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— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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CTA to unveil concepts for area under Red Line tracks in Edgewater, Uptown

Public meetings May 22-23

The CTA will present preliminary designs for the under-L area between Lawrence and Ardmore following the Red and Purple Modernization [RPM] Project's removal of 100-year-old embankment wall. The will be presented at public community meetings on May 22 and 23.

Preliminary designs and concepts for the under "L" spaces between Lawrence to Bryn Mawr stations under the new train tracks are being constructed as part of the \$2.1 billion RPM Phase One Project in the Uptown and Edgewater neighborhoods.

More than one mile of new, open space under the L tracks has become available to the community. The CTA last year removed the 100-year-old embankment as part of the RPM project, creating a unique opportunity to provide the Uptown and Edgewater neighborhoods new, open space underneath Red and Purple Line tracks between Lawrence and Ardmore avenues.

CTA has partnered with Site Design Group, a Chicago-based landscape architecture, urban design and architecture firm to guide the development of a block-by-block plan to activate new

community space under the CTA tracks.

Following the first set of public meetings earlier this year, which solicited feedback from the residents in the area, CTA and Site Design will present the preliminary designs and concepts to the community at public meetings on May 22 and 23.

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Public meetings series #2 meetings responds to feedback received from the first round of engagement by providing concepts for each of the 10 blocks based on feedback from the first meetings and solicit input from the community on those concepts.

For blocks between Foster and Ardmore the meeting is Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Saint Ita Catholic Church, 5500 N. Broadway.

For blocks between Lawrence and Foster the meeting will be Thursday, May 23, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.

At the third and final activation public meetings – anticipated late summer - CTA and Site Design will share the final concepts and a proposed framework for how activation will roll out.

Phase One Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Project status

CTA continues to make significant progress in the final major stage of construction ("Stage B") of the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr portion of RPM. Stage A, which was completed in July 2023, rebuilt the northbound Red and Purple line track structures between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr.

Stage B, now under way, is rebuilding the southbound Red and Purple Line track structures and building four new, fully accessible Red Line stations at Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr. Work on the new stations began in early 2024, with expected completion in late 2025.

For more information about the RPM Phase One project, visit transitchicago.com/RPM or follow @CTARPM on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X.



At the April 26 Arbor Day festivities at the Edgewater Historical Society, framed tree ring prints were gifted to community surveyors for the significant number of trees they surveyed and their dedication and enthusiasm during the arduous tree survey campaign. From left, Marjorie Fritz-Birch (accepting for Mike Anderson), Maddie Rasz, Wendy Littlefield, Tamara Shiller, John Holden (accepting for EHS) and Andrea Raila (accepting for Cynthia Patti). Pat Sharkey also received a framed print, but didn't appear in the photo. Photo courtesy of the Edgewater Historical Society

Edgewater tree audit highlights need for public education, preservation

BY BOB KITSOS

Findings from an audit of parkway trees in Edgewater recently were released by the Edgewater Historical Society (EHS). The audit is the first of its kind, resident-driven tree survey to be conducted in Chicago.

From 2022 to 2024, EHS and 14 Edgewater block clubs conducted a survey to identify the community's "Heritage Trees" – those that are 50 years old or older. The 81 volunteers found 2,305 trees that were classified as heritage trees.

At the end of the audit, 157 heritage trees in a 10-block area, with an average of 16 heritage trees per block, had been successfully identified and categorized.

Andrea Raila, who has been actively involved with the EHS and spearheaded a comprehensive survey of parkway trees in the Edgewater Glen neighborhood, said, "Edgewater residents have witnessed many unnecessary heritage-and mature-tree removals well before the Edgewater tree

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Chicago Parking Meters' owners say City Hall owes millions for not properly enforcing parking rules

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The company that owns the rights to the money from Chicago's curbside parking meters has gone to court against City Hall, seeking to enforce an arbitration panel's decision that the city owes \$2 million for refusing to enforce the city's parking meter rules at the beginning of the COVID pandemic.

The company known as Chicago Parking Meters is also asking a judge to require the city to potentially pay millions more for allegedly redesignating thousands of metered parking spaces as "reserved" spaces, allegedly wrongly allowing the city to pocket at least \$9 million.

On April 23, Chicago Parking Meters LLC [CPM], filed suit in Cook County Circuit against the city. Lori Lightfoot was mayor of

Chicago during much of the time referenced in CPM's legal action over alleged lax parking enforcement.

The lawsuit landed five days after CPM secured a decision in its favor from a panel of arbitrators, affirming that CPM may have valid claims against the city for allegedly violating the terms of the longstanding concession agreement between CPM and the city.

In 2008, under then Mayor Richard M. Daley, the city famously agreed to sell away the rights to its future curbside parking meter revenue to CPM under a 75-year lease, in exchange for \$1.1 billion. The agreement was reaffirmed with some amendments in 2013.

The parking meter lease deal has been the subject of controversy from the start. The city, for instance, has defended against

lawsuits accusing the city of improperly granting CPM a monopoly over Chicago's on-street parking, while essentially still serving as the enforcer of parking rules and laws. Lawsuits have asserted

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the city has imposed excessive fines on people parking on the streets, essentially using parking tickets to recover millions of dollars in parking revenue the city otherwise lost to CPM.

According to a report published in June 2023 by the Chicago Sun-Times, CPM raked in \$140.4 million in parking meter revenue in 2022, the most the company had

reaped since the lease began.

However, CPM in recent months has filed complaints against the city, claiming it has still been shorted tens of millions of dollars in the past few years.

Under the terms of the lease, all disputes between CPM and the city are to be settled by binding arbitration.

In complaints filed before a panel of arbitrators, CPM has leveled three primary accusations against the city.

First, CPM claimed the city has violated the terms of the lease by seeking to reduce an annual

"True Up" payment to CPM by essentially reducing the number of metered parking spaces available to CPM.

Under the contract, the city has the right to add or remove parking spaces from the system. For all spaces that are simply metered, CPM receives 100% of the revenue. But the city can also classify spaces as "reserved." Under that designation, the city keeps 85% of any revenue collected, while paying management fees to CPM.

In 2021, taking advantage of suppressed values resulting from reduced parking traffic in 2020, the city reclassified more than 4,000 spaces as "reserved." However, the city a year later returned 2,600 of those spaces under higher estimated values. This then resulted in a credit of \$13.8 million to the city under the contract.

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Celebrate the eternal roadmap to finding what really matters in life, Happy Mother's Day



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I've always been a Florida boy, since I was five years old. Loved the drive down to Fort Lauderdale in the 1950s with that warm southern wind in our backseat faces where my sister, Mary Regina and I would be hanging all over our grandmother. She was wonderful to travel with.

My father was a skilled interstate driver and loved to listen to the sounds of America, twangy country-western tunes. They weren't hard to find on the radio and they kept my father, Mossy, calm and humming along the road. My mother, Eileen, did the fretting for the whole car and claimed the job of navigator, handling maps and questioning speed limits, in the era long, long gone in the rear view mirror. Before anything like GPS had been invented.

