

Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery.

— Calvin Coolidge

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Judge tosses out Old Town lawsuit against Fern Hill, Canvas project

Ruling clears path for developer Fern Hill's 349-unit high-rise on LaSalle Drive — for now

The opposition fighting against a planned high-rise project in Old Town had their legal challenge rejected in Cook County court April 9.

They were in court fighting a controversial new 36-story, 349-unit apartment tower project at the corner of North Ave. and LaSalle Dr.

Cook County Circuit Court Associate Judge Myron Mackoff dismissed a lawsuit that targeted developer Fern Hill. The developer has been in a two-year battle

with its neighborhood to get the project approved and underway. The case was brought by a neighboring condo association that was attempting to invalidate the project's new rezoning.

Judge Mackoff sided with the city and developer, ruling that the plaintiffs failed to meet a key procedural requirement under Illinois law.

According to Crain's Chicago, the case failed in that anyone seeking to overturn a zoning ordinance must notify all property owners within 250 feet of the site. The court determined the condo board did not do that.

The judge also reportedly rejected the group's position that the development would harm

property values, signaling skepticism that such concerns rise to the level of a protected constitutional right.

Opponents argued the project is out of scale for the neighborhood and would further crowd an already dense stretch of Old Town. Indeed, even now before the project is underway, the intersection of North and LaSalle is frequently backed up with traffic exiting Lake Shore Dr., while North Ave. many times can be backed up from Clark St. all the way west to Clybourn and Elston avenues.

Crain's reported that city attorneys argued that the area is

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Thefts from cars downtown

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are warning residents of a recent rash of related Burglary from Motor Vehicle, Theft from Motor Vehicle and Criminal Damage to Vehicle incidents to residents in the Chicago Loop and West Loop.

In each of the incidents, the victims' locked vehicle was parked on the public way or in a non-residential parking garage when crooks damaged the vehicles and stole construction equipment contained inside.

In one occurrence, one of the offenders pointed an unknown firearm in the direction of the vehicle owner to deter owner from recording offenders with use of his cell phone.

Incidents include one on the 500 block of S. Wabash Ave., March 26, at 7:40 a.m.;

500 block of W. Van Buren St on March 26, at 8:13 a.m.; 600 block of W. Washington Blvd on March 27, at 7:06 a.m.; 600 block of W. Monroe St on March 28, at 7:20 a.m.; 500 block of S. Wabash Ave on March 30, at 7:05

a.m.; 300 block of S. Wabash Ave on March 30, at 11:41 a.m.; 600 block of S. State St on April 1, at 7:45 a.m.; 900 block of S. Michigan Ave, April 2, from 10:20 till 3:10 p.m.; 300 block of S. Wacker Dr on April 3, from 6 until 7:30 a.m.; 300 block of S. Wabash Ave on April 4, at 6 a.m.; 300 block of S. Wabash Ave on April 4, at 7:44 a.m.; 0-100 block of N. Wacker Dr on April 4, at 8:25 a.m.

The offenders are described as one to four African American males, wearing black hooded sweatshirts and black pants.

Candy Hall of Fame signs lease on Michigan Ave.

The town that once lead the world in candy manufacturing seems the right place to have the Candy Hall of Fame. It can be said that Chicago is the candy capital of the world. Now producers of the hall of fame are expanding on Michigan Ave.

The Candy Hall of Fame Experience announced last week that they signed a long-term lease for 60,000 square feet on multiple levels at 830 N. Michigan Ave. The hall of fame is operated by the National Confectionary Sales Assoc. [NCSA].

In 1884, The NCSA was formed in Chicago. The organization originally represented 69 candy companies and helped advance candy making standards in the U.S. Today, it is one of the oldest and well respected trade associations in the world. The organization still holds its Sweets and Snacks Expo in Chicago, which draws candy makers from around the world.

The deal is a major win for Fairpoint Development and their partner Saxony Properties, which bought the property from Brookfield Properties fully vacant for \$40 million in Aug. 2023. As is



Artist rendering of the future Candy Hall of Fame at 830 N. Michigan Ave.



A look at the Tootsie Roll factory in the 1960's.

Photo courtesy Chicago Tribune

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(Top) The Cherry Blossom trees are blooming in Jackson Park. (Bottom) Visitors walk through Yoko Ono's Sky Landing. Photos by Peter Buol

State St. closes for six weeks between Wacker and Randolph

The City of Chicago announced that southbound State St. has been closed between Wacker Dr. and Randolph St. for six weeks for emergency sewer repairs associated with the ongoing State/Lake CTA Station reconstruction project.

Northbound traffic along State St. will not be affected.

Southbound traffic, including CTA buses, will be detoured via Wacker Dr., Clark and Washington streets. Pedestrian access will remain open.

Community meeting April 21 over Walton Place hotel conversion plan

The 2nd Ward office is co-hosting a virtual community meeting 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, with the Streeterville Organization for Active Residents to solicit feedback on a development proposal for the existing building at 201 E. Walton Pl.

Currently operated as the Sonesta Extended Stay Suites hotel, new ownership would like to complete a phased renovation

ultimately leading to the conversion of the entire building to fully renovated, elevated rental apartments with no hotel.

To join this meeting visit https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P5TaAtkITM-mm9iK1LFdWMg#/registration to register, or contact the ward office at office@aldermanhopkins.com.

Downtown street resurfacing will include Lower Michigan Ave.

Anyone who has driven down Lower Michigan Ave. lately will be happy to hear that the street is due to get some roadway repairs.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has authorized a portion of his Aldermanic Menu Funds to resurface several streets and alleys in his ward. Resurfacing projects can take several weeks, but the city crews have already began work on Lower Michigan Ave., from Grand Ave. to Lower North Water St. Also on the docket are the alley bounded by Delaware Place, Chestnut, Dearborn and State

streets; Park Dr., from Illinois to N. Water streets, and Harbor Dr., from Harbor Service Dr. to Randolph St.

Projects that have not yet been approved but are in planning include: Lower Michigan Ave., from Lower Wacker Dr. and Lower Stetson Ave.; S. Water St., from Stetson Ave. to Columbus Dr.; Stetson Ave., from Wacker Dr. to Randolph St.; Randolph St., from Beaubien Ct. to Columbus Dr., and Randolph St., from Field Blvd. to Harbor Dr.

Crossing Chicago's landscape along Kedzie Ave.



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

There's nothing like a ride through Chicago on a thoroughfare that's a bit unfamiliar. It may be my favorite thing next to homemade chocolate cake.

We all choose our neighborhoods (or our ancestors did) and some of us get siloed in them, we're born, raised and die in our same neighborhood.

The North Side is certainly more transient than many parts of town, welcoming out-of-towners who move to Chicago, or those who come from other neighborhoods, but other parts of town have long histories with multi-generational family legacies. We get anchored to our communities.

Returning from a brunch on the far South Side, my friends and I planned to travel back north via Kedzie Ave. because we wanted something to see.

We gave up on Western Ave., been there done that.

We chose Kedzie, all the way from 91st St., eschewing the Dan Ryan Expy. Yep, 101 city blocks south to north.

We decided to savor the length of the journey, enhanced by the urban silhouette. It turned out to be an eye-opening experience, like a doubleheader between the Cubs and the Sox.

The Kedzie terrain brought us face-to-face with layers of Chicago settlement across decades of history. We saw the great details of development, shapeshifting neighborhoods, especially with the addition of many large strip malls on the far south end of our trip. And we recognized much large-scale change in both racial and ethnic balance in the old-fashioned communities that thrive, yet haunted still by the Eastern European dysphoria and mass migration, still in the air. Especially near our journey's midpoint.

Immigration to Chicago driven by wars, political repression, failed economies,

famine, religious persecution, and a desire for freedom, characterized by distinct refugee waves after World Wars I and II, and with Soviet totalitarian crackdowns.

We drove through leafy, sprawling Marquette Park. The bounty of that land is blessed. The Chicago Park District enfolds east of Kedzie, as well as west of it. Laid out like a country club with an 18-hole golf course and a lagoon. We hadn't laid eyes on it since high school.

