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Bryn Mawr Ave. has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1995.

Temple site developer releases newest 23-story skyscraper plan

Developer blows off City height restrictions, City officials ignore their own requirement

BY BOB ZULEY

The latest seemingly sordid saga of the Emanuel Congregation development plan at 5959 N. Sheridan Rd. in Edgewater may remind readers of the Biblical tale of the money changers in the temple, for the Congregation is hell-bent on monetizing their sacred space.

So much for Tikkun Olam, the Jewish commitment to ethics and social responsibility.

The latest presentation at a Fern Hill and Emanuel Congregation development meeting was held on April 30. The project is proposed for 5959, 5948, and 5965 N. Sheridan Rd. in Edgewater. Updated plans include 603 rental units divided among four residential buildings and also one new synagogue.

As Congregation decision-makers came to the realization that they couldn't afford their 71-year old synagogue for their shrinking 250-household congregation, they decided to collaborate with Fern Hill, a private Chicago developer,



Recent proposal for the five-building development at Emanuel Congregation. Courtesy Eckenoff Saunders

in order to allow them to continue to enjoy their lakefront views.

Emanuel co-president Andrew Degenholtz and Fern Hill president Nick Anderson devised a scheme in which the Congregation would surrender their development rights for their tax-exempt lakefront property to the high-rise developer so he could erect a 603-unit rental development.

In return, Fern Hill will build the Congregation a brand new synagogue, debt-free. Quid pro quo. Such a deal!

Anderson says the new synagogue will be around 16,000 square feet while Degenholtz

says it will be approximately 20-25,000 sf. The current synagogue is 35,000 sf.

Degenholtz defends his collaboration, saying "We are wanting to stay in this neighborhood. Unfortunately, our building is expensive to maintain on an annual basis. So it is costing a lot of money and maintenance. We only use about half the building we have. ... So, we have partnered with Nick [Anderson of Fern Hill] to help us reimagine our building and help us plan for the future...".

Degenholtz surely knows that

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Edgewater's Bryn Mawr Historic District receives preliminary approval

Designation cites oldest buildings in Edgewater from 1880s

BY BOB ZULEY

The Chicago Commission on Landmarks approved the historical designation for the Bryn Mawr Historic District citing 15-buildings on Bryn Mawr Ave. between Broadway and Sheridan Rd. The measure now heads to the City Council.

"Constructed between 1897 and 1929, the proposed district's 15 contributing buildings form a distinctive and remarkably intact group designed in a range of architectural styles," city staffers wrote in their report to the commission.

The three-block district includes some already-landmarked structures such as the eight-story cream and green Belle Shore Apartments, the Tudor-styled Manor House [1021-1031 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.] and the hard-to-hide pink Edgewater Beach Apart-

ments, 5555 N. Sheridan Rd.

Bryn Mawr Ave. has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1995 however a city-designation will help protect the corridor's buildings from demolition and unkind alterations.



John Holden, Edgewater Historical Society president. Courtesy Axiom

The walkable neighborhood strip features a new CTA Red Line station and has much that any urban community requires except parking, a perennial and unaddressed problem in Edgewater east of Broadway. In fact, many of the city's actions are making the parking situation worse, such as allowing much greater residential density without requiring developers add

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Final official community meeting on Catalpa closure May 23

The 40th Ward is hosting what they claim will be the last community meeting on Thursday, May 23 to unveil the final design of for closing down Catalpa Ave. for a pedestrian plaza.

The open house will take place at St. Gregory Church, 1609 W. Gregory. There will be exhibits of the design displayed, and representatives from the ward office and the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] on hand to answer questions from the community. The meeting will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The closure would affect the section of Catalpa between Clark St. and Ashland Ave. in Andersonville and would cost the com-

munity about 40 commercial parking spots.

CDOT will undertake the roadway closure and plaza construction project on Catalpa by first buying back, or replacing, the metered commercial parking spots that will be lost. Convenient, commercial parking that turns over quickly is a critical component of community infrastructure that supports a small business district such as Andersonville.

The city has not said how, or if, they plan to replace the lost customer parking spots on Catalpa. Those spots are owned by Chicago Parking LLC, and may

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Loyola to construct nursing and sciences education facility

BY BOB KITSOS

The seemingly never-ending construction on Loyola Univ. Chicago's Lake Shore campus continues with the construction of a state-of-the-art 195,000 square feet facility at 1144 W. Loyola Ave. The building will bring together programs from the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences in one modern, interactive space.

The nearly block-long facility, with a price tag of about \$11.2 million will be located on the east side of Sheridan Rd. between Loyola and Albion avenues. It's slated for a fall 2028 completion. Six floors above ground will include over 150,000 square feet of education space, and the basement



Rendering of the seven-story Nursing and Science Education facility being built at 1144 W. Loyola. The \$11.2 million building designed by Woodhouse Tinucci Architects of Chicago is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2028. Courtesy of Loyola Univ.

level will add another 40,000 square feet of usable space. Last October, the Campion Hall dormitories, which were built in

1955, were demolished to accommodate the new building.

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Liars and cheaters and thieves, oh my!



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Are you pretty good about filing your Property Taxes or are you considered a scofflaw, a recalcitrant payee? Are you one of those Cook Country cheaters who's always trying to doctor up the Property Tax x-rays?

When you finally get pinched, caught stealing from the County of Cook, do you lie and act like it's all a misunderstanding?

Cheaters always think everyone cheats. Liars think everyone lies.

Irish literature and folklore often approach the themes of thieves, cheats and liars with a mix of wit, humor, and moral ambiguity, rather than outright condemnation. Maybe that was because many Irish were forced into extremes of poverty by the English. Or simply because the Irish excel at understanding, even for cheats, liars and thieves.

Annette Guzman, Mayor Brandon Johnson's City Budget Director, was recently caught by a Chicago Sun-Times watchdog investigation after years of getting illegal tax breaks. The newspaper exposed the bogus tax breaks,

flourishing in broad daylight. Her boss, the Cook County Assessor, decided she'd only have to pay for three years of the illegal property tax breaks. Not five. But even she has enough sense to have a plan and will pay back the other two years of cheating.

The Irish bards might have yet another Chicago politico in mind with their "easy does it" for cheats, liars and thieves. Someone from an earlier mayoral administration. Turns out that ex-Mayor Lori Lightfoot's former Chief Operating Officer, Paul Goodrich, was the man handling all City infrastructure, transportation, regulatory services, and COVID-19 relief funding. He too is now under the microscope.

All the sleuthing surrounds what has been characterized as a member of the mayor's senior staff using the City's "clout" to personally solicit a job for their own child from a big contractor working on an "unauthorized" \$9.6 million project for the city. The subsequent payments to the contractor were invoiced, but illegal.

But the senior staff member's child did have a fine employment, well paid, reporting directly to the contractor, the construction company's president.

The city's Inspector General found loads of irregularities with the contractor's invoicing. In addition, the contractor allegedly submitted "false claims and intentional and negligent billing irregularities, and the invoices failed to comply with City pro-

cedurement procedures."

The mayor's senior staff member continuously tried to expand the scope of their work giving the contractor more business. So there was apparently plenty of cheating, lying and thievery underfoot. In addition to tracing an \$80,000 contribution to Mayor Lightfoot's campaign from another company owned by the contractor.

Recently, Mayor Johnson was fingerpointing at Lightfoot, saying the problems that erupted involved a "previous mayoral administration," shielding him from any consequent blame. Then a Lightfoot spokesperson said she "had not been previously made aware of this investigation."