I would always quietly question her credentials for the task, she was a non-driver. But it wasn't open for discussion. Our grandmother's poor vision ruled her out. So my mother was free to map-read to her heart's content. We weren't looking for short cuts. I don't think there were many roads in those days so you just basically traveled south.

We avoided nothing. We caught every small town, pie slice by pie slice, and Rexall drug store by drug store.

Our journey was always broken by my father's thirst. He loved seeing America, cold beer by cold beer.

He also liked mingling with the locals. Unlike me, he did not have a snobbish bone in his body. Maybe his egalitarianism, World War II and serving in the military with young men from across America, gave him his familiarity with our fellow citizens, especially our Southern neighbors.

We were cautious though, always looking over our shoulders because my grandmother said they didn't have much use for Catholics in the South, or the Irish, for that matter.

We loved the "living dangerously" aspect of our travel. There were always some great naps that went with journeys each day, especially after lunch. It took four days to get to Florida and four days to get home. Our grandmother was just a tad plump, meaty, and so was perfect for cuddling and hugging in the backseat southern heat.

Our parents were great sports and always on the lookout for books so that the backseat looked like the Chicago Public Library or Kroch's and Brentano's.

At night someone always read to us aloud before bed and we became experts on small town America.

Pancakes were always our favorite thing to eat followed by fried chicken and chicken fried steak and fried green tomatoes.

Whenever I see vintage photos of my father and me, I cannot get over how very young and filled



The roads we traveled were small ones, not a super highway anywhere yet. We saw America at our leisure, with our rosaries rattling in the backseat of our Plymouth.

with fun our parents were. I still feel the soothing warmth of those perfect days filled with farm fresh tomatoes and strawberries that are today unequalled.

I'm just beginning to understand my father's relationship with America, the land he defended against Imperial Japan during the war. I understand this better now, his passion for seeing this land, small town by small town.

The roads we traveled were small ones, not a super highway anywhere yet. We saw America at our leisure, with our rosaries rattling in the backseat of our Plymouth, swept up with Rebecca O'Gorman in the mantra of her devotions so proud of the United States, the nation her youngest son, Seamus, died for at Bastogne.

I remember ice cold tall glasses of tea and club sandwiches. We loved to eat outside on the porch or in the yard.

Our other favorite lunch was chop suey from the local Chinese takeaway. We always pretended that we lived in China. We relished the exotic that our mother always seemed to sprinkle into the ordinary of everyday life. She loved to surprise us with pies as well, especially from Stop & Shop on Randolph St. Little did she think we would still be talking about them decades later.

I look back on those days and see them in black and white, like the snaps they are, but then something comes along and spices up the world like a sub gum chow mein with crunchy noodles.

Our grandmother always insist-

ed we put mint leaves in our tea. We were lucky that it grew wild in our garden and it was close at hand to cut.

Our neighbor's mulberry tree canopied our entire back yard and everything was good until the berries began to fall and then we were like Italian wine stompers. A giant carpet of berries under our feet staining the soles of our sandals and making quite a mess. I still recognize the fragrance of mulberries wafting in the summer air. It is an instant trigger for childhood memory.

I wish I had the companionship of "me mother" as someone I could know as a pal through old age. (She died 45 years ago). So I only knew her as a young woman.

She was reasoned, intelligent, forgiving, urbane, chic and generous. She was a liberal Democrat. Just imagine what would be going through her mind these days.

I know she would love iPhones, iPads and the fact that we always keep the silver bright and well polished.

Our growing family eccentricities would amuse her. And she never tired of talking of food and creating in the kitchen. She was one of the Americans totally transformed by Julia Child back in the late 1960s. Mother's creativity was enhanced from her cooking with Julia. From beef bourguignon and coq au vin to potage and bananas foster, we always ended meals with a prayer for Julia coming into our lives.

"I always knew I was a lucky boy," is the grateful prayer run-

ning through my mind. The photos of childhood always rush my mind and will never fade. Losing your mother is heart-breaking. But our love is still too alive. Too fresh. Too exciting. Too emotional. That's the way life was with our mother. So Happy Mother's Day.

I was lucky. I was surrounded my whole life by bright, humorous and intelligent women. Their lives span an eternal age of hope, a virtue like the others of which they were never afraid. They understood the ancient ways and loyalties that go back beyond the Bronze Age. They were women of the horse and surprisingly liberal in the common sense that they espoused. They lived through wars and upheavals and stood unvanquished by the selfish foolishness of the world. They shaped families of warmth and hilarity that reflected their unbroken commitment to life larger than themselves. They are an eternal roadmap to finding what really matters life.

CPS: Chicago Public Schools CEO **Pedro Martinez** said the district's new budget formula is an "important milestone." But at some schools, parent and educator concerns are starting to percolate. And rightly so. The next teacher's contract will be a doozie.

CHICAGO SHINES: Travel & Leisure has named Chicago to the list of the top 25 beaches in America. Florida move out of the way. But at the same time they also named Chicago as the nation's top city for "Pedestrians," as well as the top "Walkable" city in the nation.

The quick pace of Chicago's ability to move apparently permits us to have the best ability to get around the town. It's just easier to

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Cook County Commissioners hold meeting to address troubling increase in male human trafficking

BY PETER VON BUOL

The Cook County Board of Commissioners Human Relations Committee held a special hearing on May 1 and approved changing the county's definition of human trafficking as well as to raise awareness about the issue of male human-trafficking.

"The urgent issue of trafficking and sexual exploitation of men and boys in Cook County must be addressed promptly," said Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore (4th), who introduced the

legislation to the committee but is not a committee member.

"I want us to shed light on the deficiencies in our current system and explore viable solutions to ensure victims receive the support and protection they deserve."

According to the studies cited by Moore, male victims comprise about 36% of young people between the ages of 14-24 who are being trafficked within Cook County. Unlike female victims, however, Moore said it is often difficult for male victims to get the help they need, even from

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medical professionals and first responders, due to "societal misunderstanding, stereotypes and stigma."

Compounding the problem, Moore added, there is only one residential program in the country dedicated to serving male victims of human trafficking, the

non-profit Emmaus.

"Support services available to males is woefully inadequate, with just five percent of the residential facility-beds reserved for male victims, nationwide. This shortage directly contributes to their vulnerability and it perpetuates the exploitation," said Moore,

who is not a member of the Human Rights Committee.

Locally, Emmaus has a Chicago facility at 4201 N. Troy Street. Emmaus describes itself as a non-sectarian community of faith that works with all people to end exploitation for all mankind, regardless of race, religion, creed or any other status.

Among those who testified before the committee was Clarence Booth, president of Emmaus' board of directors.

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Letters to the Editor

Too bad about 5400 N. Ashland

It's too bad that the people who have common sense about zoning, and good ideas for construction, too often lack the money or political clout to put these into effect.

A friend suggested a 3-flat for this site [story of May 1]. I designed a single-family house for it. Both ideas include the normal number of garage spaces for residents, and enough open space for the comfort of both residents and neighbors. Instead we see the zoning changed to satisfy the greed of rich and powerful people.