This, of course, was the refined Lithuanian "gold coast," a neighborhood of still fine-looking, well-crafted homes and apartment buildings that many economically successful Lithuanian families cherished. Local churches and schools selected the cultural heritage of generations of Eastern European immigrants from the Baltic region. Shops lined each side of the street, small businesses still the stock and trade of new Latin-American residents.

As we approached 55th St., I knew St. Gall Church and school would be on our left. I was curious what the reaction we'd have from my North Side companions who had never seen it before.

St. Gall was a mixed neighborhood of many ethnic Catholics. The original church was replaced in the 1950s. That architectural wonder was still deeply modern and a shock to many more comfortable with traditional design.

Hard to imagine the church has been up almost 70 years. Its sleek but graceful, with a circular body to hold worship and devotion. Everything about it seemed to reflect the Age of Sputnik. It was the very beginning of contemporary design. And most of its critics today are long gone.

Across the the other side of Kedzie, stood the now-closed Talman Savings and Loan was founded in the early 1950s.

Opened by a Bohemian banking family who sought to teach the neighborhood thrift, they assisted people saving for a down payment for a home.

Talman also embraced the contemporary architectural design of the neighboring modern church. The modern age had set down roots on Kedzie Ave. This community thrives in the historic 14th Ward led by Ald. Jeylu Gutierrez. Archer Heights and Brighton Park are local neighborhoods that thrive in the community.

Lands near 51st and Kedzie in the current 15th Ward, represented by Ald. Raymond Lopez, features neighborhoods that include Back of the Yards, Brighton Park, Gage Park and Chicago Lawn. All well-populated, well-kept and filled with history. We even saw a large parcel of land, "the future home of St. Anthony's Hospital."

After we passed 47th St., the terrain becomes more large-scale commercial. Much of the land is used for vast industrial purposes. With the heart of the financial center for Chicago to the east, the vast empty landscape is being reset for fresh



St. Gall Catholic Church, 5501 S. Kedzie Ave., was designed by Pavlecic & Kovacevic and built in 1956.



Marquette Park is a challenging, 9-hole golf course tipping out at lengthy 3,246 yards. Lagoons located throughout the course bring water into play on seven out of the nine holes.

commercial design.

Nearby neighborhoods still reflect the longtime cultural presence of Polish immigrants.

The afternoon sky was clear and bright and revealed nearby planes ready to land just west of us at Midway Airport. It's central urban location amid homes and schools is still a shock to see and hear.

Moving on, the geography became the leafy Douglass Park, an African American community of strong values and traditions particularly at St. Agatha Parish, long a trendsetting institution of stability and community service. Ald. Monique Scott represents the people of the 24th Ward, near Roosevelt Rd. and Kedzie.

Small shops and eateries fill both sides of Kedzie, but we counted at least five large grocery stores as we continued our journey, including Pete's Market.

We passed over the Sanitary Canal moving our waste and filth westward. Huge construction projects, waterways that since 1900 flowed toward the Illinois River away from the city.

Eventually we made our way home. The extraordinary journey was, of course a surprise. We were engulfed in the details and histories of the neighborhoods and institutions that so transformed this portion of Chicago. What we found most amazing was the ongoing resourcefulness of each neighborhood, community and Ward. Chicago has been reshaping and rebuilding the nation's most effective urban landscape on a vast scale.

The sights and sounds so alive across

this landscape re-establishes confidence in Chicago's urban personality. The communities along Kedzie Ave. are strengthened by the people of this grid, stretching the width and length of a spirit that has never died.

So how about it, North Siders, let's get out of our silos and venture into other parts of town.

JEFF AWARDS: Troubles a-brewing as 15 local theaters have said they no longer wish to be connected to the Jefferson Awards, Chicago's prestigious theatrical honor, because it had been awarded to **Charles Askenaizer**, the director of the Invictus Theater. He has been accused of emotional abuse and harassment, though he denies the allegations. And our ever woke theater community is in an uproar. The Jeff Awards could have fixed this, but instead they still awarded Askenaizer, and rattled a hornets nest.

NO SO FINE: City Hall concerns bubble up and into the public from allegations by former official **Nancy Andrade**, who accused the **Mayor Brandon Johnson's**

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Thirty years of runaway property taxes demand action

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Since I came into the Cook County Treasurer's office in 1998 there's been one constant, the inexorable rise of property tax bills.

To better understand why, my office conducted a 30-year analysis of property tax data. The findings make clear the current system is broken.

Over the past three decades, property taxes in Cook County have increased by nearly 182%, rising from \$6.8 billion in 1995 to \$19.2 billion in 2024. That's twice the rate of inflation which rose by 91% during that same period.

And while average wages grew by about 161%, they still failed to keep pace with property taxes. This means property taxes are eating up an ever-larger portion of property owners' incomes.

These tax hikes occurred despite the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law [PTELL], which was designed to cap tax increases at the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less. However, our

study shows that local governments have taken advantage of legal loopholes to enact increases well beyond those limits.

School districts, which accounted for 55% of all property taxes in 2024, increased the taxes they impose on homeowners and businesses by nearly 190% over the 30-year period.

Taxes imposed by municipal governments — including cities, villages, and towns — accounted for 18% of the property tax tab. Their taxes jumped by more than 200% since 1995 going from \$1.2 billion to more than \$3.5 billion.

And the biggest percentage increase occurred in Tax Increment Financing [TIF], districts. The TIF district share of the tax tab soared by more than 1,000% over the past three decades, increasing from \$160 million to more than \$1.8 billion. TIFs now account for 9.6% of the tax bill, compared to

2.4% in 1995.

Several factors contributed to these increases. Home rule municipalities are not bound by PTELL, giving them broader authority to raise taxes. Local governments can also exceed PTELL limits through voter-approved referendums. TIF districts operate outside PTELL restrictions, and when they close, their revenues can be added to local tax levies. Additional exceptions — such as exemptions for certain bond issuances and provisions allowing taxing bodies to slightly increase future taxes to "recapture" refunded taxes — further weaken the law's effectiveness.

At the same time, local governments face significant financial pressures. Illinois provides just 24% of K-12 public education funding, the lowest share of any state, which shifts more of the burden onto local property taxes.

In Chicago, the situation is compounded by the responsibility for funding public school pensions at the local level. Municipalities are also dealing with increased pension obligations and reductions in the share of state revenue they receive.

Concerns about rising property taxes are not new. Reform efforts date back to 1982, yet many failed to gain approval or produce lasting change. As a result, property taxes have continued to rise. Illinois now has the second-highest residential property tax rate in the nation, while Chicago has the highest commercial and second-highest industrial property tax rates.

I believe this moment presents an opportunity for meaningful reform. The Illinois Dept. of Revenue is now studying the property tax system, and I hope that effort leads to real reform, rather than just producing another study that sits on a shelf. The time to act is now.



Maria Pappas

Chicago to host James Beard Awards through 2028

BY ASHLEA PAZAN
Chicago Star Media

Chicago will host the James Beard Awards ceremonies through 2028, Choose Chicago announced in collaboration with the James Beard Foundation at a ceremony hosted on March 31. The event revealed 2026 Restaurant and Chef Award nominees and Achievement Award honorees at The Wellsley.

Chicago restaurateur and James Beard Award winner Kevin Boehm, of Boka Restaurant Group, co-hosted the ceremony.

The James Beard Awards have honored top talent in American food culture since 1990. They recognize excellence in restaurants, chefs and media, and according to the press release, Chicago first hosted in 2015. The

city now claims over 50 past winners.

Gov. JB Pritzker hailed Illinois' dynamic food scene. "Illinois hosts one of the most dynamic and diverse food scenes in the world, with a growing number of restaurants and chefs using their culinary skills to cultivate community and bring international interest to the table," said Pritzker, in a released statement.

Mayor Brandon Johnson called Chicago a great culinary city. "Chicago is one of the world's great culinary cities, and we are honored to continue hosting the James Beard Awards through 2028," said Johnson, as stated in the announcement. He also noted how the city boasted the most James Beard semifinalists last year.

Kristen Reynolds, president and

CEO of Choose Chicago, praised local pros. "Chicago is proud to continue our partnership with the James Beard Foundation by hosting the awards through 2028," said Reynolds, per the press release. She touted the evolving food scene.

Clare Reichenbach, CEO of the James Beard Foundation, welcomed the extension. "We're thrilled that Chicago will continue to be the home of the James Beard Awards ceremonies through 2028," said Reichenbach, while further citing the diverse culture and location.