What a kettle of fish. And that's just two examples of the troubles so gently unfolding on City Hall's 5th floor. What else don't we know?

It's one thing to have a mayoral administration that is inept, incompetent, unqualified and incapable of rational leadership. But these two incidents are jammed-packed with criminal intent. Enough for everyone.

Amazingly, it's hard to tell which is worse, the cheating, the lying or the thievery.

The cheating is more directed toward the general population. Ripping off trusting folk who believe that everyone has the best of honest intentions.

The lying, for me, is more directed ultimately back at the self. At the liar. It's self-inflicted. People become the victims of their own vicious falsehoods. They give themselves tattered lives of perjury. Haunted constantly by the untruths, falsehoods, and the fear of getting caught.

No George Washingtons here. The thievery is the crime fashioned by the devious consequences of stealing from those who trust us. Lives built for nothing but self-destruction and remorse. Outside the reach of the freedom that redeems, liberates and restores.

Chicagoans have a right not to be conned and lied to. If we are hoodwinked then we must remember and carry that into the voting booth before the rats desert the sinking ship.

There's no room for the liars, cheaters and thieves. Like a politico whose assistant delivered him a new baby on the eve of an election. Is it not time to help the pendulum swing back for justice and common sense?

As the Irish bards have written, here's an Irish blessing that in these cases are more an exorcism.

"Here's to cheating, fighting, stealing, and drinking. If you cheat, may you cheat death; If you steal, may you steal another's heart; if you fight, may you fight for a brother; and if you drink, may you drink with me."

HUMAN RIGHTS: **Marta Farion**, noted Ukrainian diplomatic leader and a longtime Chicago negotiator, honored to welcome to Chicago's **Oleksandra Matviichuk**, Nobel Prize Winner, working every day to defend human rights and rule of law.

GOSPEL PEACE: **Cardinal Blase Cupich**, Archbishop of Chicago, has been awarded Catholic Theological Union's "Blessed are the Peacemakers" award. In response to the war that rages across the globe, he commented, "Peace is not absence of war but work of justice."

CHICAGO POLICE: So sweet to see Ret. Judge **Rhoda Davis Sweeney** receive special recognition for her generosity and devotion in support of the Chicago Police Dept. at the CPD luncheon.

WINNERS: The Michael Merritt Awards ceremony was held Monday night to honor the memory of a brilliant designer and inspirational teacher. It is a national award unique in its emphasis on excellence in both design and collaboration, and has been presented annually since

1994 to outstanding professional theatrical designers.

This year's Michael Merritt Award recipient is **John Culbert**, Scenic and Lighting Designer.

Culbert has been active in the Chicago theatre community for decades. He has had the honor of designing for many Chicago companies including Court Theatre,



Oleksandra Matviichuk

Northlight Theatre, Timeline Theatre, Goodman Theatre, Lookingglass Theatre, Writers Theatre, Victory Gardens Theater, and Chicago Shakespeare Theater. He designed the light show for Buckingham Fountain and other Chicago Park District elements. He served as the dean of The Theatre School at DePaul Univ. for over 20 years.

Other awardees included **Jenny DiLuciano**, Theatrical Properties; **Willow James**, Sound Designer and Composer; **Harper Crewse**, Stage Manager; **Conscious Costume** and **Kristen P Ahern**;



John Culbert

Johnny Johnathan, Sound Designer, AV Tech, Actor; **Izaak Kary**, Set Designer, Scenic Artist, and Illustrator; **A Inn Doo**, Scenic Designer; **Cecelia Skemp**, Costume Designer, and **Lilliana Gonzalez**, Stage Management Scenic Carpentry Scenic Painting Lighting Design.

COLUMBUS QUEEN: **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, is looking for Italian Americans maidens 17 to 26

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Saving Chicago's forgotten lighthouse

BY LILA SARAVANOU

The Chicago Harbor Lighthouse has stood in Lake Michigan for more than a century, watching Chicago transform around it. Long before modern GPS navigation systems and electronic aids guided ships safely into harbor, lighthouse keepers climbed its narrow staircases, cleaned its massive lens by hand, and maintained the beacon through fog, storms, and brutal winter storms.

During an online presentation Wednesday, May 6, titled "Chicago Harbor Lighthouse: Past, Present, and Future," preservationists and historians described the lighthouse not simply as an isolated structure offshore, but as a surviving piece of Chicago's maritime history that we have all seen hundreds of times, and taken for granted. It is an identity that now faces a critical turning point.

Humanity really does excel at ignoring historic treasures until they begin peeling into the lake.

The presentation traced the history of lighthouses broadly before narrowing its focus to Chicago Harbor Lighthouse itself. Steve Clements, board member of Friends of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse, described how the very first lighthouse known to man was built 280 BCE, explaining that lighthouses spread alongside maritime trade routes as people increasingly traveled dangerous waters. He later emphasized the importance of the Great Lakes during the 19th century, calling the 1800s "the Golden Age of building on the Great Lakes."

The Chicago Harbor Lighthouse itself has direct ties to one of the city's most important historical events: the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Clements explained that "you can't talk about 1893 without talking about the world's Columbian Exposition," noting that lighthouse technology and Fresnel lenses were displayed during the fair.

According to the presentation, the original lens intended for



Put into service on Nov. 9, 1893, the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse sits at the mouth of The Chicago River, and is in serious need of a rehab. Long before GPS, it served as a critical guide for shipping on the Great Lakes during the 19th century.

the lighthouse was first exhibited at the fair before being transferred to the completed structure. Clements quoted the first official logbook entry from Nov. 9, 1893: "Light first exhibited this evening, lamp burning bright, weather fair, wind light from the southwest."

"Remember people lived here, people worked here," said Steve Clements, while describing the structure's interior.

The presentation speakers repeatedly emphasized that the lighthouse was once a fully functioning workplace and residence. "Remember people lived here, people worked here," said Clements, while describing the structure's interior.

Lighthouse keepers slept, cooked, and maintained operations within the tower. The presentation described the "watch room" as "the operating center for the lighthouse from shortly before sunset" where keepers monitored the light throughout the night. Historic photographs shown during the event illustrated daily life inside the lighthouse, including keepers cleaning the Fresnel lens, maintaining fog signal machinery, and living in sparse residential quarters.

Clements described the expe-

rience bluntly, saying "it was a pretty lonely existence out on the lighthouse."

Much of the lecture focused on why the lighthouse eventually fell into neglect. According to the presenters, automation fundamentally changed lighthouse operations across the United States. Clements explained that "as things became more automated, the Coast Guard didn't need to have a presence any longer," adding that personnel "quite literally moved out and reassigned that staff."

The Coast Guard officially left Chicago Harbor Lighthouse in 1979, ending what the presenters described as the last period of continuous maintenance and care. Clements stated, "after 1979, there was no more daily manned presence on the lighthouse by folks who were really responsible

for maintaining it." The presentation described the deterioration that followed decades of limited oversight. Architect Edward Torrez, who has worked on assessing the lighthouse since 2015, explained that the structure suffers from "a lot of deterioration of the rebar and spalling brick," along with concrete damage that will require repair before full restoration can begin.

Torrez also noted widespread peeling paint, roof deterioration, and structural wear caused by constant exposure to harsh lake conditions.

During the presentation's virtual staircase tour, one speaker joked that "as you walk up those stairs, it sounds like you're walking on a bed of potato chips, except it's all peeling paint," later adding, "and probably all peeling lead paint." Beneath the humor sat a clear reality: the lighthouse has aged significantly after decades without sustained preservation work.