How can the exterior of a build-

ing be properly maintained and repaired if you can't even get a scaffold between it and its neighbor?

I'm not a Bible-thumper, but this situation calls up this passage:

Isaiah 5:8: "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!"

Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge

Oh, the irony

It is an irony that in the May 1 edition Thomas O'Gorman wishes that along with Mayor Brandon Johnson, the 19 socialists in the city council could be removed from office.

May 1 is May Day, a celebration for socialists and other radicals. Unlike the days of the first Mayor Richard Daley, when nearly all the aldermen - like robots - almost always voted the same way supporting the Boss, the current 19 socialists do not all agree on everything.

For example, one of them recently proposed canceling this

summer's Democratic convention because of President Joe Biden's support for Israel. Other socialists on the council dismissed that idea. Most of these elected socialists are loosely affiliated with the Democratic Socialists of America, who like Sen. Bernie Sanders, support progressive Democratic candidates. Sanders ultimately supported Hillary Clinton and later with more enthusiasm Joe Biden for president. Most of these elected socialists are more with Democrats than "commies" in Vietnam as O'Gorman suggests.

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Downtown Chicago luxury market rents average \$3,100



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Downtown and Near North Side Chicago's luxury apartment rents are on an upward elevator ride.

Rents for top-tier apartments rose 3% year-over-year, pushing the average monthly rent for a downtown Class-A apartment above \$3,100 for the first time ever, according to a new report from Luxury Living Chicago, a high-end rental apartment-leasing firm.

The posh Streeterville neighborhood posted the highest average rents at \$3,454, trailed closely by Gold Coast/Old Town at \$3,445 and River North at \$3,426, according to the report.

"What we are seeing in Chicago is exactly what you would expect," said Aaron Galvin, Luxury Living's founder and designated managing broker. "A Midwest market that is seeing measured, sustainable rent growth due to supply and demand drivers."

In Chicago, Galvin said he believes rent growth between 3% and 5% per year is sustainable. However, developers who expect 10% to 15% year-over-year rent increases may be dreaming. "Rents don't grow to the sky," Galvin said.

Young professionals in their late 20s or early 30s with high-paying jobs make up a large segment of the renter profile for these Class-A buildings, Galvin said. The minimum annual income threshold for most of these apartments is \$75,000, though the average income in the newer luxury

buildings is about \$120,000, he said. For more information, visit: hello@luxurylivingchicago.com.

An average of 4,000 new multifamily rental units have been developed in downtown Chicago each year since 2016, according to the report. But forecasts for 2025 and 2026 indicate that the pipeline for apartment construction is drying up.

Developers are slated to deliver fewer than 500 units in 2025 and about 1,000 units in 2026—well below historical averages, according to Luxury Living. Two years of minimal supply coupled with consistent demand will likely continue to drive rents up, Galvin predicted, and potentially spur developers to build.

A lack of upcoming supply likely may cause occupancy numbers to tick up to new highs by the end of next year, Galvin said. Luxury downtown apartment occupancy currently is at 94%, but the report projects occupancy to approach 96% by the end of 2025.



Aaron Galvin

Rogers Park rent hikes coming?

In early April, the HomeFront column reported that apartment renters in the Rogers Park neighborhood

should brace themselves for hefty spring and summer 2024 rent increases as a result of the lofty property-tax reassessment numbers recently released by Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

Assessor Kaegi said 2024 assessed values of large multifamily apartment properties grew to \$213.04 million (before appeals), up an exorbitant 46% from \$145.63 million in 2023. In Rogers Park, large multifamily apartments drove a significant increase in assessed value in the township, Kaegi said.

In Chicago and Cook County, commercial properties are assessed at a whopping 25% of market value, while single-family homes and small apartment

buildings are assessed at 10% of market value.

Rogers Park Township is bounded roughly by Lake Michigan on the east, Howard St. on the north, Ridge Ave. on the west, and Devon Ave. on the south. It includes about 800 commercial apartment buildings containing more than four units.

Rogers Parks includes about 800 commercial apartment buildings containing more than four units.

Experts say financially squeezed owners of both walk-ups and large mid-rise and high-rise apartment buildings in Rogers Park and other North Side neighborhoods likely will receive substantial property tax increases if they do not appeal the assessment hikes.

Chicago landlords selling out?

Based on current listing activity, some investor owners of large Chicago apartment complexes are not waiting to be hammered with skyrocketing property tax bills later this year.

Here are four sample new listings from Essex Realty Group and The Kiser Group:

- **Panorama Apartments.** This newer 140-unit apartment building at 918 W. School St. in the heart of Wrigleyville is listed for sale by Essex Realty at \$44 million. The property also features 8,492 square feet of retail space, and 22 parking spaces.

- **1414 W. Pratt.** This 45-unit vintage Rogers Park apartment building is listed for sale by Essex Realty at \$4.35 million. The building contains one studio unit, 39 one-bedroom apartments and five two-bedroom layouts.

Under-market rents on the one-bedroom units currently average \$968 a month, while competing units in the neighborhood are leased for \$1,200, Essex Realty said.

- **Jackson Park Portfolio.** A three-building, 208-unit apartment complex at 7500 S. South Shore Dr. in the South Shore neighborhood is listed for sale at \$18.6 million. The Essex Realty listing boasts that the recently renovated property is "within blocks of the future Obama Presidential Library site."

- **5710 N. Winthrop.** The Kiser Group recently listed this vintage 42-unit apartment building in the Edgewater neighborhood for a sale price of \$7.2 million. The building features 25 studios, and 17 one-bedroom units. The Kiser listing noted that the property has "rental upside with current rates around 15% below market."

So, is this a forecast of where rents are headed in 2024 in the Edgewater neighborhood?

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Senior freeze exemptions help prevent huge spikes in property tax bills

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Many senior citizens on fixed incomes face the challenge of managing their property taxes. They may be eligible for a tax break known as the “Senior Freeze” Exemption.

My website, cookcountytreasurer.com, explains the eligibility requirements and can walk you through the application process. The website is a valuable resource that tells you when you should apply and what documents you will need to verify eligibility.

Applicants must meet certain age and income requirements to qualify for the “Senior Freeze” Exemption. Seniors aged 65 and older with an annual household income of \$65,000 or less are eligible. You must have owned and occupied the home on Jan. 1 of the tax year in question.

The full name of the benefit is the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, though it is commonly called the “Senior Freeze” Exemption for short.

The exemption “freezes” the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of the property the year

that the senior citizen qualifies for the benefit. Unlike other exemptions, you must re-apply for the “Senior Freeze” Exemption every year since income from Social Security or other sources may change from year to year.



Maria Pappas

The “Senior Freeze” Exemption provides a measure

of relief that is designed to safeguard older homeowners from huge spikes in tax bills due to increases in assessed valuations.

Applicants should know, however, that tax bills may still increase if the tax rates rise or if improvements are added that increase the value of their property. Applicants who meet age and income eligibility requirements should expect to provide documentation that shows proof of age, income, and property ownership.

