesses and local institutions. Those that would appear to be most at risk are the many unique small retailers and independent restaurants that have helped turn the community into a regional draw, bringing people into Lincoln Square from the entire the six-county region.

Additionally, the city is seeking to remove this commercial parking lot just as Northwestern Medicine is expanding in a

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- residents.
- Design a place that serves all ages and backgrounds during all seasons.
- Foster equitable access to essential items like affordable groceries and housing opportunities for all.

Community members developed guidelines that may influence any future development. These guidelines consider market realities, economic impacts, and how site design could improve the health of residents and preserve green space. If existing green space is displaced, the CDI seeks to ensure the residents who use the land may continue to benefit by reserving a portion of the site for a community garden would depend on economic feasibility of any pro-

posed development. new Lincoln Square clinic at 4732 N. Lincoln Ave. The new clinic is directly adjacent to the parking lot and will be heavily dependent on patients coming by car and seeking off-street parking.

Besides DANKHaus, those also benefiting from the parking lot are cultural institutions like the Davis Theater and Old Town School of Folk Music. Losing the lot would make it more difficult for them to draw in customers from outside of the community, especially if Resident Only Permit Parking is expanded in the community, as Ald. Martin suggested it might be during the Jan. 21 meeting.

Losing that open parking lot during and after construction of a residential development would also leave the popular and well-attended Lincoln Square Farmers Market, the German American Festival, Apple Fest and Mayfest struggling to survive.

The CDI suggest the building construction maintain the Howard streetscape and provide a community-based economic generator, such as an incubator, community space, or urban farm. They'd like to attract retail and commercial tenants that are aligned to the neighborhood aesthetics and will strengthen the local business corridor.

The CDI also calls for a residential component to the site, with a mix of market-rate, affordable, and unit sizes, while offsetting land acquisition cost for development. Also to leverage residential space to pay for other uses on site.

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