Sam Toia, president and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association, expressed excitement as well. "As the proud host of the James Beard Awards, the Illinois Restaurant Association is excited for the Awards to remain in Chi-

cago through 2028," said Toia.

2026 schedule spotlights Chicago venues

The 2026 lineup starts with Media Awards on Saturday, June 13, at the Art Institute of Chicago. Impact Awards follow on Sunday, June 14, at The Dalcy. The Restaurant and Chef Awards cap the event on Monday, June 15, at Lyric Opera of Chicago. An after-party will be hosted that same night at Union Station.

Tickets for the awards went on sale on March 31. Media Awards tickets will be available for purchase beginning May 6. The events draw global eyes to Chicago restaurants and chefs, as the city's role in the James Beard Awards cements its culinary leadership.

Work days lead up to Lily Pool opening day

The Lincoln Park Conservancy is hosting two volunteer stewardship and work days leading up to the Monday, April 20 opening day of The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, 125 W. Fullerton Pkwy.

The volunteer work days are on Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18.

Ecological stewardship goes beyond gardening, the efforts help support healthier habitats by participating in a variety of hands-on fieldwork activities at the Lily Pool and North Pond Nature Sanctuary, 2501 N. Stockton Dr.

The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool is open daily, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. April 20 through Friday, Nov. 20. For more information, call 773-883-7275.



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Rent frenzy

North Side apartment hunters now paying over asking price



The Home Front

by Don DeBat



A shortage of supply means that renters looking in Old Town, Lincoln Park and Lakeview are now running into situations where several applicants are being told to submit their best possible offer, and bid above the listed rent.

A bidding war is underway this spring for rental apartments in Old Town, Lincoln Park and Lakeview, Realtors report.

"If you are looking for an upscale rental apartment in Old Town, Lincoln Park or Lakeview this season, you are not just competing—you are bidding," disclosed a Lincoln Park rental broker with Jameson Sotheby's International Realty.

Realtors say apartment listings that once sat on the MLS for weeks are now getting multiple offers within hours or days, and some applicants are throwing hundreds—or thousands—of dollars on top of the advertised monthly rent to lock a unit down.

Landlords and property managers are asking for "highest and best" offers, and for long-time veteran brokers, the shift feels like it arrived almost overnight.

Renters in Old Town, Lincoln Park and Lakeview are running into situations where several applicants are told to submit their best possible offer, not just the listed rent.

In some cases, winning bids ended up hundreds of dollars above asking—sometimes thousands of dollars over asking.

A Jameson Realty broker listed a 2-bedroom-plus-den 2-bath penthouse unit with a fireplace and private deck in a Victorian walk-up building for \$4,000 a month.

An open-house line formed in front of the building in the Old Town Historic District, and the broker received eight offers over the asking rent—including two at \$4,600, and three at \$4,500.

"The winning bid went to an engaged young couple with solid joint income and high credit scores who enclosed a personal letter to the landlord in their bid, hoping they would be considered because of their planned summer wedding at nearby St. Michael's Church," noted the broker. They signed a two-year lease at \$4,600 a month. Over two years, that bid amounted to \$14,400 over asking.

According to RentCafe Lincoln Park's average rent currently is \$2,351, while Lakeview's average is pegged at roughly \$2,209 as of late March of 2026. Rent in both neighborhoods is up substantially compared with a year earlier.

Listing platforms are showing tighter conditions, too. April snapshots from Zumper report median rents edging higher and units cycling off the market more quickly. Brokers point to a basic imbalance: strong demand on Chicago's North Side and not enough available units. The law of supply and demand wins again.

Apartment-hunting advice

With the 2026 spring rental market in exceptionally high gear, and North Side listings frequently attracting multiple offers, veteran Realtors offer apartment hunters the following advice:

- **Move fast.** Agents urge hopeful tenants to move fast and show up with paperwork ready if they want a shot in high-demand neighborhoods.

- **Video walk-through.** Leasing advisors say moving quickly can help. However, if you are applying for a place sight unseen, they recommend insisting on a live video walk-through, saving time-stamped footage, and double-checking details before you sign.

- **Stand out from the crowd.** Applicants should line up strong references, proof of income and evidence of a top 750 to 800-plus credit score before they even start touring.

- **Online agent guide.** Rental experts and local brokers laid out detailed checklists for that kind of prepared approach in an online guide "Tour With Agent," which walks through what to verify when you cannot get to a showing in person.

The online guide notes that Realtor photos are marketing, apartments are reality. Here's what you don't see online: Noise levels, true condition versus staged photos, and neighborhood micro details.

The guide advises applicants to hire a trusted realty agent, demand live video walkthrough, show real-time views from windows, open cabinets and appliances on camera, check water pressure, and test building noise levels, step out onto balconies. Visit: www.tourwithagent.com.

- **Widen your search.** To avoid bidding far over the asking rental price, some renters are widening their search radius, looking at more buildings, or agreeing to longer leases.

This spring and summer, the leverage in the busiest parts of the North Side still sits mostly with landlords, and renters who can stay flexible on timing or neighborhood have the best chance at negotiating, consumer advocates say.

Deals offered at new rental developments and condominium conversions may eventually add

or shift options, but in the short term, the scramble for Old Town, Lincoln Park and Lakeview rentals shows no sign of slowing down. Some landlords are testing out condo conversions, which can pull apartments out of the rental pool and tighten supply even more.

Landlords battle soaring taxes

This spring, even with a reported 10% to 28% average rent hike on new move-in leases caused by tenant over-bidding and unit shortages, landlords will still rely on other creative revenue-generating concepts to ward off astronomical property-tax increases and soaring insurance premiums.

Concepts such as non-refundable move-in fees, pet rent, utility pass-throughs for water, sewer, garbage, wi-fi, and monthly charges for landscaping and snow removal now are commonplace in the Chicago marketplace.

Most contemporary urban landlords prefer a flat, non-refundable move-in fee to a security deposit. Sequestering a security deposit in a separate bank account is another administrative headache.

Chicago landlords also are struggling to maintain properties because of rising costs. One call to a plumber for a minor problem likely will generate a bill of \$300 to \$500. It doesn't matter if it was the renter's fault because his or her hair and body wash stopped up the tub and sink drains.

If a tenant complains about mold in the shower he or she forgot to clean, a professional inspection costs a landlord a whopping \$550 for a mold report.

Chicago's icy winter recently put a heavy monetary toll on roofs, gutters, porches and decks. Sometimes that led to tens of thousands of dollars in tuckpointing, roof work and other maintenance chores to plug weather leaks.

That's why dozens of long-term apartment investors in North Side apartment neighborhoods are selling buildings to East Coast investors and retiring to the beach or mountains.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

Waymo begins testing in Chicago as bill seeks to legalize autonomous vehicles

BY JAQUES ABOU-RIZK
Capital News Service

In downtown Chicago, people have been spotting Google's Waymo automated vehicles testing and mapping the city's streets. For now, the autonomous vehicles must be driven by a human, as the industry seeks the endorsement of state lawmakers.

For the last year, legislators in Springfield have been trying to work through a variety of issues raised by skeptics of the autonomous vehicles, known as AVs. Rep. Kam Buckner, [26th], said AV legislation has a long road ahead to address constituent concerns over safety, insurance and job losses for ride-share and cab drivers.

In January, he introduced the Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Project Act, which would open counties in Illinois with over 1 million residents to automated commercial vehicles. But the bill has since been held up in the Rules Committee, an early step in the process that means it's far from passage, especially in the current legislative session. Other bills supporting the industry also have yet to get the necessary support.

While Waymo has started testing its vehicles with safety drivers in Chicago, the company has not yet announced plans to bring the robotaxis to counties other than Cook, according to Waymo spokesperson Chris Bonelli.

Automated Vehicle legislation

Waymo only fully operates in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia and Texas — warm weather states where concerns about handling icy conditions are not as big an issue.

The company has faced significant questions over the safety of its vehicles and fully automated taxis. A subsidiary of



A Waymo vehicle drives through traffic on the Near North Side. Photo by George Epiphaniou

Alphabet, Waymo is under multiple federal investigations for traffic violations. Company vehicles have also made headlines for blocking emergency vehicles and hitting a child near a school.