Visit cookcountytreasurer.com to learn how you can apply online and track the status of your

application. Go to the purple box labeled “Your Property Tax Overview.” Use your property address or 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN) to search. If results show that you are not receiving a “Senior Freeze” Exemption and you are entitled to one, click on the link that says, “Apply for a missing exemption.”

If you turned 65 in 2022, have household income of \$65,000 and occupied a home you own on Jan. 1, 2023, you are likely eligible to apply for a “Senior Freeze” Exemption for the first time.

Typically, you can apply for refunds for missed exemptions going back four years. However, due to the pandemic, some Second Installment due dates were delayed. Right now you can claim missed “Senior Freeze” Exemptions for five tax years: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018. You should allow at least six weeks for your application to be processed.

Dollar amounts of refunds typically vary depending on tax rates and other factors. Each year that a “Senior Freeze” Exemption was missed could mean a refund of several hundred dollars or more.

Mini sculptures help raise hope for breast cancer research

Nonprofit Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation has partnered with Chicago-based artist Matthew Hoffman to create limited edition mini sculptures to raise money for breast cancer research this Mother’s Day.

The sculptures — which say “hope” in Hoffman’s signature writing — are available with a \$100 donation at LynnSage.org.

Donations are directed locally, in Chicago, and have global impact. They support:

- Innovative research
- Easier access to clinical trials, especially for under resourced patients
- Helping educate the next generation of breast cancer researchers and physicians

“We’re thrilled to partner with Matthew Hoffman. We have always been inspired by his artwork throughout the city, and we are honored to have his involvement in our mission to eradicate breast cancer. Now donors can send a beautiful sculpture to a loved one for Mother’s Day, all the while supporting breast cancer research,” said Laura Sage, co-founder of the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation and daughter

of Lynn Sage.

“For me, hope is the spark that keeps us going, reminding us that every step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to a brighter tomorrow,” said Hoffman. “With ‘hope’, we’re not just raising awareness; we’re offering support that empowers us all to stand together against this disease.”

The hope sculptures are hand-sized, but Hoffman and the Foundation are currently planning to create a much larger version that will live as an art installation in Chicago.

The larger than life “hope” sculpture will debut at an iconic Chicago location just in time for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The Foundation has hopes that this installation will become an iconic image aligning our great city with collaborative women’s health.

“Breast cancer affects one in eight women and most families. We know this installation will resonate with so many. Really, who couldn’t use a little hope today?” said Halee Sage, Chair

of the Board and daughter of

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Police Beat...

Suburban man attacked CTA passenger with a knife in the Loop

A suburban man faces attempted murder charges for allegedly stabbing another passenger on a CTA bus in the Loop.

The attack occurred around 9:23 a.m. Jan. 15 aboard a bus in the 1700 block of S. State St. Chicago police said Zhuravel stabbed a 69-year-old man multiple times but did not provide any other details. Additional information will be revealed when Zhuravel appears for a detention hearing this afternoon.

Court records show that he has been charged with misdemeanors three times since January 2023: a battery case in Wheeling, unlawful use of a knife in Schaumburg, and criminal damage to property in Rolling Meadows.

Zhuravel received probation for the battery case and a \$514 fine for the knife case on January 30, 2024, according to court records. The criminal damage case is still pending.

He is now charged with attempted first-degree murder and four counts of aggravated battery.



Stanislaw Zhuravel

and other items belonging to another person.

Prosecutors charged her with three counts of aggravated battery of a peace officer, attempting to disarm a police officer, two counts of fleeing and eluding, six counts of resisting, two counts each of DUI, possessing a controlled substance, theft of lost or mislaid property, driving on a suspended license, and criminal trespass to a vehicle.

On April 22, exactly three months after being outfitted with her ankle bracelet, Richardson robbed two stores in about an hour, prosecutors say.

Surveillance video showed her taking a bottle of Pepsi to the counter at BP, 7550 N. Sheridan, and then pulling out a gun to demand money, police said. The cashier didn't give her any cash, but Richardson allegedly took the Pepsi.

About an hour later, she pulled a gun out of a Family Dollar shopping bag and went behind the counter to demand cash at Devon Shell, 6346 N. Clark, prosecutors alleged.

Chicago cops recognized Richardson from video footage of the two robberies. Knowing that she was on electronic monitoring, investigators contacted the sheriff's office. They learned that her ankle monitor's GPS data indicated that she was at both stores at the time of the hold-ups.

Police used live GPS readings to locate her in the 2100 block of W. Devon, according to a CPD report. They saw her get out of a Jeep and walk into a convenience store.

When they tried to detain her, she "lunged forward" and bit an officer's forearm, the report said. Once she was in custody, police searched the Jeep and allegedly recovered a loaded handgun with an extended magazine from inside a Family Dollar shopping bag.

The police said they found suspected methamphetamine in the car and a baggie of cocaine in her possession, along with \$750 in cash.

She is now charged with two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, attempted armed robbery with a firearm, two counts of Class X armed habitual criminal, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, aggravated battery of a peace officer, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, and driving on a suspended license.

Judge Susana Ortiz detained her as a public safety risk at the state's request.



Joanna Richardson

Busted with 44 pounds of cocaine at Midway Airport, men are sentenced to 12 years each



Jamire Hollingshed, left, and Robert Lewis.

Two men who were allegedly caught carrying 44 pounds of cocaine in their luggage at Midway Airport have each been sentenced to 12 years in prison. Neither man has any criminal background, according to Cook County prosecutors.

Robert Lewis, 25, and Jamire Hollingshed, 27, each pleaded guilty to possession of over 900 grams of cocaine, according to court records. Prosecutors dropped the trafficking and manufacture-delivery charges each man faced.

Prosecutors initially charged the men with manufacture-delivery of more than 900 grams of fentanyl, but prosecutors pursued cocaine charges at the grand jury stage, according to court records.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration learned last April that Hollingshed and Lewis may have been carrying narcotics as they flew together from Los Angeles to Midway, officials said. Investigators confirmed that the men made the trip and determined they would fly the same route a couple of weeks later.

After their flight landed around 6 p.m. on May 2, 2023, officers assigned to a DEA task force took their checked bags to a controlled area where a canine indicated narcotics were present in both suitcases, prosecutors said. Other officers intercepted Lewis and Hollingshed at baggage claim.

Both men had checked one suitcase, each of which contained ten one-kilogram bricks of narcotics wrapped in green plastic. Officials said the men stuffed the bricks into pant legs and inside sweatshirts.

After finding the contraband, investigators took the men to a security area, where both men denied knowing each other, denied that the bags were theirs, and denied knowing about the narcotics.

Hollingshed allegedly told police that someone paid him to bring the suitcase to Chicago, but he didn't know who gave it to him. Prosecutors said he also didn't know who was paying him to deliver the luggage or who he was supposed to give it to in Chicago.

Police allegedly found flight itineraries for both men on Hollingshed's phone and a receipt for green plastic wrap.

Judge Angela Munari-Petrone oversaw the case and handed down the sentences. With the state's 50% sentence reduction for good behavior, they are expected to be paroled in late 2028.