The Friends of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse organization now hopes to reverse that decline. Kurt Lentsch explained that "March 11, 2025 was a milestone day for this organization" because the group officially filed an application "to transfer ownership, from the city of Chicago" to the nonprofit organization. Their stated mission, repeated throughout the presentation, is "to preserve, restore, and

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Sounds Good Choir free concert May 14 at Fourth Presbyterian Church

The Sounds Good Choir is hosting a free concert starting at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 14 at Fourth Presbyterian Church 880 N. Michigan Ave.

The all-ages program will include popular numbers like All That Jazz, At the River, Fly Me to the Moon, Lux Aeterna, Michael, Row the Boat Ashore, Big House, Scarborough Fair and I'm Gonna Sing. Sounds Good Choir

offers free non-audition, in-person, daytime choral groups with professional conductors and accompanists. Members of the choir include people with memory loss issues, mild cognitive impairment issues and early-stage Alzheimer's.

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Food trucks return to Daley Plaza

Weekly fest celebrating Chicago's dishes back May 15

The Chicago Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection [BACP] has announced the 2026 Chi Food Truck Fest season will begin on Friday, May 15 at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St.

The popular lunchtime event will take place every Friday until Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fest, now in its 11th year, showcases Chicago's rich culinary culture with a weekly rotating lineup of food trucks. It has become a downtown summer tradition, drawing crowds from all over the city to sample a variety of cuisines from Chicago's food truck operators.

This season, the fest has over 40 food trucks in rotation, eight of which are new to the fest, enhancing an already diverse menu with offerings ranging from brick oven pizzas, bar-b-que, espresso and Southern comfort food. Guests are invited to enjoy their meals beneath the Picasso sculpture at Daley Plaza.

"We are highlighting food truck owners as thriving entrepreneurs. The festival provides owners a platform to grow, connect, and share their talents with the city," said BACP Cmsr. Ivan Capifali.

Chi Food Truck Fest Dates (Fridays, unless otherwise noted): May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12, 17 (Wednesday), 26; July 1 (Wednesday), 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 25, and on Oct. 2.

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Chicago's soaring tax-bill refund pipeline is plugged



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

While tens of thousands of Chicago property owners are reeling from soaring taxes, some 87,000 Cook County homeowners are owed tax refunds by a broken system.

Apparently, on-going tech upgrades by Tyler Technologies, the Texas-based firm the county contracted with a decade ago to modernize its property tax software, is part of the problem.

Tyler Tech is truly the Cook County gift that keeps giving. However, there are other major problems linked with the unfinished tech upgrade, with tens of thousands of tax refunds going unpaid, and the county is having trouble communicating how much revenue taxing bodies should expect, and when the money will arrive.

To add to the confusion, the Cook County Board of Review, a three-member tax appeal body, received a record 290,000 appeals—the biggest number for a year when Chicago was not being reassessed.

After the board is finished hearing, ruling on, and processing those appeals, the final adjusted

assessment value numbers must be sent back to Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, shipped downstate to the Dept. of Revenue, then back to the assessor to apply exemptions.

The appeals are then sent to the Cook County Clerk for additional calculations, and then to the Treasurer for final mailing of the tax bills. The process at each office can take days or weeks.

“The Board of Review is acting urgently to protect residents who have been hit hardest by extraordinary and unreasonable assessment increases,” said Comr. Larry Rogers Jr. “Our commitment is to ensure that no taxpayer is left shouldering an inaccurate or inflated assessment.”

As a result of this tech-boondoggle, it is likely that the 2nd installment of the 2025 property tax bills will not be issued by the Treasurer on Aug. 1. Recall that the 2nd installment of the 2024 tax bill was not mailed until Nov. 2025.

County officials noted that delays from prior years often take a few cycles to rebound because assessments, appeals and final calculations happen on a rolling basis.

Approximately 87,000 taxpayers are owed refunds at this point, disclosed David Byrnes, chief of staff to Treasurer Maria Pappas.

The Home Front column traced the timeline on one senior-citizen property owner's delayed refund based on a whopping 21.5% 2024 tax increase on a Lincoln



(From left to right) Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and Commissioner at the Cook County Board of Review Larry Rogers Jr.

Park 3-flat. In 2023, the property owner, living on a fixed income, applied for a long-awaited Senior Tax Freeze Exemption with the Cook County Assessor. The exemption was finally approved with the issuance of a “Certificate of Error” in January. Here are the facts:

- Income documents and required forms filed with the Assessor in 2023 showing the senior's net income was under \$65,000—the qualifying limit for the freeze.

Unfortunately, no action was taken by the Assessor in 2024. Total 2023 tax bill—after the owner's Homeowner Exemption (\$662) and Senior Exemption (\$529) were applied—was \$27,628.

- More documents and required forms were filed again in 2024 showing the property owner's net income was under the \$65,000, qualifying limit for the freeze. Unfortunately, no immediate action was taken by the Assessor.

After Homeowner and Senior Exemptions were applied, the property owner paid a total 2024 tax bill of \$33,565.94. The 1st Installment was \$13,409. The 2nd Installment rose to \$20,157.

The total 2024 tax increase was 21.5%. To cover the increase, the property owner's lender increased

his mortgage payment to \$7,883 a month from \$5,826 to cover tax-escrow shortage.

- The Senior Tax Freeze finally was granted in January 2026 based on documents submitted in 2023. As a result of the Senior Freeze, the property's assessed value was lowered from \$173,001 to \$130,945.

The assessment reduction created by the Senior Tax Freeze approval resulted in a reduced 2024 total property tax bill on the 3-flat of \$23,068—a savings of \$10,498.

- A Certificate of Error was issued by the Cook County Assessor in January 2026. In February, the lender issued an escrow refund of about \$1,605, and lowered the borrower's monthly loan payment to \$5,446.

- Technically, the property owner is due a 2024 tax refund from the Cook County Treasurer. Refunds typically take 60 days. Based on the senior citizen's ballpark calculations, the Senior Tax Freeze should have resulted in a 2024 real estate tax refund of about \$10,498. Meanwhile, the property owner has been patiently waiting for this refund for more than four months.

If you pay your property taxes late, Cook County typically

charges you an interest rate of .75% a month—a whopping 9% a year. When the \$10,498 tax refund eventually arrives in the mail more than four months late, the senior citizen is wondering if the check will include four month's interest of 6% to cover his losses. That's about \$315 in lost interest.

Based on reporting by the Chicago Tribune, an estimated 20,000 approved Certificate of Error refunds worth more than \$46 million are bottlenecked at the Cook County Treasurer's office.

It is easy to imagine that hundreds, maybe thousands of these refunds are owed to senior citizens living on fixed incomes. This reporter wonders, is it possible for the Treasurer to expedite refunds to property owners who recently earned the Senior Tax Freeze Exemption?

According to a scathing new study by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, real estate taxes in Chicago and Cook County have grown at double the rate of inflation over the past three decades. As a result, home and business owners are being forced to pay an ever-greater percentage of their annual earnings to local governments.

During those 30 years, governmental units in Chicago and Cook County imposed \$19.2 billion in property taxes in 2024, up nearly 182% from the \$6.8 billion taxed in 1995, according to the report. Over those three decades, inflation rose by 91%, while average wages grew by about 161%.

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DePaul partners with former mayor on journalism institute

DePaul Univ. on May 1 announced a partnership with Public Narrative, the Chicago Independent Media Alliance and former Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot to launch the Institute for Journalism and Racial Justice housed in school's College of Communication at their Loop campus.