In a statement, Bonelli said Waymo is committed to "continuous improvement," adding, "While rare incidents will occur over the more than four million miles we drive every week, our entire fleet can learn from these events and continue to make our roads safer."

According to their own data, Waymo vehicles are involved in 92% fewer crashes with serious injuries compared to an average human driver in the same city.

Among some legislators and observers, it seems a matter of time before legislative compromises eventually produce a bill that will pass to allow AVs to operate without the safety drivers.

Rep. Brad Stephens [20th], who is also the mayor of suburban Rosemont, introduced his own AV bill last Spring. He said he sees a bright future for AVs in Illinois, but he acknowledged that it might not pass

this session.

"It's going to be a challenging two-and-a-half months with a lot of other issues," Stephens said.

'Still in the negotiation phase'

P.S. Sriraj, director of the Urban Transportation Center at Univ. of Illinois Chicago, outlined a host of challenges for AV safety in the state, but he also said he believes the vehicles eventually will become part of life here.

State officials, he said, should look for ways to implement new automations responsibly.

The public benefit of AVs includes widening options for people who live in areas where there are few ride-share drivers or taxis. People with mental or physical disabilities around the state also could greatly benefit from AVs.

"All of the mobility needs of a population are so diverse that these types of tech-

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Free steering wheel club locks for Honda owners

Due to the large number of car airbag thefts going on in Chicago, the 19th District Community Policing Office at 850 W. Addison, is offering free steering wheel clubs for owners of Honda vehicles.

Recipients must call 312-744-0064 to reserve a club, and be able to confirm they live in the 19th district as supplies are limited.

Tap-to-Pay scams are ongoing

There is an ongoing scam in Chicago where people ask others to make tap-to-pay donations for an event such as a funeral or fundraiser, asking for a low amount, but then the schemes are charging the victims large amounts, sometimes over \$1000, once they get the victim's phone.

Police are warning people to never use tap-to-pay to donate money to someone you don't know, and never hand your phone over to someone you don't know.

Legitimate organizations will not refuse cash and will be able to refer you to a website to donate after you do research. If you see anyone engaging in this scam, call 911 and give a description of the offenders and location to the police.

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30 people shot across Chicago this weekend, a 50% increase from last year

BY CWBCHICAGO

Warm weekend weather helped drive a sharp year-over-year increase in shootings across Chicago, according to information released by the Chicago Police Dept. While only one homicide was reported, 29 other people were wounded by gunfire, with victims ranging in age from 13 to 46.

Data compiled by HeyJackass.com, a website that independently tracks Chicago crime using public records and open-source reporting, shows 30 total shooting victims this weekend, a nota-

ble jump from the 20 recorded during the same weekend in 2025. The site's historical data indicates that last year and 2022 were the best-performing years for the weekend since 2015, while the weekend's long-term average stands at 34 victims.

None of this weekend's incidents met the official criteria for a mass shooting, defined as four or more people shot in a single event. However, three separate shootings left three victims wounded in each case.

The weekend's shootings occurred mostly on the West and South Sides.

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Police Beat...

Gunman fires at least 16 shots, injures two in West Ridge

Two men were shot and seriously wounded during a daytime attack in West Ridge on the afternoon of April 8.

The shooting unfolded around 3:25 p.m. in the 6300 block of N. Claremont Ave., where a 31-year-old man and a 24-year-old man were standing on the sidewalk when an unidentified gunman started shooting, police said. Both victims were struck multiple times.

The older victim suffered gunshot wounds to his back and left shoulder and was taken to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition. The 24-year-old man was shot in the abdomen and transported to the same hospital in fair condition.

An officer at the scene said investigators located at least 16 shell casings, believed to have been fired from a rifle. Witnesses told police the gunman escaped in a white Acura SUV that appeared to have damage to its rear end. Descriptions of the shooter varied, and no one was in custody as of April 9.

Man robbed Old Town bank on the same day he got out of federal prison for bank robbery

A career criminal walked out of the federal correctional center in downtown Chicago last week after serving a 96-month term for bank robbery and robbed another bank that very afternoon, prosecutors say. Major McCoy, 42, allegedly admitted to robbing the PNC Bank, 1231 N. Wells St., during an FBI interview, adding that he lost \$150 of the bank's cash before police arrested him when a crack dealer ripped him off.

Back in Jan. 2019, Chicago police arrested McCoy as he climbed into a taxi after robbing the Chase Bank at 230 W. Grand in River North.

Two bank tellers told investigators that McCoy handed them a note that said something to the effect of "I have a bomb and gun. 20,000. Big bills." An FBI agent stated in a criminal complaint that arresting officers found large bundles of cash totaling about \$9,300 in the leg of McCoy's sweatpants.

He was suspected of robbing two other banks within days of that holdup and eventually received a 96-month prison sentence.

On April 1, McCoy walked out of the Metropolitan Correctional Center in downtown Chicago — and he robbed another bank that afternoon, prosecutors say.

At approximately 1:24 p.m., a

man entered the PNC Bank in Old Town and handed the teller a note: "Get me all the money bills only or I will blow this Bitch NO ink pack or G.P.S."

The teller unlocked a drawer and handed over five \$50 bills in "bait money," cash bearing recorded serial numbers that banks keep set aside for robberies, according to the complaint. The robber walked out of the bank and broke into a run once he hit the sidewalk, according to the complaint.

A Chicago Police Dept. officer used the city's network of surveillance cameras to track the suspect and relay a description to patrol units. About 20 minutes after the robbery, a CPD sergeant spotted McCoy matching that description and arrested him in the 100 block of W. Wendell St. after a 10-second foot pursuit, according to the complaint.

During a pat-down, the sergeant allegedly recovered two \$50 bills along with the handwritten bank robbery note from McCoy's pants. Serial numbers on the bills matched two of the bait bills from the bank's teller drawer, the complaint states.

McCoy later told FBI agents that immediately after the robbery, he tried to buy crack cocaine from a man on the street. He said he handed over three of the \$50 bills, but the man never provided the crack, according to the complaint.

State records show that McCoy was released from prison on parole in March 2017 after serving half of a six-year sentence for burglary. Before that, he received an 18-month sentence for shoplifting in 2013; six years for armed robbery in 2008; four years for robbery in 2006; and one year for theft in 2006.

Aggravated Battery on CTA Red Line

Chicago police are warning residents about a recent attack in the Goose Island neighborhood on April 2.

In the incident, the victim was a passenger on a CTA Red Line train near Clybourn and North Ave. when a crook struck him about the face with a closed fist causing the victim to suffer a broken nose and concussion.

Those who may have any information on this crime can contact Public Transportation Detectives at 312-745-4447, or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference #JK203281.

Woman escapes after shooting three men near Horner Park

A woman shot three men and fled moments before Chicago police officers arrived on the scene April 12 near Horner Park on the Northwest Side.

A CPD sergeant reported hearing gunfire while patrolling near the park at Irving Park Rd. and California Ave. at 2:46 a.m. Moments later, 911 callers reported three people shot in the 2900 block of W. Irving Park Rd. Officers arrived quickly and began administering life-saving measures while awaiting EMS.

According to CPD, three men, ages 31, 37, and 38, were standing outside when an unknown woman opened fire from a distance, struck all three, and ran from the scene.

The 31-year-old sustained a gunshot wound to the right calf and was transported to St. Francis Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition. The 37-year-old was in critical condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center with multiple gunshot wounds to the body. The 38-year-old, also treated at Masonic, was listed in fair condition with a gunshot wound to the leg, police said.

Officers recovered approximately 10 shell casings at the scene. Police described the shooter as a heavyset Hispanic woman wearing a black shirt and gray pants who was last seen running north on Richmond St. She remains at large.

Woman assaulted on CTA Red Line

Chicago police are warning residents of a recent Battery that occurred in the Loop on the border of Millennium Park.

Major Crimes Division Mass Transit Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect responsible for a Battery which occurred at 9:13 a.m. April 7 at the Red Line Monroe CTA stop.

While exiting the train, the victim was approached by the suspect who reached in on the victim grabbing her buttock. The suspect then followed the victim up onto the escalator, leaving the area.