Eight years for driver who rammed cop on Lake Shore Drive, tried to escape from police station

A man accused of striking two police officers with his car and then trying to escape by busting through the ceiling of a Chicago police station has been sentenced to eight years in prison.

Investigators flagged Tajze Mullins' license plate after determining that his BMW 750i struck a Cook County sheriff's police officer last March.

Days later, a Chicago Police Department license plate reader spotted the BMW heading south on Lake Shore Drive in Streeterville, and officers followed the car until it stopped for a red light at Roosevelt Rd.

As officers walked up on both sides of Mullins' car, he allegedly put the BMW into reverse, striking an offi-



Chicago police are looking for at least two gunmen responsible for shooting two people steps from Wrigley Field on Sunday morning.

Officers conducting a traffic stop near Clark and Addison reported hearing gunfire at 1:13 a.m., and they quickly found the first victim on a sidewalk in the 1000 block of W. Addison, directly across the street from the Friendly Confines. The second victim ran into a nearby business after being injured.

In a media statement, CPD said a 36-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man each suffered gunshot wounds to the leg. They were in good condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

A webcam mounted atop a sporting goods store on the corner of Clark and Addison captured the sound of

cer's leg. Another officer fired a shot at Mullins' car but missed, hitting the rear passenger door of a nearby Lyft instead, prosecutors said. No one was injured by the shot.

Mullins allegedly weaved in and out of cars, jumped onto the Dan Ryan Expressway, and bailed out near 71st Street. Officers found him hiding under a porch in the 7100 block of S. Lafayette.

Prosecutors said Mullins tried to escape from Area Three police headquarters, 2452 W. Belmont, by removing a vent cover and climbing into the ceiling of an interview room.

Mullins caused "extensive damage" to the detective division's ceiling, ductwork, and electrical system before cops brought him down.

He faced attempted murder charges for striking the Chicago police officer on Lake Shore Drive. But court records show he struck a deal with prosecutors in which he pleaded guilty to aggravated battery of a peace officer causing great bodily harm. Judge Nicholas Kantas sentenced him to eight years.

In the plea deal, prosecutors dropped the aggravated battery case he faced for allegedly striking the sheriff's police officer. They also dropped the attempted escape case.

His eight-year sentence will be reduced to four years with good behavior. He will also receive 397 days of credit for time spent in jail since being arrested. His parole date is set for March 9, 2027.

CPS dance club contractor who sexually abused two teenage students gets probation

A North Side man has been sentenced to probation for sexually abusing two teenage boys who participated in an after-class dance club he hosted at a Chicago Public School.

Byron Ortega, 21, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a child under 18 by a person in a position of trust, according to court records. In their plea deal with Ortega, prosecutors dropped ten child pornography counts and five additional sexual abuse counts.

Prosecutors said the crimes occurred when Ortega served as a club leader and dance instructor at Theodore Roosevelt High School,

gunfire and screams. The Earthcam video also shows people running across the ballpark's plaza to get away from the shooting.

"The victims related to officers that they were shot at by an unidentified male offender who entered a dark SUV and fled the scene," the police media statement said.

However, investigators, who reviewed footage from cameras operated by the city and the Cubs, determined that two and possibly three men fired shots. One shooter was described as a Black man wearing a red sweater with white flowers. Another was described as a left-handed Black man wearing a white baseball cap, a white t-shirt, and light blue jeans.

The victims are the first people shot in Lakeview this year.

3436 W. Wilson, in the fall of 2022.

In one case, prosecutors said he exchanged texts with a 16-year-old male student and invited the boy to participate in private dance lessons at Ortega's home. The boy accepted, and after a brief lesson in Ortega's living room, Ortega allegedly asked the teen to join him in the bedroom.

Ortega allegedly showed the boy a video on his phone of Ortega having sex with another person. Ortega then sexually abused the boy, told him he had a crush on him, and recorded the boy with his phone, prosecutors alleged as they filed charges.

About two months later, Ortega texted a 14-year-old boy and invited him to get food together. Prosecutors said Ortega picked the boy up, drove to McDonald's, and, while in the restaurant parking lot, offered the teen \$200 if he would watch Ortega pleasure himself.

Ortega completed the act in front of the boy and touched the teen's private areas, but the boy pushed him away, officials said. Authorities also accused him of displaying sexually explicit videos on his phone to the second boy.

Investigators searched Ortega's phone and allegedly found text messages from him to the second victim in which he apologized and confirmed that he had never paid the boy \$200 as promised, according to prosecutors.

Ortega was working as a "grant-funded independent contractor" at the school, a CPD spokesperson said after charges were announced. The school district removed him from his position when the allegations surfaced.

Judge Arthur Willis oversaw the case. He gave Ortega 30 months of probation. According to court records, Ortega must submit his DNA for law enforcement indexing, complete sex offender evaluation and treatment, and avoid contacting the victims.

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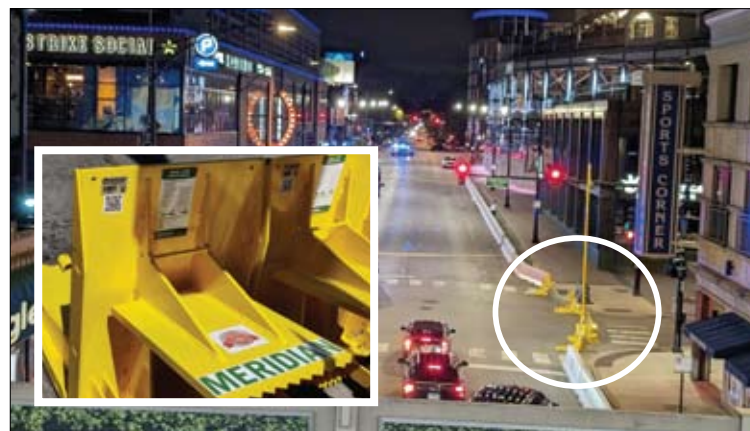
BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police seized eight “non-highway vehicles” when a group of pesky ATV riders decided to park and grab a bite at Shake Shack in Wrigleyville on Sunday evening. A video of local cops loading the impounded rides onto a flatbed trailer quickly sent positive vibes across the internet.

CPD’s helicopter notified Town Hall (19th) District officers about a caravan of street-illegal ATVs heading north on Lake Shore Drive at Belmont shortly before 6 p.m. But no enforcement action was immediately taken.

About an hour later, though, the off-roaders buzzed into Wrigleyville, where the usual contingent of Chicago police units were patrolling Clark St. after the afternoon Cubs game. Unwisely, the bikers parked their rides while making a pit stop at Shake Shack, 3519 N. Clark. The cops immediately moved in on the unattended ATVs. We’re told no arrests were made.

Videos of the cops corralling the bikes and loading them onto a flatbed trailer popped up on Twitter, thanks to @tnertz. (A police



The yellow Meridian barrier system is seen at right in this photo (circled) of a shooting near Wrigley Field on May 5. (Inset) A close-up image of a Meridian barrier unit staged at Broadway and Diversey for the 2023 Chicago Pride Parade. Image by CWBChicago

source confirmed that CPD never chased the bikers, as it may have appeared.)