The effort will be led by Judith McCray, an award-winning broadcast journalist and Senior Professional in Residence in DePaul University's journalism program. Through the institute,

she hopes to support independent journalism and advance local storytelling. The institute intends to support emerging and freelance journalists by providing mentorship, networking and workshops based on content creation ability.

The institute hopes to advance a racial justice agenda in media by challenging alleged inequitable media practices, and promoting narrative change by defining journalism students by their aspirations, skills and contributions.

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The five most common mistakes homeowners make with property taxes

BY MARIA PAPPAS



Maria Pappas

Every year, my office hears from thousands of homeowners who run into problems with their property taxes due to common errors. Here are the five most common mistakes homeowners make and what you can do to avoid them.

Paying the same bill twice

This happens more often than you might think. For example, a homeowner pays online and then their mortgage company also pays. Or a spouse makes a payment without telling the other, who also makes a payment. Suddenly, they've paid twice. If this happens to you, don't worry — your mon-

ey isn't lost. You may qualify for a refund directly from my office. Applying is free, simple and safe at cookcountytreasurer.com and an attorney or third-party service is not needed.

Not updating mailing address

When you move, and continue to own that property, your bills don't automatically follow you. If you don't update your address with the Treasurer's Office, your tax bills and notices will continue to arrive at your old home. That means you could miss an important deadline, which might lead to penalties or even having your taxes sold at the Annual Tax Sale. The solution is easy: submit a change-of-address form online. It costs nothing and could save you money.

Forgetting to check exemptions

Cook County offers valuable

property tax exemptions such as the Homeowner Exemption, Senior Exemption and exemptions for veterans and people with disabilities.

The mistake many people make once they qualify is assuming these exemptions appear on their bills automatically. The truth is you must apply and for some exemptions you must apply annually. So, review your second installment bill or review your exemptions online to make sure you've received every possible one. If an exemption is missing, you can apply to correct it going back four years.

Believing you can't make partial payments

Many families believe they can't pay anything until they can pay everything. Not true. The Cook County Treasurer's Office accepts and encourages partial

payments. Even small payments make a difference, because every dollar you pay lowers your balance. So, if you don't have the entire bill amount, paying in installments can reduce the amount of interest you owe and help keep you on track.

Waiting too long to act

The last mistake is waiting until it's too late. Whether it's applying for an exemption, updating your address or making a payment, delaying can cost you money.

Stay informed. Check your bill. Use our website to track your payments, refunds and exemptions. The tools are free, easy and available in more than 240 languages.

Property taxes don't have to be confusing. By avoiding these common mistakes, you can save money, reduce stress and protect your home. Take a few minutes today to check your property tax status at cookcountytreasurer.com. Don't wait — and don't pay for services you can get for free from us.

American Legion Tattler Post seeks volunteers for Memorial Day

The American Legion Tattler Post 973 in Lincoln Square is seeking volunteers to help set up flags at Rosehill Cemetery ahead of their annual Memorial Day Parade.

Volunteers will be gathering at Rosehill Cemetery at 9 a.m. Friday, May 22. For more information or to volunteer, contact Scott Friedland at sbfriedl@gmail.com or call 773-539-7954.



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An award-winning journalist, Greg Borzo has been a writer for the American Medical Association, the Field Museum and the University of Chicago. He's a tour guide and loves to share his enthusiasm for Chicago's myriad artistic, cultural and historical treasures. Borzo's books include The Chicago "L" and Lost Restaurants of Chicago.

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Police Beat...

Burglaries from cars

Chicago police are warning residents of recent burglaries from cars in the River North, Lincoln Park, Near North Side and Streeterville Neighborhoods.

In the incidents, vehicles are parked on the street with property in plain view. Offenders break the window and take property such as purses, bags, laptops, backpacks and keys.

Incidents include one on the 400 block of N. Wells, 3 p.m. Sunday May 3; another on the 600 block of N. Franklin, 12 a.m. Sunday May 3; the 1500 block of W. Webster, 4 p.m. Saturday May 3; the 200 block of E. Illinois, 11 a.m. Friday May 1, and one on the 800 block of N. Franklin, 5 a.m. Wednesday April 29.

Police have no physical description of the offenders. Those who may have any information on these crimes can contact Area 3 Detectives at 312-744-8263, or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference # P26-3-014

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Man with 60+ arrests charged with stabbing good Samaritan during CTA dispute



Eduardo De Jesus. *Courtesy Chicago Police Dept.*

A Chicago man with more than 60 arrests and a history of violence against transit workers is facing new charges after prosecutors said he stabbed a good Samaritan who came to a CTA employee's defense at a Blue Line station.

Eduardo De Jesus, 48, was arrested April 23 at the Addison Red Line station after officers posted there recognized him by his neck tattoos and took him into custody.

According to prosecutors, the incident unfolded on March 31 at the Western Blue Line station in Bucktown. De Jesus got into an argument with a CTA employee and a 30-year-old man who did not know De Jesus stepped in to help the worker, prosecutors said.

De Jesus allegedly struck the victim in the face, and as the confrontation spilled outside the station, he pulled out a weapon. When the victim raised his hand to protect himself, prosecutors say, De Jesus stabbed him in the palm. The victim was taken to a hospital and received stitches for the puncture wound.

Two police officers later identified De Jesus in a photo lineup. Officers assigned to the Addison Red Line station spotted him recently, recognized his distinctive neck tattoos, and arrested him.

Judge Anthony Calabrese ordered De Jesus detained, noting he has been incarcerated seven times,

including for aggravated battery of a transit employee. He is charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery in a public place.

Cook County court records show De Jesus has accumulated more than 60 arrests and 13 felony cases since 1992. Those cases produced felony convictions for narcotics in 2000 and 2003, burglary in 2006 and 2009, aggravated battery of a transit employee in 2018, aggravated DUI in 2018 and 2023, and being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2018.

'King of the CTA': Man from viral Red Line hammer video jailed after threatening sheriff's police



Eric Vinson, inset, and a frame from the viral video.

A man who went viral this spring when video circulated of him boarding a Red Line train and threatening to kill people while wielding two hammers is cooling his heels in the Cook County Jail after allegedly threatening to kill a sheriff's police officer who woke him up and told him he could not sleep on the Red Line — with hammers.

Eric Vinson, 51, of Bartlett, has been arrested at least 49 times since 2015, according to court records, including twice since he gained a fleeting moment of internet fame with that cellphone video in mid-March.

The footage, which has been viewed tens of millions of times on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, showed Vinson boarding a Red Line train while brandishing a metal hammer in each hand and threatening to kill passengers, one of whom recorded the incident. Other passengers tried to ignore him by looking at their phones or staring at the floor. Ultimately, no injuries were reported.

About 10 days later, on March 27, Chicago police arrested Vinson after he allegedly threatened to kill a 55-year-old service station employee with a hammer in the 8700 block of S. State St.

A CPD report said Vinson threatened to hit the cashier and customers with the metal hammer, but the employee retreated behind a security partition and called 911. It was the second time Vinson caused a disturbance at the gas station that day.

When police detained Vinson, he allegedly told them, "I promise to Jesus I'm going to kill that Arab retard."

At the police station, the report said, officers discovered "7+ CTA security information bulletins as well as multiple news media clips mentioning [Vinson] and his violent tendencies."

Police cited Vinson, gave him a notice to appear in court, and took him to St. Bernard Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. Records show he failed to show up for court, but so did the alleged victim, so the case was dropped.