Those who may have any information, contact Major Crimes/ Mass Transit

Detectives at 312-745-4447 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference JK209549.

Lincoln Park man charged with groping two women, including CTA bus passenger

A Lincoln Park man faces multiple charges for randomly groping two women in the neighborhood on the same afternoon last month, including one riding a CTA bus, according to court records.

Jesse Goloven, 32, is charged with aggravated battery in a public place, aggravated battery of a transit passenger, and criminal damage to property.

On the afternoon of March 7, Chicago police arrested Golovan in the 1900 block of N. Sheffield Ave. after a CTA bus driver reported that he broke a window on the bus, a CPD report said. Later, a 21-year-old woman on the bus told police that Goloven approached her, said "I need a favor," and grabbed her breasts.

Investigators also linked him to a separate attack earlier that day in the 1700 block of N. Clybourn Ave. Prosecutors said surveillance video showed Goloven randomly approaching a 27-year-old woman on the block and grabbing her lower private area.

A third person reported that Goloven knocked a coffee out of their hands the same day, though officials said no charges were filed in connection with that incident.

Judge Antara Rivera granted the state's detention petition, keeping Goloven in jail pending trial.

Man gets 24 years for library attack that left two victims with skull fractures

A man who randomly and violently attacked a 4-year-old boy at the Belmont Brown Line CTA station in Lakeview in 2021 is now going to prison for 24 years for another random attack: the horrific beating of two workers and a 77-year-old patron at a Chicago Public Library branch.

Calvin Williams, 28, pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted murder and one count of aggravated battery in a public place in exchange for the sentence from Judge Timothy Joyce, court records show.

In Feb. 2021, Williams was arrested after he randomly kicked a 4-year-old



Calvin Williams

boy in the face aboard a Brown Line train at Belmont. The boy's mother struck Williams on his shoulder and continued hitting him until police arrived to break them up and take Williams into custody. He ultimately pleaded guilty to aggravated battery of a child and received a four-year sentence.

Then, on May 6, 2024, Williams randomly attacked two Chicago Public Library workers and a 77-year-old library patron with a metal bookend at the Martin Luther King Branch, 3436 S. King Dr. Prosecutors said two of the victims suffered skull fractures.

Williams first attacked a 52-year-old woman, striking her in the face, head, and body with the metal bookend, causing a deep laceration on the top of her head. The woman, listed as a library clerk in a city personnel database, suffered a skull fracture, a broken hand, and a broken jaw, according to prosecutors.

Williams then turned his attention to a 77-year-old man visiting the library, prosecutors said. He struck the man with the bookend and punched him in the face, knocking out a tooth. Prosecutors said the man received a deep cut on his head and a laceration on his hand.

Finally, Williams attacked a 51-year-old woman identified as a librarian in city payroll records. He punched her repeatedly in the face, causing a bruised jaw and chipping two of her teeth, then fled the scene, prosecutors said.

The first Chicago police officers to arrive reported finding three "severely injured" victims in the library, all of whom were taken to hospitals. They radioed a description of the suspect, and other officers arrested Williams in the 3600 block of S. Indiana Ave. after witnesses confirmed that he was the attacker, according to a CPD report.

Judge Timothy Joyce sentenced Williams to consecutive 12-year terms on the attempted murder charges with a finding of severe bodily injury inflicted. He included three concurrent years for the aggravated battery count. Williams must serve 85% of his sentence, with a projected parole date in September 2044.

His other felony convictions include obstruction of justice, two burglaries, robbery, and a 2015 hate crime.

Mail thief has long history of burglaries

A woman caught on camera prying open mailboxes in a Wicker Par apartment building was already on pretrial release for the same type of crime, a judge said, and she had just finished doing prison time for a string of burglaries that included stealing Christmas presents from under a victim's tree.

Adelaide Cornell, 46, was arrested on Feb. 26 after officers monitoring a Chicago Police Department surveillance camera watched her use a screwdriver to force open the entrance to a multi-unit residential building in the 1300 block of N. Ashland Ave., prosecutors said. She went on to pry open mailboxes inside the

building's vestibule, according to the allegations.

Officers responded to the scene and intercepted Cornell as she sat nearby in her Buick Encore. Prosecutors said they found a screwdriver wedged next to the driver's seat, and a search of her car turned up



Adelaide Cornell, aka Adelaide Tamayo.

multiple screwdrivers and 16 sets of keys. Cornell was charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools. At a detention hearing, Judge James Costello

ordered her held, saying she had been on pretrial release for barely a month for an "identical crime." The judge also noted she had recently completed parole and had "many incarcerations."

Her history includes a burglary spree she committed and went to prison for under the name Adelaide Tamayo. In 2024, she pleaded guilty to a run of home break-ins stretching from Bucktown to Lakeview, as well as a phone harassment charge after she threatened a victim who had posted surveillance images of her on social media.

Those crimes began on Dec. 4,

2022, when Tamayo entered the vestibule of a condo building in the 800 block of W. Armitage and forcibly removed a Ring doorbell camera. A week later, Tamayo and an accomplice allegedly broke into a residential building in the 1900 block of N. Milwaukee, stealing packages from a hallway and forcing their way into storage units to take more property, all while security cameras recorded them. Later that same day, surveillance video captured the pair stealing packages from a building vestibule and storage area in the 3200 block of N. Sheffield. One of those cameras captured an image of their getaway car, which bore a license plate registered to Tamayo, prosecutors said.

On Dec. 17, 2022, Tamayo and an accomplice allegedly pried their way into an apartment building in the 2700 block of N. Pine Grove to steal more packages.

A few days after that, a Lakeview man opened his bedroom door in the 2900 block of N. Mildred and found Tamayo and an accomplice holding Christmas presents that had been under his tree, prosecutors alleged. He confronted the pair as they tried to leave and knocked the packages from their hands before they fled.

On New Year's Day 2023, Tamayo and an accomplice allegedly knocked on an apartment door in the 3300 block of N. Ashland and asked to speak with someone named "Jason." When the resident said they didn't know anyone by that name, the pair went to the building's garage, broke into a car, and took a bag, officials said. A camera recorded that break-in as well.

The harassment charge stemmed from threatening messages Tamayo sent to a victim who posted surveillance images of her online. In one message, prosecutors said, Tamayo wrote, "I'm gonna get you, b****." In another, she wrote, "The police ain't going to do s***. Straight." Tamayo admitted to sending the messages, prosecutors said.

On Dec. 5, 2024, Tamayo pleaded guilty before Judge Paul Pavlus to six counts of burglary and one count of phone harassment. He sentenced her to four years for the burglaries and three years for the harassment charge, with the terms running concurrently.

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Thrice convicted robber gets six years for violently attacking two women in CTA pedway

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man with two prior robbery convictions has now been sentenced for a third violent attack, this time targeting two women in a CTA pedway downtown, where prosecutors said both victims suffered concussions. Authorities said the case was cracked after an anonymous tipster recognized Giles in CTA surveillance footage that Chicago police released to the media following the attack.



Security surveillance images of Tremaine Giles. Inset mugshot.

Tremaine Giles, 27, pleaded guilty to robbery before Judge Carol Howard in exchange for a six-year prison sentence stemming from the Jan. 24, 2025, attack inside the peway at Jackson, according to court records.

Prosecutors said the attack unfolded late that night as two Lakeview women, ages 22 and 25, walked through the underground corridor connecting the Blue Line and Red Line stations. Giles allegedly spread his arms to block their path, preventing them from passing.

He then wrapped his arms

around the younger woman's chest, shoved her against a wall, and called her a derogatory name while trying to rip away her backpack, prosecutors said. At the same time, two unknown accomplices blocked the second woman from intervening.

Prosecutors said Giles then slapped the older woman across the face, grabbed her by the hair, and threw her into a wall. He ultimately fled with the 25-year-old's purse but was unable to steal the backpack from the first victim.

Both women required medical

treatment and were diagnosed with concussions, according to prosecutors. One of the victims also suffered some hearing loss as a result of the attack.

The six-year sentence will be reduced by half with good behavior, giving Giles a projected release date of May 1, 2028. Court records show Giles previously served a six-year sentence for robbing a victim older than 60 in Bridgeview. Prosecutors noted that he had a prior robbery conviction as a juvenile.