So, how did the cops get a squad car outfitted with a flatbed trailer so quickly? We’re told you can thank the Chicago Cubs for that generous donation.

The ball team bought the trailer for the local police district so its officers could transport the heavy, yellow metal street barricades known as “Meridian barriers.” You’ve probably seen the increasingly popular traf-

fic control system at big events. At Wrigley, CPD uses it to block streets around the park during games and concerts. You can see a set of Meridian barriers in the photo above of a shooting scene near the Friendly Confines on Sunday morning.



Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson’s entourage scrambles to get into his SUV as CBS2 reporter Darius Johnson hustles toward them with a microphone. Photo courtesy of @dariusjohnsonTV

Chicago’s mayor ran away when asked about slain cop case

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two television news reporters say Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson ran away when they asked him to comment on the recent arrest of an alleged cop killer. And then the mayor’s office inexplicably claimed that the man they were chasing wasn’t really the mayor—even though two television station cameras recorded it all.

“Mister Mayor! Mister Mayor! Why do you have to run from us?” yelled veteran NBC5 reporter Mary Ann Ahern as Johnson’s security team shuffled him toward a waiting SUV.

At the same time, CBS2 re-

porter Darius Johnson shimmied past one of the mayor’s security officers and made a beeline for the mayoral SUV.

“Mayor, we just want a comment about the arrest last night in relation to Officer Huesca,” Johnson said as the mayor’s security team climbed into the blacked-out Suburban. As one of the mayor’s detail officers directs Johnson away from the car, Johnson retreats, shaking his head “no” and tossing up a hand in exasperation.

“Mister Mayor!” Ahern cries one last time, “Why would you run from us?”

Johnson and Ahern shared separate videos of their attempts on Twitter.

High-ranking cop lied to slain officer’s grieving mother, hoping to get mayor admitted to fallen cop’s funeral

BY CWBCHICAGO

A high-ranking Chicago police executive lied to the mother of slain CPD Officer Luis Huesca, telling her that it was mandatory for Mayor Brandon Johnson to attend Huesca’s funeral, according to a damning report by the Chicago Sun-Times.

The executive lied to Huesca’s grieving mother after family members made it clear that the mayor, Gov. J.B. Pritzker, and other politicians they consider unsupportive of police were not welcome at the officer’s funeral, the paper said.

“A flurry of conversations ensued, one including CPD Supt. Larry Snelling on speakerphone with other police brass, one of whom told Huesca’s mother, in

Spanish, it was ‘mandatory that the mayor had to show up,’” veteran City Hall reporter Fran Spielman wrote.

implication that the honors funeral is tied to the mayor’s attendance. That was the guilt trip that we’re laying on this family,”

Catanzara told the paper that Huesca’s family wanted him to expose the administration’s efforts to manipulate them in their

“At one point, there was an implication that the honors funeral is tied to the mayor’s attendance. That was the guilt trip that we’re laying on this family,” John Catanzara, head of the union representing front-line CPD officers, told the paper.

While Pritzker immediately honored the family’s request, Johnson and his team did not. Huesca’s funeral remained on Johnson’s public schedule until about an hour before the ceremony began. According to Spielman, some of Johnson’s top aides and the mayor’s “advance team” showed up at the service.

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The human rights committee members also voted to approve legislation which would expand the definition of human trafficking to include non-sexual human trafficking.



Kevin Morrison

When a person is forced, tricked or persuaded to work at any other place of employment, such as at a restaurant, nail salon, factory, private home, grocery store, farm, or as part of a traveling sales crew, according to information posted on

the website of the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force [CCHTTF].

The CCHTTF brings together social-service agencies, law enforcement, legal services, healthcare providers, and governmental agencies together to combat labor and sex-trafficking.

“Sixty-one percent of human trafficking actually occurs outside of sexual trafficking. It occurs in industries such as fish-farming, domestic-cleaning, hospitality, and other purposes,” said Kevin Morrison (15th), chair of the board’s human relations committee.

Locally, among the resources available for victims of human-trafficking is the

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888. Help is also available through the Salvation Army’s STOP-IT program. The program has its own 24-hour hotline at 877-606-3158. It can also be contacted through its email address stop-it@usc.salvationarmy.org. In addition, STOP-IT operates a drop-in center in Chicago for young women between the ages of 14 and 29 and who have experienced exploitation and/or trafficking. The Salvation Army co-leads the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force and conducts training for professionals serving vulnerable populations.

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Lynn Sage.

Chicagoans who wish to support the Foundation’s mission can help underwrite the project and have their name or their company’s name embedded into the work of art. More information will be forthcoming.

This project will not only support the work of local breast cancer researchers, but also the Chicago Breast Cancer Research Consortium. The Consortium was convened earlier this year by the Founda-

tion as a first-of-its-kind initiative to bring together three prestigious hospitals:

- University of Chicago Medicine
- Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University at Northwestern Medicine
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MATIN, 6022 NORTH WOLCOTT CONDOMINIUM, A VOLUNTARY UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION Defendants 2023 CH 01818 6022 N WOLCOTT AVENUE, UNIT 301 CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 24, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6022 N WOLCOTT AVENUE, UNIT 301, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-06-224-011-1003 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$240,348.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. 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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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 CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 23-098396. 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.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 23-098396 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Attorney Code. 65582 Case Number: 2023 CH 01818 TJSC#: 44-385</p>	<p>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 # 2023 CH 01818 13242777 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CREDIT UNION 1 Plaintiff, -v- MICHAEL A. STONE, 1015-17 WEST DAKIN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 06888 1015 W. DAKIN UNIT 1 CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1015 W. DAKIN UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-20-205-028-1002 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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 SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage 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. 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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-23-04874 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2023 CH 06888 TJSC#: 44-241 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 # 2023 CH 06888 13242571 242424 -----</p>

Try a Mother's Day field trip to paint your own pottery

Color Me Mine pottery paint studio brings creativity to North Center

Color Me Mine, a renowned paint-your-own pottery studio, has announced the opening of its newest location in the North Center neighborhood. Color Me Mine hopes to be more than just a pottery studio; it aims to become a creative hub where individuals can bond, relax, and unleash their artistic potential.

With a mission to foster creativity and community engagement, Color Me Mine, 3849 N. Lincoln Ave., is set to invigorate the local economy by creating job opportunities, supporting nearby businesses, and establish itself as a cornerstone of artistic expression and cultural enrichment in the area.

Color Me Mine offers a unique artistic experience for visitors of all ages and skill levels. The studio boasts a vast selection of ceramic pieces waiting to be transformed into personalized masterpieces. From mugs and plates to figurines and vases, style, and personality.

To celebrate its opening, Color Me Mine in Lincoln Park will be hosting a series of



Embrace your creativity, whether a beginner or a more advanced artist, at Color Me Mine, 3849 N. Lincoln Ave.

special events and promotions throughout the month of May. In honor of Mother's Day, Color Me Mine North Center is hosting a series of special events. On May 11 and 12 they are hosting Mother's Day celebration where moms, grandmas, and all maternal figures can bond with their loved ones and create cherished keepsakes together.