Three days later, around 11:30 p.m. April 19, Cook County sheriff's police officers patrolling the Red Line allegedly saw Vinson sleeping across a row of seats with two hammers protruding from a backpack on the seat

next to him. They also recognized him from recent news stories about a man threatening people with hammers on CTA trains, prosecutors said.

The officers woke Vinson and told him he could not sleep on the train. Prosecutors said he became agitated and declared he was the "King of the CTA." He then allegedly threatened to strike an officer in the head and "blow the back of his head off." Vinson repeated the statement "approximately nine times," prosecutors said. Officers detained him when the train stopped at 95th Street.

He is charged with threatening a public official. Judge Robert Kuzas detained him as a public safety risk.

Court records show 80 separate cases filed under Vinson's name dating back to 1997, four of them felonies. He has been arrested by Chicago police 46 times since 2015 alone, with additional arrests by other agencies.

According to court records, he received a 41-month sentence for a 2010 robbery case in which he pleaded guilty to aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, 13 months for a 2023 criminal damage to property case, and two years for a 2024 robbery case in which he pleaded guilty to unlawful restraint.

'You're going to learn today': man accused of trying to kidnap boy from park

An afternoon at a popular North Side park took a horrifying turn when a man picked up an 8-year-old boy and tried to walk away with him, prosecutors said.



Elijah Peaches

Elijah Peaches, 28, is charged with attempted kidnapping of a child and unlawful restraint in connection with the April 28 incident at Walsh Park, 1722 N. Ashland Ave., near the eastern end of the Bloomingdale Trail.

According to prosecutors, the boy's mother stepped away momentarily while her son was playing at the park. During that brief window, Peaches allegedly approached the child, picked him up, and began walking away. "You're going to learn today," a bystander allegedly heard him tell the boy as he carried the child several feet from where he had been playing.

The witness, a 50-year-old woman, confronted Peaches and tugged the child away from him during a brief struggle, officials said.

Witnesses called 911 and then followed Peaches as he left the park, prosecutors said. They flagged down responding officers at Marshfield and Wabansia avenues, where the police took Peaches into custody.

Judge John Hock ordered Peaches detained pending trial, calling the incident a random, opportunistic attempt to take a child from his family.

Teen boy charged with multiple Felony counts

A 16-year-old boy has been charged with multiple felony counts, including Armed Robbery, Burglary and Vehicular Hijacking

The boy was arrested by members of the Chicago Police Dept. and U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force on May 7, in the 1900 block of S. Spaulding Ave. He was identified as one of the offenders who participated in multiple robbery and

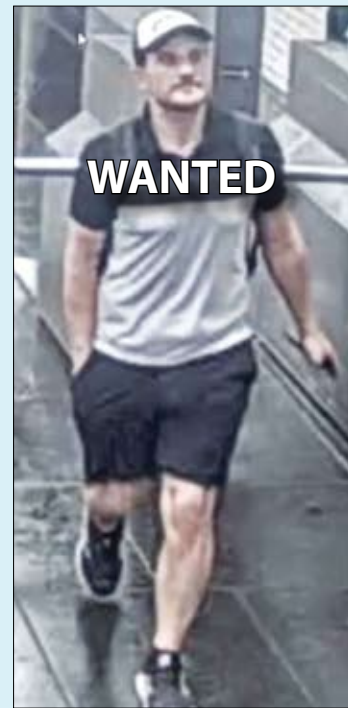
CPD releases new images of North Side CTA 'indecent act' suspect

Chicago police have released a new surveillance image of the man who allegedly committed an indecent act while riding the CTA Brown Line in Lincoln Park last month.

In a community alert issued in April, CPD said investigators released a photo of a man wearing a surgical mask who was involved in the incident aboard a train around 3:30 p.m. April 13 near the Diversey station. The alert did not provide details about what occurred or say whether anyone was victimized.

Now, CPD has released an image of the man without the mask. They described him as White and said he was wearing a black-and-white hat, a white-and-black polo shirt, black shorts, and black-and-white shoes. He was carrying a black backpack.

Anyone who recognizes him is asked to contact CPD's Public Transportation Unit at 312-745-4447 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com using case number JK216731.



burglary related incidents earlier this year including one Jan. 3, 5:46 a.m. in the 3000 block of N. Ashland Ave., armed robbery of a 40-year-old male; Jan. 3, 5:52 a.m. in the 2600 block of N. Lincoln, burglary of a business; Jan. 3 at 6:02 a.m. in the 3100 block N. Broadway, burglary of a business; April 23, 12:19 a.m. in the 1100 block of N. Harding, aggravated vehicular hijacking of a 45-year-old female; April 23, 3:13 a.m. in the 300 block of W. Chicago, armed robbery of a 23-year-old male, and on April 23, 3:21 a.m. in the 2300 block of N. Damen Ave., armed robbery of a 59-year-old male.

The offender was placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly.

Steele found not guilty in drunken driving case

North Side Cook County tax official Samantha Steele was acquitted of drunken driving May 5 after a two-day trial that focused on a November 2024 crash in Uptown neighborhood and the police response.

Board of Review Commissioner was arrested after her car collided with a parked car in the 5000 block of N. Ashland Ave., according to Chicago police records.

Officers found an open bottle of wine in Steele's car, but she never submitted to field sobriety or lab tests, according to records and testimony.

Cook County Judge Donald Suriano handed down the not guilty verdict after finding the evidence in the case only amounted to "suspicion of intoxication." After the decision, Steele attorney John Fotopoulos told reporters that "justice prevailed."

In police body camera footage, Steele is seen repeatedly telling officers that she was an elected official and she refused to cooperate with the officers. She also made disrespectful comments to one officer about his genitals, records show.

Steele lost her last election in the March Democratic primary to long-time party operative Liz Nicholson.

CPD sergeant invented fake bakery to steal \$41,662 in COVID relief money

A Chicago Police sergeant has been charged in federal court with fraudulently obtaining more than \$41,000 in COVID-relief loans for a bakery that never existed.

Brandi Wright, 44, is charged with wire fraud for submitting two applications for Paycheck Protection Program [PPP] loans in 2021 on behalf of a business she claimed to own. The bakery did not actually exist, prosecutors said. The applications allegedly contained false statements about gross revenue, payroll needs, and operational expenses. Each loan was for \$20,831, bringing the total to \$41,662, which Wright allegedly used for other purposes.

Wright earned \$142,688 as a CPD

sergeant last year.

The prosecution comes as U.S. Attorney Andrew Boutros has directed his office to take a fresh look at COVID-19 fraud, particularly involving federal benefit and entitlement programs.

The charges against Wright were filed three weeks after the Chicago Office of Inspector General released its first-quarter report, which said investigators had concluded nine separate cases finding Chicago police officers fraudulently obtained forgivable PPP loans. The OIG does not identify employees by name in public reports, but one case described in the quarterly report closely matches the charges against Wright: an officer who applied for and received forgiveness on two federal PPP loans totaling \$41,666.

CPD has preliminarily agreed with OIG recommendations that eight officers should be discharged and placed on the city's do-not-hire list for PPP fraud. A ninth officer resigned while under investigation after allegedly lying about two fraudulent PPP loans totaling \$41,666 obtained before joining the department, submitting false filings to secure loan forgiveness, lying again during the CPD hiring process, and then failing to appear for a scheduled OIG interview. CPD agreed to add that officer to the do-not-hire list.