'At least 10' high schoolers attack, rob man in Roscoe Village

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 19-year-old man walking home from work at a Roscoe Village pizzeria was surrounded, beaten, and robbed by "at least ten" high school-age boys in what the local alderman described as a "brutal attack."

The man was almost home when the group approached him in the 3500 block of N. Hoyne Ave. around 8:48 p.m. April 4. After the attack, the offenders reportedly got away with the man's cash, phone, and keys.

"The victim is doing well and was able to defend himself against the 10 offenders who kicked and punched him, but a similar attack will only be prevented by holding the offenders accountable," said. Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd] in his weekly newsletter.

The Alderman said residents intervened and detained one of the participants, a 16-year-old boy, until officers arrived. Chicago police confirmed the teen is charged with felony robbery.

Waguespack said detectives are

working to identify the remaining offenders by reviewing video footage from nearby homes and businesses.

"If you have any video footage that helps identify any other individuals within the large group of males who were roaming in the area, please share with the detectives," Waguespack wrote, urging residents to contact investigators. He said CPD could be contacted at CAPS019district@chicago police.org.

He added that the group responsible for the attack may be tied to other similar incidents reported in the area over the last "couple years."

An officer who responded to the scene described the group as white juvenile males.

Waguespack encouraged residents to attend the neighborhood's next community policing meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 15 in the police auditorium at 2452 W. Belmont Ave.

Chicago police release video in hunt for four people sought in fatal Avondale beating

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police have released surveillance footage of four people they are trying to identify in connection with the fatal beating of 25-year-old Xander Kazanowski in Avondale last month, and the newly revealed video appears to confirm investigators' belief that the events leading to his death may have begun at a nearby bar.



Xander Kazanowski, inset, and four people CPD is trying to identify as they investigate his homicide.

The video shows the group entering a bar investigators believe Kazanowski visited shortly before the attack. Authorities are asking for the public's help identifying the individuals as detectives continue to piece together the timeline of what happened.

CWB Chicago previously reported that investigators suspected Kazanowski had been involved in a dispute inside a nearby bar and were working under the theory that individuals connected to that confrontation followed him as he walked home around 3:19 a.m. March 24.

The newly released footage shows four people walking into Tune-Up, a recently opened bar located at 3810 W. Belmont Ave., roughly one block from where Kazanowski was later discovered. Two sources previously identified the Tune-Up as the bar Kazanowski had visited.

A passerby found Kazanowski lying facedown on the corner of Belmont and Harding around 3:15 a.m. He died four days later, with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ruling his death a homicide, caused by head trauma suffered during an assault.

Investigators are urging anyone who recognizes the individuals in the video or has information about the incident to contact detectives at 312-746-6614 and reference case number JK-192078. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through the department's tip website.

Cook County Crime Stoppers is also offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of anyone responsible. Anonymous tips can be called into the organization's tip line at 1-800-535-7867.

Kazanowski is by his partner, Tori, his daughter, Thea, and his soon-to-be-born son, John.

"Xander lived life at full speed and with a rare intensity," an obituary states. "While his time with

us was cut far too short, he lived more in his twenty-five years than many do in a lifetime."

In 2023, Kazanowski co-owned an antique shop in Rogers Park, drawing the ire of protestors who found comments on his personal Facebook page to be transphobic and hateful. Other residents stood up for Kazanowski's right to speak his mind.

The shop, which had maintained a 4.8 rating on Google before a wave of negative reviews during the protests, later rebounded to a 4.9 rating before eventually closing.

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Cool acts, small clubs, sweet deals... Cabaret Week starts May 8

Now in its fifth year, Chicago Cabaret Week returns with a full schedule of events running from May 8 through May 17. This 10-day festival showcases the originality, history and diversity of Chicago's cabaret scene with performances in venues throughout the city.

All performances offer tickets at \$30 or less, making the festival accessible to a wide audience. All shows with ticketing information are available online at www.ChicagoCabaretWeek.org.

This year's festival lineup features a range of musical styles, including jazz, blues, R&B, Broadway, swing, pop, American Songbook, and World Music.

Audiences can find artists performing their signature cabaret works alongside a wide range of tribute shows celebrating iconic performers, celebrities, and musical eras. The festival also includes original cabaret experiences and interactive piano bar evenings where audiences can request their favorite songs.



Nancy Andrade



Richard Roeper



Brendan Hunt

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staff of harassment and a hostile work environment. This comes after the mayor announced some major new appointments, including a new Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, **Emmanuel Andre**, and appointing **William Cheaks** as the new Commissioner for the Chicago Dept. of Transportation. Now, some alders are thinking twice about rubber-stamping some of the mayor's picks, after another in a long series of 5th floor screw-ups, this time over reports of antisemitism. It's immature hour, and nobody is afraid of this mayor. The treatment of former City Human Relations Cmsr. Andrade is appalling.

STEPPENWOLF: **Brendan Hunt**, co-star of "Ted Lasso," brings his one-man show to Chicago, the city that shaped him. Hunt, performs his solo show, "The Movement You Need," at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre from April 19 to May 10. Chicago native's autobiographical play was inspired by his mom and their shared love for The Beatles.

CPS & CPL: Chicago Public School students will now have total access to all Chicago Public Libraries with their school ID cards. The plan is to make access to Chicago Public Libraries as easy and total as possible. Do kids today even read real books anymore?

NEW BOOKSHOP: **Amanda Morse** and **Jeff Morse** co-own Partners in Crime Bookshop in

the North Center neighborhood, they're Chicago's newest romance and mystery bookshop at 4105 N. Lincoln Ave. Amazing new releases always hitting the front table and shelves.

NEW JOB: **Richard Roeper** joined NBC's WMAQ to helm their entertainment and culture department.

BALABAN & KATZ IN UPTOWN SQUARE: Celebrating 100 years of the Uptown, local authors **Robert Loerzel** and **James "Andy" Pierce** will give a special presentation Sunday, April 19 from 2 p.m.-4p.m. at the Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave. The event includes a guided tour of the Riviera with facilities manager **John Booher**, and organ music from **Daniel Boin**. Master of ceremonies is **David Syfczak**, 30-year caretaker of the endangered Uptown Theatre. Hosted by Landmark Uptown Theatre, the event is free, but donations will be accepted.

HAT TRICKS: **Claudine Schramko** and **Tracey DiBuono** have been lining up the troops at Service Club putting finishing touches on plans for the annual Spring Hat Luncheon May 20. **Myra Reilly**, **Candace Jordan**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Cathy Bell Bartholomay**, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Whitney Reynolds**, **Bobbi Panter**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Sherry Lea Fox** and the Junior Board have all been geared up to invent chapeaus of wonder and elegance to strut around the Ritz. There's still



The Riviera Theatre opened in 1917 as a lavish French Renaissance Revival-style movie palace for the Balaban & Katz chain.



Amanda Morse (left) and Jeff Morse. Photo courtesy Manuel Martinez/WBEZ

tickets.

LINKS HALL: Closed last year, Links Hall, 3111 N. Western Ave., had been a prominent dance and music venue. Now in 2026 a new Chicago Dancemakers Forum initiative will help present 10 dance works across town in the next year.

BEAR DOWN: Did you receive a notice that former Chicago Bear **Gary Fencik** died at 71? Those reports are false. The Yale graduate has been ailing but is still with us. All that false news about him is a terrible assault to "the Barrington Bear" and his legions of fans. Pray for his strength and resilience. He really is a fine human being.

OPERA: Lyric Opera of Chicago announced its new season with a landmark lineup of seven operas spanning centuries and continents, three unique concerts, two Academy Award-winning films performed with live orchestra, and the much-anticipated return of the Lyric summer musical. Music Director **Enrique**

Mazzola conducts five major works, anchoring a season of musical breadth with his signature artistry.

The season also marks a significant new chapter for the company with the appointment of internationally acclaimed soprano **Sondra Radvanovsky** as Artistic Advisor. Go buy show tickets.