"We are thrilled to bring Color Me Mine

to North Center and provide a space where people can come together, express themselves, and create," said Niinnu Gupttaa, owner of Color Me Mine Lincoln Park. "Our studio is more than just a place to paint pottery; it's a community where creativity flourishes, and connections are made. We can't wait to welcome everyone and embark on this artistic journey together."

Guests can look forward to activities,

including paint nights, themed workshops, and exclusive discounts on studio sessions.

For more information visit <https://north-center.colormemine.com/> or call 312-975-6556.

Color Me Mine is a paint-your-own pottery studio franchise with locations worldwide.



April Schwartz



Dan Balanoff with Clem Balanoff, Hetty Balanoff, Jan Kralovec and Tom Balanoff.

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move about the great places in the city enhancing livability. Of course they mention the icing on Chicago's cake, like our 600 parks and 29 beaches that present a great attraction to nature. They are enamored with our 18-mile stretch of a lakefront trail. And on top of all that they mention the excellence of Lou Mitchell's breakfasts and Lou Malnatti's deep dish pizza. Nashville and Dallas came in tied for 2nd place.

WINGS: Congratulations to Chicago columnist and colleague Candace Jordan on receiving a remarkable tribute from Rebecca Darr, CEO of the "Wings Program," at their Blossom Fashion Show, recognizing her deep support for the work of this nonprofit that provides loving support for the survivors of domestic violence. Nigel Barker served as emcee with fashions by Elda de la Rosa. Your leadership, Candace, is a challenge to all Chicagoans to join in lifting the needs of survivors.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM: Dr. Janet Gallagher Fredericks, Ph.D., a visionary academic, was a champion of Catholic education died in March.

Her lifetime of Chicago roots and well-travelled resourcefulness presented fresh formulas for economic health and creative inclusion of the Church's mission to educate Catholics for service to others. Including her personal leadership in a long academic career as Dean of Northeastern Illinois Univ. Graduate School. She served as Interim President of Northeastern Univ. demonstrating a remarkable patience and strength in her leadership. She was married for 58 years to the distinguished Loyola Univ. Professor, Dr. Marcel Fredericks. Her Irish humor and sturdy academic efficiency remain as catalyst for hope in renewing the life of Catholic education.

MATRIX: Bravo to Jill Justic Cress who has been named an honoree of the 54th Annual Matrix Award by New York Women in Communications celebrating the "Rule Breakers, women" challenging the status quo in the profession.

CASTAWAYS: Castaways Beach Club, that enigmatic beachfront ocean liner that sits at 1603 N. Lake Shore Dr., at North

Avenue Beach, has been shuttered since last Summer and undergoing massive refitting. The beachfront bar has been offering sensational elevated food and drink that now appears to be seriously upgraded.

We hear it is scheduled to open soon. Word is that it has been seriously "re-imagined." Our guess is that Memorial Day weekend might see the special opening.

WHO'S WHERE: Desiree Glapion Rogers and John Rogers in New York for daughter, Victoria Rogers', 34th birthday celebration... a fabulous birthday lunch in honor of Shauna Montgomery brought fans together, while sister, Shelly Farley, brought the house down with her musical tribute to her cherished sis at a large table populated with real Chicago celebrities, like the girls beautiful mom, Shirley Michels, and I saw Mary Claire Scorsone Moll, Janet Owen, Sherry Lea Fox, Mary Laskey, hubby Barry Montgomery, Rachel De Matte, Rebecca Besser, Candace Jordan among others amid the stunning floral settings...

Irish Diplomat J. William Curran observed his 60th birthday at Claridge's in Mayfair, London at a remarkable dinner... Dr. Rose Gomez photoed the milk herd of Spring from their grazing in picturesque meadows of alpine Switzerland... Dan Balanoff table side with Clem Balanoff, Hetty Balanoff, and Jan Kralovec after Tom Balanoff was honored by Illinois Democratic Chairs Association... Dan Lawler relaxed in his painting clothes after a day of refreshing the piers at the Lake Geneva house... Danilo Lenzi, longtime Chicago restaurateur at his namesake "Danilo's," dining now at Piccolo Sogno, headquartered in his former eatery... Artist Adam Umbach and wife, Nora Dankner spent some downtime in sunny, colorful Bermuda following his successful exhibition in Miami ... Renaissance woman Irene Michaels at Carnegie Hall's Tribute to Clive Davis and The New York Pop's 41st Birthday Celebration... Happy Birthday to the lovely April Schwartz... Paul Tuminaro in Boston thankful and excited to be attending the penultimate Boston Symphony Orchestra's performance... Helma Wardenaar in Amster-

dam wishing a Happy Kingsday to all her Dutch friends... Peggy Snorf unfurls Old Glory... Pope Francis has accepted an invitation to attend the 2024 G7 summit June 13-15 in the Apulia Region of Italy - the first pope ever to attend.

BLACK TIE: Returning for the first time since 2019, The Lincoln Park Zoo will re-introduce its beloved Malott Family Penguin Encounter. During this ticketed program, guests get the chance to learn about African penguins at the Penguin Cove during a personal, guided experience. This tour is led by experts in the zoo's Learning and Animal Care departments. Runs May 17 through Oct. 27, tickets are \$80.

SUMMER CABARET: Denise Tomasello will be performing at the prestigious Park West with her 17-piece orchestra Saturday, June 8. Her first Chicago concert in five years. She will be singing "The great American Song Book" from Sinatra to Streisand.

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

— George Washington

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Suspect sought after woman was sexually abused while walking in Streeterville



BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are looking for a man who sexually abused a woman as she walked near the Northwestern University campus in Streeterville.

The victim and another woman, both 20, were heading west on Chicago Ave. from Fairbanks Ct. when the man approached them from the opposite direction

(At left) Surveillance images released by Chicago police show a man they say sexually abused a woman in Streeterville on May 1. Images courtesy of Chicago Police Department

around 12:10 a.m. last Wednesday, May 1, police said.

He sexually abused one of the women, but the second woman intervened and was able to pull the victim away from the man, according to CPD. The women ran away as the man continued walking toward the lake on Chicago Ave.

Police described the man as Black, between 5'8" and 5'11" tall. They said he's thin, clean-shaven, and has a shaved head.

Anyone with information about him can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8200. The case number is JH-224931.

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time of grief. Spielman reported that CPD and Johnson's office refused to comment for her report.

Xavier Tate Jr., the 22-year-old accused of murdering Huesca, was found and arrested Wednesday night in Glendale Heights.

In another development, a relative of Tate's remains in the Cook County jail after he was allegedly caught tossing Huesca's firearm over a fence as police

investigating the murder entered his home. The officer's gun was missing when first responders found him lying in the street near his Gage Park home on April 21.