The OIG report also flagged a 10th city worker, an aldermanic staffer, who allegedly obtained \$20,833 through fraudulent PPP loan and loan forgiveness applications. Investigators say the employee then filed a false police report claiming identity theft and submitted a similar false claim to the U.S. Small Business Administration to cover their tracks, before lying to OIG investigators about their role in applying for the loan.

OIG recommended the alderman who supervises the staffer fire the employee and bar them from future city employment. The alderman missed the deadline to respond and, when they did reply, offered no indication of whether the worker would be fired. In a written response, the alderman said they "take the matters outlined in your report seriously," adding that "appropriate steps are being taken to ensure compliance with all applicable policies and expectations moving forward."

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Under oath, Foxx says she believed exonerated men were guilty in ‘heinous’ murders

BY CWBCHICAGO

In a series of stunning revelations made under oath, former Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx said last month that she personally believed two exonerated men whose certificates of innocence were not opposed by her administration were, in fact, guilty of “a heinous act of murder.”

One of those two men recently reached a wrongful conviction settlement with the city of Chicago so large that it is awaiting City Council approval. The man accused of being his accomplice is preparing to take his lawsuit to a federal jury next week.

At another point in the four-plus hour deposition, Foxx revealed that when she announced during a luncheon speech at the City Club of Chicago that she would not run for a third term, the presentation was entirely ad-libbed and she had no factual basis for telling the crowd that Marilyn Mulero, one of the women whose wrongful conviction lawsuit prompted the deposition, “went to prison for a crime which she didn’t commit” and “was wrongfully convicted.”

Mulero, an attorney told Foxx during the deposition, is now using her off-the-cuff statements as evidence of her innocence.

During the questioning, Foxx volunteered that she believed two men who won exonerations and later received certificates of innocence for the 1998 stabbing deaths of Mariano and Jacinta Soto in Bucktown were, in fact, guilty: Arturo DeLeon-Reyes and Gabriel Solache.

The men were convicted in 2000, with DeLeon-Reyes receiving a life sentence and Solache receiving the death penalty. Gov. George Ryan commuted all death row inmates’ sentences to life terms in 2003.

The prosecution’s case against the two men relied on confessions obtained by Chicago Police Detective Reynaldo Guevara. Some 43 people have received exonerations after being convicted of murder in cases Guevara handled, the bulk of those coming during Foxx’s administration. Settlements have cost the city tens of millions of dollars, including a \$29 million payout to settle four cases earlier this year.

Foxx testified that she personally granted Guevara immunity to testify about the facts of the DeLeon-Reyes and Solache cases because, “knowing Mr. Guevara’s history, but also knowing that I believed that the people who were charged in that case committed that crime, [I] was willing to do that for Mr. Guevara.”

“We believed that the evidence suggested that the defendants had committed a heinous act of murder,” Foxx said.

But during a 2017 hearing, Judge James Obbish found that Guevara told “bald-faced lies” on the stand despite being given immunity by Foxx’s office.

“If he would lie after being given immunity under oath, why would this court ... believe that he was telling the truth when he first testified?” Obbish asked.

Foxx’s office dismissed the

charges against both men eight days later. Solache and DeLeon-Reyes, who did not have legal status in the United States, were taken into custody by federal authorities for deportation to Mexico.

the petitions for nearly five years before withdrawing its opposition without explanation. Solache received his certificate in Nov. 2022 and DeLeon-Reyes received his the following year.

Two weeks ago, Solache’s

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Both men filed federal lawsuits in 2018 and petitioned for certificates of innocence to formally declare their innocence, allow them to clear their names, and make them eligible for compensation. Foxx’s administration opposed

attorneys reached a settlement with the city that is now awaiting City Council approval. The amount has not been disclosed, but Council approval is required for settlements greater than \$100,000.

DeLeon-Reyes is preparing to take his case to a federal jury, and his attorneys have filed a motion to keep Foxx’s deposition statements out of the courtroom.

The deposition itself was taken for a separate federal lawsuit filed by Mulero and Madeline Mendoza, two women who won exonerations after being convicted of the 1992 murders of Hector Reyes and Jimmy Cruz in Humboldt Park, also based on an investigation involving Guevara.

Guevara’s attorney, Timothy Scahill, sought to question Foxx about a sequence of meetings between her, her staff, and the Exoneration Project, a nonprofit whose staff lawyers are drawn almost entirely from the firm of Loevy & Loevy, one of the most active firms suing the city over wrongful conviction claims.

Gov. JB Pritzker granted Mulero clemency in 2020 after she served more than 26 years in prison, over an objection from Foxx’s office. Her conviction

was vacated when Foxx’s office removed its objection in Aug. 2022, followed by Mendoza’s in Jan. 2023.

Throughout the questioning, Foxx repeatedly said she had no recollection of the specifics of Mulero’s case and did not know what investigation, if any, went into the decisions her office made and she, as state’s attorney, was ultimately responsible for.



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Walter Payton students deliver Comfort Kits for families at Ronald McDonald House



The youth-led initiative brought together student volunteers to assemble and deliver comfort kits for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

On May 1, 175 teens contributed to the iCAN Deliver Hope at the Ronald McDonald House: Lurie Children's Hospital, 211 E. Grand Ave.

The youths were from Walter Payton College Preparatory High School ICAN Chapter, alongside their school's National Honor Society.

The youth-led initiative brought together student volunteers to assemble and deliver comfort kits for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children received medical care.

The kits included essentials, comfort items, books, socks,

stuffed animals, coloring books, and handmade cards created by students.

During their tour, students learned how the Ronald McDonald House operates and how young people can volunteer. They placed coloring books throughout the library and lounges and tucked their handmade cards into family mailboxes, hoping to bring a little comfort to those staying there.

The project took place during Youth Service Month and was supported through a grant from Youth Service America and The Hershey Co.

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WATER TOWER PLACE: Hard to believe N. Michigan Avenue's Water Tower Place is turning 50. All wrinkled, half closed and dilapidated, it reflect the broken down economy of the elegance and Gold Coast performance that once marked this part of town.

Now plans are underway to restore the edifice to its past glory. A huge overhaul is scheduled to get underway to restore and revive the first vertical mall. Construction to begin next Spring, 2027.

SLAM: The Uptown Poetry Slam has unveiled Chicago's new poet laureate, **Mayda Del Valle**.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIUM: Congratulations to **Maeve Sullivan**, granddaughter of the late **Capt. Thomas J. Hughes**, CPD and **Dorothy O'Brien Hughes**, on her May 8 graduation with honors from Loyola Univ. Chicago. Maeve is already employed at Bennett Day School and working towards her Masters in Early Childhood Education. Go Ramblers!

CHINATOWN BAKERY: Chinatown's beloved Tasty Place



Mayda Del Valle

Bakery is closing — for now. The owners of the popular bakery are retiring, but the restaurant will retain the same name under new ownership. It will be closed for two months for renovations.

CELLAR FELLAS: Whiskey Girl Tavern in Edgewater hosted a collaboration last Friday between Heirloom Books, The Shimer Great Books School, and The Cellar Fellas, a 4-piece Shimer Alumni band, with special guests Good Dust, featuring Shimer teacher, **Aron Dunlap**, and his partner, **Pauline**. The Cellar Fellas played some classic pop-rock, including a lot of well-known tunes. The Heirloom Books Presents is an online series that continues the Great Books playlist with local author and educator, **Jeff Helgeson**. His most recent talk was on **F. Scott Fitzgerald**.