WHO'S WHERE: **Barb Bailey** at LePiano remembering her friend, the late **Chad Willetts**, hosted by **Daryl Nitz** and **Ester Hana**. Lots of memories, tears and music... **Lindy** and **Chris McGuire's** fabulous daughter, **Ellie McGuire**, is off to the Univ. of Maryland in the fall which makes me feel ancient, congratulations dear... **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** with **Julia Jacobs**, **Kristine Zielbauer Kinder**, **Bobbi Panter**, birthday beauty **Whitney Reynolds** and **Jennifer Sutton Brievea** at the "ME" aka, the Metropolitan Club... **Ken** and **Mary Claire Sansone Moll** back from long European travels...

Joey and Kathy Wolter Mondelli squeezing in some vacation time after Kathy's wrap at "Chicago PD's" 13th season... **Cardinal Blase Cupich** was up at OLPH in Glenview with retiring pastor **Father Jeremiah Boland**... **Tina Gravel** dining with **Charles Allen Cotton IV** at Carmine's Chicago... **Jessica Jagielnik** with **Dutch Valkema** at the CSO, conducted by **Klaus Makela**, following a feast of sausages and German beer... **Jolanta Ruege** at the Sanctuary Resort in Paradise Valley in the shadow of Camelback Mountain in Arizona... **Liz Teasley's** son, **Caleb**, is a member of the St. Ignatius College Prep rowing team and mom's so proud... **Jacqueline Beth Carrol** was excited to be part of the closing panel at the Jewish Women International's Women's Leadership Conference: Midwest... famed architect **Lucien** and **Melinda Jakovich Lagrange** at the Naples Beach Club in Florida... **Joe** and **Jen Dentzer** off for a vacay scuba diving in Africa, far, far from their Rogers Park home... Il Gerasole, Italian hot spot has created a fab spring menu at 2700 N. Western, try the yellow tail tuna, and **Christian Hernandez** hosting special Sardinian wine dinner April 15.

DESSERTS: Best chocolate torte cake, ever, old fashioned, creamy with a perfect balance, at Mart Anthony's at 1200 W. Hubbard made by **Michael** and **Jack Campos'** mom, she makes all the desserts by hand.

PICCOLO MUNDO: **Father Peter Wojcik**, the very American pastor of Lincoln Park's avant garde St. Clement Parish, is back home in Lublin, Poland where this columnist attended the Catholic University of Lublin, Eastern Europe's most ancient Medieval university, back when the Communist still ruled in early 1970s.

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Blossoms bloomin' in Jackson Park



Photos by Peter Buol

The Cherry Blossom trees are blooming in Jackson Park.

Sitting among the pink flowers is Yoko Ono's first permanent public artwork in the Americas, titled Sky Landing, which is located in the park's Garden of the Phoenix (Wooded Island). Installed in 2016, the sculpture consists of 12 large, stainless steel, lotus-like petals rising from the earth, symbolizing peace and harmony.

At the October 17, 2016 dedication ceremony she described the artwork as the "place where the sky and earth meet and create a seed to learn about the past and come together to create a future of peace and harmony, with nature and each other."

Ono said that she first visited Chicago

with her husband, John Lennon in the 1970s. They were especially impressed by Lake Michigan.

The Cherry Blossom trees are near 6401 S. Stony Island Ave., east side of Cornell Ave., located just south of Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.

Due to the relatively minor spring fluctuations in weather and temperature, and ample amount of rainfall, it looks like a robust bloom of the Cherry Blossoms this year. A majority of the trees have moved to bud Stage 3, and will soon be transitioning to bud stage 4 and 5. This generally means full blossoms in the next 5-10 days.



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They have an extensive wishlist of book titles they're seeking, in drama, history, politics, literature, philosophy, theology and poetry, among others, and they welcome any ideas for additional titles to put in the collection. To make a donation contact Colleen Cavanaugh at colleen@athenaeumcenter.org, or call 312-820-6250 x110.

Titles of books wanted for the Philosophy & Theology category include: Plato: The Republic, Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics, St. Augustine: Confessions, St. Thomas Aquinas: Summa Theologica (or selections), Boethius: The Consolation of Philosophy, Blaise Pascal: Pensées, and John Henry Newman: The Idea of a University.

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nological advancements could play a role,” Sriraj said.

But, like others, he said he understands there are real concerns about safety, especially if AVs are to be allowed in smaller towns and counties.

“If the infrastructure is not set up to support this kind of a tech-

nology, for example, if there is no lane marking visible, at least to the naked eye, on a rural road, then what will happen to the technology?” he said.

Labor lobbyist groups are at the forefront of opposition to Waymo, arguing that automation will threaten driver and laborer jobs.

Ronnie Gonzalez, a representative of the International Assoc. of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said it’s vital that labor is part of the conversation before any legislation is passed.

“In labor, throughout the industrial revolution, we’ve been watching technology replace workers year after year, and it’s only sped up in the recent decade,” Gonzalez said. “The realization is it’s going to happen, so having a seat at the table lobbying for legislation that implements the use of autonomous vehicles responsibly, that is mindful of workers, mindful of safety, is what labor is pushing for.”

His association is part of the Illinois Drivers Alliance, a coalition of thousands of ride-share drivers across the state fighting for unionization. He said he hopes to engage in conversations with Buckner about specifics in the bill.

‘On a bigger scale than just driverless taxis’

Across labor unions, there is

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agreement that AVs could threaten some of the estimated 100,000 ride-hare drivers. Marc Poulos, executive director of labor management operations at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, said Waymo operations are just a step toward further automation of labor jobs.

“We need to be thinking of this on a bigger scale than just driverless taxis,” he said. “Meaning it can impact whole industries like operating engineers and Teamsters and a whole bunch of others. Every time we just move to a technological advancement, we need to take into consideration, what does that mean to the overall economy?”

Sriraj said plans must be made to counteract any impact on the labor market: “If jobs are going to be reinvented, people will have to be retrained, and the corrective actions will always happen within society on their own,” he said.

“At least until the 1970s, elevators had an elevator operator, and then people became accustomed to just punching a button and riding in an elevator on their own,” he said. “Now there is no elevator operator job anywhere to be found. Did that mean that that section of population actually starved to death?”

Resistance to AVs in Illinois also includes two groups with differing constituents but similar

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concerns about safety.

Tim Cavanagh, the president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Assoc., has spoken out about the need for requirements that AV operators have adequate insurance to cover any injuries or damage involving the cars.

“The current legislation doesn’t speak to financial responsibility,” Cavanagh said. “All it talks about is that they shall have at least the minimum requirement of insurance coverage.”

But, he said, the minimums should be far higher for AVs, and the well-financed companies behind them, than they are for individuals.

Josh Witkowski, the president of the Illinois motorcyclist rights organization ABATE, also has voiced strong opposition to AV deployment in the state because of the risk he says they pose to motorcycles.

He also points to icy conditions and low visibility in Illinois, as well as poorly lit roads and street

markings downstate as challenges for AV technology, which relies on cameras and sensors to safely navigate roadways.

In response to weather concerns, Bonelli said Waymo already serves in cities that receive annual snow with freezing temperatures.

“The Waymo Driver has proven it can generalize to new cities, and we’ll continue to validate our performance for harsh winter weather conditions, such as those we’ll experience in Chicago,” Bonelli said. “Waymo has invested in weather testing since its earliest days as Google’s Self-Driving Car Project, and we’ve regularly tested in various conditions from coast to coast, building our technology for all-season operations.”

The past two winters, Bonelli said, Waymo has tested and validated its systems in multiple winter markets, including Detroit, New York City and Buffalo.