Caschus Tate, 20, had a burglary case pending when police arrested him and recovered the gun on Friday afternoon. On May 1, Judge Luciano Panici ordered him to remain in jail for violating pretrial release conditions in the burglary case. Caschus Tate is due in court again on May 15.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS, THE 549-551 W. BELDEN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 07580 551 WEST BELDEN AVENUE GRW CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 551 WEST BELDEN AVENUE GRW, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-111-063-1003 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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

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a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 07580 13243555 080808 ----- 010101 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE CORRIDOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ZIN YOUNG, ZINNIA KIM Defendants 2023 CH 09642 1729 N CLYBOURN AVENUE, UNITS R-B, G-2 AND P-2A CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1729 N CLYBOURN AVENUE, UNITS R-B, G-2 AND P-2A, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-32-425-135-1005, 14-32-425-135-1013, 14-32-425-135-1021 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$74,183.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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

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Attorney Code: 38862 Case Number: 2023 CH 09642 TJS#C: 44-911 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 # 2023 CH 09642 13242729 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA RAWLINGS, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN REITER AKA CAROLYN T. REITER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF PAUL REITER AKA PAUL M. REITER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PAUL REITER AKA PAUL M. REITER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF PAUL REITER AKA CAROLYN T. REITER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF CAROLYN REITER AKA CAROLYN T. REITER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF CAROLYN REITER AKA CAROLYN T. REITER, DECEASED, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO, LINDA RAWLINGS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ALBERT WAYNE TOWNSEND, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ALBERT WAYNE TOWNSEND, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ALBERT WAYNE TOWNSEND, DECEASED AND FIRST KEY MORTGAGE, LLC, Defendants,

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TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA RAWLINGS AS THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN A. REITER AKA CAROLYN T. REITER; LINDA RAWLINGS; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALBERT WAYNE TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 17 CH 386 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-33-206-018-0000. Commonly known as 2107 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC db/a Kluwer Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SP5001441-22FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13242367 242424 -----

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080808 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF SUE TJEPKEMA-BURROWS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SUE TJEPKEMA-BURROWS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF SUE TJEPKEMA-BURROWS, DECEASED, EASTWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUE TJEPKEMA-BURROWS, DECEASED Defendants 23 CH 02251 7525 N DAMEN AVE. APT M2 CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 22, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7525 N DAMEN AVE. APT M2, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-30-400-028-1033 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$26,123.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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 POSSES-

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SION 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 HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1674378. 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. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 601 E. William St. DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 1674378 Attorney Code: 40387 Case Number: 23 CH 02251 TJS#C: 44-386 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 # 23 CH 02251 13242807 010101 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- AMIR MOHABBAT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF IAN WILLIAM BELL, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF IAN WILLIAM BELL, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 22 CH 06122 1416 WEST CHASE AVENUE UNIT D 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 February 28, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1416 WEST CHASE AVENUE UNIT D, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-317-041-0000 The real estate is improved with a condominium with no garage.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS3 Plaintiff, -v.- JASON JOHNSON AKA JASON G. JOHNSON, EDGEWOOD PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 22 CH 07913 6433 N. DAMEN AVE APT 1E CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 16, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 17, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6433 N. DAMEN AVE APT 1E, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-31-401-104-1053 FKA 11-31-401-075 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$305,695.35. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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

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audits began in 2022. To survive reaching the age of 10, urban trees must survive micro-burst tornados, city pollution, toxic water, disease, the coming 'biblical' cicada swarm and the drastic changes in climate that will grip all trees struggling to reach 2050."

According to the study findings, Chicago is good at planting trees, especially after significant federal tree equity funding spurred a Chicago tree equity ordinance (under Mayor Lightfoot) to plant

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CPM cried foul, and the arbitrators agreed.

How much the city may need to pay, however, will be determined at future proceedings through an appraisal process, according to the arbitrators' decision.

CPM further persuaded arbitrators to back its claim to \$2 million more it claims the city owes under the agreement, for allegedly refusing to enforce parking meters in the months immediately following Gov. JB Pritzker's decision to institute so-called "stay at home" orders at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020.

The arbitrators agreed Pritzker's directives issued through a series of emergency executive orders carried the force of "law."

trees in tree-desert, low-income, minority neighborhoods.

Challenges ahead

However, the study also noted that Chicago and the general public are not so good at keeping newly planted trees alive with watering and providing annual mulch around the tree base in their first critical five years. Without this attention, over the years thousands of newly planted trees have died through the city. Especially vulnerable are new trees planted along commercial parkways.

EHS and the 14 block clubs have become more educated about the need for policy changes within the Department of Streets and Sanitation and the Bureau of Forestry. Going forward, EHS will continue to survey all parkway trees younger than 50 years old and will continue to focus on advocating for Edgewater heritage tree preservation.

Among other directives, Pritzker's orders forbade so-called non-essential government functions.

The arbitrators agreed that the city could argue it was simply following the law by

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deciding that parking enforcement was "non-essential," and thus should be set aside for several months.

But the arbitrators also agreed with CPM that the city's refusal to enforce parking rules and regulations in neighborhood zones from March to June 2020 still violated its compensation agreement with CPM.

The arbitrators agreed Chicago owes

This includes supporting Edgewater heritage tree tours for students, residents and visiting tourists and to raise consciousness about the benefits of the city's heritage trees.

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Wendy Littlefield, West Andersonville Neighbors Together (WANT) and Edgewater Tree Surveyor said, "It has been a wonderful experience exploring our streets and spending time together across several seasons. The opportunities to form friendships and better appreciate one's immediate surroundings and benefits that I hope will not be lost as we review the key learnings from the EHS's Heritage Tree Survey exercise."

Next month there will be another EHS Edgewater Tree committee meeting to debrief community residents on what they can improve on future tree surveys and to discuss tree tour guides for the EHS's continued oversight of Edgewater parkway trees.

The Edgewater Historical Society at

CPM \$2 million, plus interest for refusing to enforce parking rules in the spring of 2020.

However, arbitrators turned aside a different charge accusing the city of allegedly failing to "effectively enforce parking rules and regulations" from 2014-2022. CPM claims the city's alleged failure to write enough parking tickets cost CPM at least \$36 million.

However, the arbitrators determined a letter sent by CPM did not meet the requirements of proper notice to allow CPM to enforce that claim.

While the arbitration decision was handed down April 18, CPM still filed suit just five days later, seeking a court order requiring the city, now under Mayor Brandon Johnson, to pay what it says the city owes.

Chicago has not yet responded to the lawsuit.

How trees benefit us

The city has been losing tree canopy cover that helps reduce the impacts of extreme heat and air pollution. An urban tree canopy refers to the layer of leaves, branches, and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above.

Improving a city's tree canopy can have numerous benefits, such as reducing summer peak temperatures, improving air quality and strengthening social ties among neighbors.

According to the Morton Arboretum, Chicago's tree canopy cover shrank in the city proper from 2010 to 2020. Trees covered just 16% of the city's land in 2020, trailing behind New York and Los Angeles. Edgewater's Tree Canopy covers 26% of its community.

Chicago has some of the oldest heritage trees that are 50 to over 200 years old. One prime heritage parkway tree produces five times the electric cost benefits, water-shed absorption and carbon monoxide reductions than a less than 49-year-old tree.

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