BAD COFFEE: Join the RHINO Poetry Forum at Bad Coffee in Ravenswood at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23 for the launch of RHINO 2026 and the start of their 50th year. They will have eight incredible contributors reading, followed by an open mic. Pick up their annual high-quality print journal featuring well-crafted, diverse poetry, flash fiction, and translations. We like paper and ink.

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Mark Olley enjoyed **April Schwartz'** birthday with special lunch at the Peninsula... **Jeanne Paul** hummed along at the **Barb Bailey** show at the Copernicus Center...

Tina Gravel roadtripping with **Sherrill Bodine**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** and **Bethany Kitick** to Kohler Water Spa... **Phil Vettel** reminding everyone that Major League Baseball prohibits the use of smokeless-tobacco on the field, "No chewing"... Belated Happy Birthday to Palm Springs lovin' **Shelly Zucker**... **Dan Balanoff** in New Orleans where he claims the food flirts with you, the architecture shows off, and the culture never met a stranger, he had me at food... **Liz Teasley** at daughter **Christina's** "B-ball game, on fire in her back-to-back games with the Impact Travel Basketball League... **Jennifer Sutton Brieva** attending the Opening Night of "The Hand and The Eye," in Ontario. The architecture, design innovation, the wild inspiration behind this extraordinary creation will generate lasting impact on the very art of magic... Happiest of belated birthdays to the well-reasoned, delightful and highly professional longtime newsy, **Anne Kavanagh**, still working hard to get her story... Radisson's new hotel in Saudi Arabia inspired by French-style architecture of Chicago legend **Lucien Lagrange**... **Janet** and **Rodger Owen** loved

their adventurous journey to Japan to celebrate **Rodger's** birthday... **Tom Cooney** says the view from his high-rise kitchen is so fantastic that he almost did the dishes... artist **E.J. Paprocki** is amazed that a recent painting of his found a home eight stories directly above where it was painted... World title skater **Ilia Malinin** gave his first class seat to an elderly Veteran without attention or recognition and with almost no one capturing the moment, leaving the entire airline cabin in tears and flight attendants completely speechless.



Anne Kavanagh

SHELTER: **Rhonda Sanderson** is now a monthly donor to Black Beauty Ranch, a 1,400 acre animal sanctuary with 650 animals in need in Murchison, TX.

RHINO: It took about five hours, but **Hazina**, Lincoln Park Zoo's new baby Rhinoceros, came out of her enclosure to meet the public last week — under the watchful eye of her mother, **Kapuki**.

SPRING DINNER: **Karen Zupko** reports the Canardiers Spring Dinner was a huge and delicious success at the Fortnightly Club. This elite culinary society event features a traditional ceremony, and formal dining.

NICE: **Stephanie Leese** inspired by "Do something good for someone every day," evidenced by former Illinois Secretary of State **Jesse White** (1999–2023), best known for his commitment to public service, the Jesse White Tumblers.

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celebrate the lighthouse.”

The speakers stressed that restoration involves far more than cosmetic repairs. Lentsch admitted that early on, organizers initially believed restoration would simply involve repainting the structure. “[We] originally thought, let’s just get some paint, paint the lighthouse,” he said. “But just like you do any restoration, you can’t just paint something.” He added that “there’s a lot of work, a lot of deterioration, a lot of cleanup that has to be done before we can just start painting.”

Torrez explained that restoration planning already includes extensive structural analysis and future preservation measures. He noted that the current roof will eventually be replaced “with another red roof that’s going to be metal and it’s going to emulate what you see there.” He also explained that preservation efforts will likely use industrial protective coatings similar to those applied to water towers because they can survive decades of harsh exposure.

The project’s long-term vision extends far beyond stabilization. The presenters repeatedly described plans to transform the lighthouse into an educational and cultural destination accessible to the public. Lentsch said organizers hope to “turn the lighthouse into a lighthouse museum” and “turn it into a classroom on the lakefront.” According to the presentation, students could someday travel by boat to the lighthouse for STEM and educational programming connected to maritime history and preservation.

Public access remains a central part of the organization’s vision. Lentsch explained that the future plan includes “a dock that’s going to be on the outside, moored at the lighthouse,” along with “a ramp that will lead into the light at that water level.”

Visitors would eventually gain access to exhibit spaces, educational areas, and portions of the tower itself. Torrez described plans for interpretive exhibits recreating former living spaces used by lighthouse keepers, including kitchens, bedrooms, and the watch room.

He also highlighted the future gallery deck experience, stating that “this is where people can go out and get beautiful views of the city and the lake.” He called the viewing area “the crown on top of this tower.”

Throughout the presentation, the speakers framed preservation as an effort to reconnect Chicago with a largely forgotten piece of its own history. Lentsch described the project as an opportunity “to celebrate the history of the lighthouse” and to “extend the lakefront campus museum campus out to the lakefront.”

The speakers repeatedly portrayed the

lighthouse not simply as an abandoned structure, but as a cultural and educational landmark tied directly to Chicago’s maritime development, industrial history, and identity on Lake Michigan.

The organization estimates that the first phase of restoration will cost millions of dollars, with additional funding still re-

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quired before full restoration can begin. Still, the presenters spoke optimistically about the project’s future. As Lentsch summarized near the conclusion of the event, “we’re ready to take care of it.”

In many ways, the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse reflects the story of Chicago itself: ambitious, industrial, resilient, and constantly evolving. For decades, the structure has remained visible yet forgotten, standing quietly beyond the shoreline while the city expanded around it.

What makes the project especially compelling is that the lighthouse may once again become part of public life instead of remaining an isolated object viewed only from a distance. The idea of transforming the structure into “a classroom on the lakefront” and a public museum gives the project cultural relevance beyond nostalgia.

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The presentation showed not only the scale of deterioration, but also the scale of dedication required to save it. Whether the project ultimately succeeds will depend on funding, approvals, public support and years of restoration work.

Still, after decades of abandonment, the lighthouse is finally being viewed not as a forgotten utility structure, but as an important part of Chicago’s identity worthy of preservation. Which is refreshing since cities usually wait until something collapses into the water before deciding it mattered.

Buena Park history walking tour June 11

Back by popular demand! Scott Vermillion, longtime resident and historian, will lead guests on a walking tour surrounding the fascinating history of Uptown’s Buena Park.

The walk will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 11, and start at the Uptown Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 929 W. Buena Ave.

Vermillion and his husband have resided in their vintage, Buena Park three-flat home for 35 years, cultivating a deep ap-

preciation for the neighborhood’s historical significance.

The tour covers 1.8 miles round trip and takes about two hours. Weather is unpredictable, so bring water and wear warm, comfortable clothes and shoes, and an umbrella if there is a threat of rain. Advance registration is required, visit <https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/69dd5b34bd5c392c76440d2b>.

This tour will also be offered on Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

A holiday from reality over Mayor Daley

In the May 6 Skyline publication Thomas J. O’Gorman decries the lack of leadership in the city. He says, “There are no Richard J. Daleys to protect us from the shallow political incompetence of management ranks filled with over-educated dumb people.”

Well, the actions of Richard J. Daley are part of the reason Chicago is in the financial position it is in today. Faced with mounting fiscal pressures in the early 2000’s, rather than dealing with them straight on by seeking an appropriate tax increase, Daley made a number of decisions that have plagued Chicago ever since.

From the years 1995-2005, 11 years in total, Chicago made no required payments into the teachers pension system. Euphemistically these were called “pension holidays.” From a fully funded system, the Chicago Teacher Pension system ended up with a \$3 billion shortfall. Debt compounds on itself and Chicago still struggles with pension payments.

In 2006-2007 pension holidays were taken for the city pension systems. The debt and required payments consume a stagger-

ing portion of the city budget today.