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transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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

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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 25-01589. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 25-01589 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 2025 CH 8618 TJSC#: 46-485 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Case # 2025 CH 8618
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- COLM TREACY A/K/A COLM BERNARD TREACY A/K/A COLM B TREACY, TUAN ANH HOANG, STATE OF ILLINOIS, JULIE MAI KIRKEL Defendants 2025CH09915 4911 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 11, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 14, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4911 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-309-009-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special

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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). 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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL, 60606. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Plaintiff, -v- MELINDA RODRIGUEZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE MELINDA RODRIGUEZ LIVING TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2011, RIVER PLACE ON THE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025 CH 00193 700 N LARRABEE ST. APT 1914 CHICAGO, IL 60654 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 700 N LARRABEE ST. APT 1914, CHICAGO, IL 60654 Property Index No. 17-09-113-018-1202 AND 17-09-113-018-1323 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$81,359.66. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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

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312-782-9676 Fax #: 312-782-4201 E-Mail: ChicagoREGD@weltman.com Attorney File No. 24-000967-1 Attorney Code. 31495 Case Number: 2025 CH 00193 TJSC#: 46-514 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2025 CH 00193** 8232-964053

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST, 2022-4 U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v- VALERIE L. JOHNSON, 535 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Defendants 2024CH11011 535 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE APT 1310 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 February 13, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 12, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 535 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE APT 1310, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-122-025-1170 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

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The judgment amount was \$88,598.65. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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). 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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact MANLEY DEAS

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KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 24-012560. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 CHICAGO IL, 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMPS@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 24-012560 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2024CH11011 TJSC#: 46-448 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2024CH11011** 8232-963653

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO Bank, N.A. Plaintiff vs. Charles S. Oddo; Amy C. Oddo; RBC Mortgage Company; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association; The Bristol Condominium Association; Defendant 22 CH 7689 LENDAR 58 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on May 5, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street,

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Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-03-217-015-1019; 17-03-217-015-1334. Commonly known as 57 E. Delaware Place Unit 1206 and Parking Space P155, Chicago, IL 60611. The real estate is: 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: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 6180-181122 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13284133**

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-PR4 TRUST Plaintiff,
-v-
WANDA L. WILSON-BROWN, SHERWIN PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
24 CH 6236
1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1 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 September 8, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 18, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
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Property Index No. 11-30-422-032-1023 AND 11-30-422-032-1027
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
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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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CALNDAR 63
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on May 12, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 11-32-402-021-0000.
Commonly known as 1120 W. Albion Ave., Chicago, IL 60626.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a common interest community unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE 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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Property Index No. 11-31-119-004-0000
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Case # 2025CH04408
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff
vs.
Abayomi Ajayi; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Orluranti Ajayi; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Damon Ritenhouse, as Special Representative for Orluranti Ajayi (deceased)
Defendant
25 CH 16
CALENDAR 56
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P.I.N. 11-31-120-048-0000.
Commonly known as 2004 W. Farwell Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A., Plaintiff
vs.
MAUREEN S. HARTIGAN; JOHN D. HARTIGAN; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; BELTWAY CAPITAL, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
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Navy Pier announces Independence Day Fireworks will be July 4

Navy Pier has announced that this year's Independence Day fireworks display will take place on Saturday, July 4. In addition, the Pier has been nominated for "Best Place to See Fireworks," in USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards for the fourth consecutive year.

The nomination comes after Navy Pier was crowned the category winner by public voting in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Voting began Monday for 2026. An individual can vote once a day throughout the run of the contest which ends on Monday, May 11.

Lookingglass to stage Untitled Vampire Play

Lookingglass Theatre Company has a tradition of bringing Ensemble-created new work to their stage, and will next present the world premiere of Untitled Vampire Play, written by Ensemble Member Kevin Douglas and directed by Devon DeMayo.

It is a romantic-comedy-meets-horror-story that explores love, commitment, codependency... and, of course, vampires.

Concluding the company's 2025-2026 season, Untitled Vampire Play runs June 4 - July 12. Tickets for the production start at \$33 and are available for purchase at lookingglasstheatre.org and 312-337-0665.

Letters to the Editor

What's changed?

Chicago's housing shortage is real. But it does not answer the question now before Old Town: what has changed at this corridor site?

In 1991, the City downzoned the Moody Church parking lot and the Walgreens parcel. That decision is recorded in the Journal of the City Council, Sept. 11, 1991, page 5486. The site had no alley. North Avenue was already congested. Access was limited. By 1991, Eugenie Terrace had been open three years, and its traffic impacts were observed and informed the downzoning.

Those conditions remain. The traffic study submitted for Old Town Canvas does not analyze how conditions have changed over time or incorporate those changes into its baseline. It relies on counts conducted on a single day, Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, and a generic growth factor. Generators have been added, including Latin School's middle school (2007) and Old Town Luxury Suites (2021). Others have been removed, including Treasure Island (2018), which remains vacant. Disruption, partnerships, and so-called community engagement can carry you only so far. Until you run into the law of zoning.

What has changed is not the site. It is the proposal. A 379-foot tower, 214 feet wide, on a nearly block-long parking podium with retail and six levels of structured private parking for Moody Church and residents introduces a level of intensity the site was never meant to support.

Design can be adjusted. Narratives can be managed. Zoning requires proof. The conditions that justified the 1991 downzoning—neighborhood saturation, development intensity, and traffic constraints—still define this site. Planned Development 89, as an amendment replacing that downzoning, should be reconsidered in light of the record on which it was based.

Tim Carew
Old Town

Boat scraps, artifacts tied to Capt. George Streeter uncovered

Last week, construction workers at E. North Water St. uncovered a number of exciting artifacts that may have been tied to Streeterville's namesake, Capt. George Streeter. This may be a historic finding, one that helps connect with a formative time in the area's local history.

Crews digging for a new skyscraper uncovered boat fragments, bottles, nails, and boots dating back to the 1800s. Local geographers say the site was once Chicago's shoreline, and is tied to Streeter and the creation of Streeterville.

Dave Roberts stepped around the holes outside his home for weeks, until crews stumbled upon something unusual, what looked like part of a boat. Roberts witnessed it firsthand and told Fox 32 News that "It's just this old piece of wood. Except for the fact that it's curved. You wouldn't think it was anything but lumber, but the curve tells you it's a boat at the bottom of a boat."

It's widely known that in 1886, Streeter ran his ship aground at Lake Michigan and what is now Superior St. The wreckage became landfill, with rubble from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, expanding the valuable shoreline.

The artifacts may offer a rare glimpse into early life along the lakefront and are being preserved for a future museum.

Streeter, the legendary "founder" of Streeterville, is an iconic and controversial



Capt. Streeter in jail and Chicago Tribune graphic from September 1890 of his boat that got stuck on shore.



figure in Chicago's history, and one of the most reputable squatters in American history.

Streeter was an old sea captain, who was arrested on a writ of forcible detainer sworn out by N. K. Fairbank. He was the skipper of a schooner which stranded near the shore directly off the foot of Superior St. in the lake. All efforts to get the boat to

float again proved futile, and the heavy surf scraped her keel upon the rocks and sand until she sprung a leak and floundered. The boat was allowed to remain where she was, and Streeter took up his abode on the boat with his family.

His land and boat were eventually taken by the city which was reclaiming the land for the extension of Lake Shore Dr.

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already defined by high-rises, and that the project would deliver needed housing.

The ruling also dismissed claims that the rezoning violated due process, with the city

pointing to years of community meetings and public hearings tied to the proposal.

But the fight may not yet be over as the opposition has the option to amend its complaint and try again. A status hearing is set for May 18.

CANDY from p. 1

the case all over Chicago's central business district, purchase price was a fraction of the values that properties fetched alone the Mag Mile prior to the pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown.

The hall of fame site is across from the struggling historic Water Tower Place mall, which may soon be converted to medical offices.

The investment in the Candy Hall of Fame is a positive sign for a troubled Magnificent Mile, which has lost some of its luster with many of its upscale retailers.

According to TheRealDeal, in February, Fairpoint Development and Saxony got a \$75 million loan on the 117,400-square-foot building to fund its repositioning, following some other leasing wins including JP Morgan Chase taking a two-story space. Plus, British chocolatier Hotel Chocolate last year signed an 11-year lease to open a store and café at the property.

The Candy Hall of Fame lease is a good sign for City Hall, developers, and urban planners who are pushing a new vision in transitioning the Mag Mile away from luxury retail to that of a destination-based, entertainment and retail district.

In more good news, after vacancy rates climbed as high as 34% in 2023, the area has begun a slow recovery with recent data showing vacancy rates now at 25%.

The Candy Hall of Fame should be open by the summer of 2027, as an exhibition dedicated to the history of the confectionery industry and the individuals who built the industry. It will also include first-floor retail dedicated to the sale of candy, with the museum element on the second floor, with a restaurant and café on the third floor.

"Chicago has been home to some of the most iconic names in American candy, including Ferrara, Mars, Brach's, Fannie May, Tootsie Roll and Wrigley," Shelly Clarey, chairman of the NCSA, said in a press release. "Even Milton Hershey found his chocolate inspiration in Chicago at the 1893 World's Fair."

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