Then there is the parking debacle. Daley sold Chicago’s 36,000 parking spots to a private company extending 75 years for \$1.15 billion. Citizens now pay some of the highest parking fees in the nation. Today parking in the city’s lakeshore parks will have gates and parking fees will be automatically assessed. Incidentally to park at the Diversey golf driving range is \$8 an hour not \$4 as this publication suggested.

Finally the Skyway was sold to a private company under a 99 year lease. This too was instigated by Richard J. Daley, I guess to protect him and his political incompetents in 2005. However those of us alive today are paying dearly for the financial mismanagement of the Daley years. Subsequent mayors and city councils cannot escape the debt foisted on them by the decisions of Daley back at the turn of the century.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWN POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Plaintiff,

JOSE R. GONZALEZ, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 6528 N. FRANCISCO CONDO ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 07717 6528 N FRANCISCO AVE, UNIT 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 January 5, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -v- THOMAS WALLACE AKA THOMAS J. WALLACE; AINSLIE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 2025CH09331 846 W. Ainslie St. Unit PC, 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 3/6/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/8/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on June 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 846 W. Ainslie St. Unit PC, Chicago, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-413-044-1070 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$57,293.81 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 846 W. Ainslie St. Unit PC into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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Plaintiff, -v- KATRINA MARKOFF, NEWTEK SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE, LLC, BREAKOUT CAPITAL, LLC Defendants 2024CH09160 consolidated with 2023D004196 3725 N MAGNOLIA AVE CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 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 3725 N MAGNOLIA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-118-014-0000 The real estate is improved with a 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/or 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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 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. 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. 14-25-04317 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2025CH06754 TJSC#: 46-393 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 # 2025CH06754 **13286522**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK N.A., Plaintiff, -v-

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES FOR PATRICIA M. MCKENNA; HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO D&N BANK; MARLBOROUGH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; DAMON RITENHOUSE AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PATRICIA M. MCKENNA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 2025CH00281 400 W. Deming Pl, Unit 5K, 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 10/30/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/8/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 6/10/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 400 W. Deming Pl, Unit 5K, Chicago, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-318-078-1058 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$233,274.28

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC Plaintiff, -v- RICHARD HAGOPIAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants 2024CH00086 3636 N MAGNOLIA AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 16, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 10, 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 3636 N MAGNOLIA AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-125-022-0000 The real estate is improved with a 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/or 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Company, N.A. Plaintiff vs.

Victoria Rigney; Cornelia Manor Condominium Association; Rebecca Cutler as Independent Administrator of the Estate of John Edward Rigney, deceased; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of John Edward Rigney; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendant 25 CH 4906 CALENDAR 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 June 15, 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. 14-20-301-033-1005. Commonly known as 1512 W. Cornelia Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL 60657. 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, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-25-01630 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13286592**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RP4 Plaintiff, -v- NICOLE M. NASSIF, OAK GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025CH06754 2958 N PINE GROVE AVE 1N CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 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 2958 N PINE GROVE AVE 1N, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-28-112-027-1010 The real estate is improved with a condotownhouse. 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/or 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

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 RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, -v- JOHN KING, MELISSA KING, BMO BANK N.A., CITIBANK, N.A., PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2024CH03194 3512 N BOSWORTH AVE CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 5, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 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 3512 N BOSWORTH AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-20-300-020-0000 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/or 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LOGS Legal Group LLP (847) 291-1717 please refer to file number 24-101565-FC01. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 24-101565-FC01 **Case Number: 24 CH 7273** 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. 8277-964585

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- JUSTIN M. HERZOG A/K/A JUSTIN MICHAEL HERZOG A/K/A JUSTIN HERZOG; LELAND HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM; Defendants. 24 CH 7273 1424 West Leland Avenue #3, 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 4/7/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/1/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 6/3/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1424 West Leland Avenue #3, Chicago, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-17-102-027-1006 The real estate is improved with a Multi-Family. The judgment amount was \$207,720.77

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since 1950, numerous synagogues in Chicago have closed, relocated to the suburbs, or merged, reflecting demographic shifts and the movement of the Jewish population. This is due in-part to the population being generally less observant, with only about 12% to 20% attending religious services on a weekly or monthly basis.

But the Congregation's property isn't exactly free for the taking. The City of Chicago set up safeguards decades ago to step in and protect the lakefront. So if a lakefront property owner found themselves facing increasing bills with inadequate resources, they could sell their property to the City for public park expansion. After all, George Lane Beach Park at 5915 N. Sheridan Rd. adjoins the Congregation.

The 1972 Chicago Lakefront Plan and the subsequent 1973 Lakefront Protection Ordinance [LPO] provide a framework for expanding public parkland. The 1972 Plan calls for 'completing the publicly owned and locally controlled park system along the entire Chicago lakefront.'

The Lakefront Plan was a seminal policy document that established 14 "Basic Policies" to protect the city's shoreline, focusing on preserving the lakefront as public parkland and restricting private development. It was championed by Mayor Richard J. Daley to enshrine Daniel Burnham's "no little plans" into city policy, leading directly to the LPO of 1973.

This should've been explained to Fern Hill's Anderson by Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] immediately upon Anderson seeking a zoning change for the site development in 2025. This law is non-



The recent development proposal at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Rd. Courtesy Eckenhoff Saunders

negotiable and has been honored by every other developer on Sheridan Rd.

The LPO exists to protect the lakefront, not acquiesce to a developer's pipe dream. Fern Hill's recent 12-story plan looks more like a placeholder for the current 23-story plan. A timely reminder that Fern Hill's initial massing study featured one large tower rising 420 feet [or approx. 35-to-40 floors].

Not only should the Alderwoman understand the policy decisions previously established to safeguard the lakefront, but she should know the standing ordinances introduced by former 48th Ward Alderwoman Mary Ann Smith and approved by the City Council in 2006. Those laws expressly limit new high-density residential developments on this stretch of Sheridan Rd. in Edgewater to six-stories.

Congregation Emanuel should have properly made inroads to the Chicago Park District [CPD] to sell their property for the appraised valuation of \$10 million.

The money could be appropriated in the Park District budget [the CPD 2026 budget is \$637.6 million; their new headquarters building cost \$69 million when it opened in 2023]. Alternatively, the site is within the Red and Purple Line Modernization Tax Increment Financing [TIF] District [that expires in 2052].

That's how CPD acquired such park properties as Berger Park [6205 N. Sheridan Rd.], Park 559 [6151 N. Sheridan Rd.], Interfaith Park [5914-24 N. Sheridan Rd.], as well as South Shore Country Club and Steelworkers Park, on the South Side. In addition, CPD earmarked \$25 million for

a new fieldhouse in 2025 at Ogden Park in West Englewood, funded jointly by TIF money [\$12 million] and CPD funds.

Anderson spelled out his awareness of the city height restrictions and his desire to ignore them. When asked about the 6-story height limit, he said, "We're sort of suggesting a project that is clearly taller than that [the 6-story limit], making the argument that there are some site planning benefits that are unlocked by being a little more creative and allowing that height."

Anderson went on, "... but all of that only happens if we have relief on height and open ourselves to considering the benefits that come with sacrificing the six-story goal."

That community sacrifice would result in massive profits to Fern Hill and Anderson.

Smith's ordinances establishing the six-story height limits were not done willy-nilly but accomplished only after careful deliberation with community stakeholders. The effort was intended to overcome the period of architectural abuse in the 1970s when high-rise developers ran amuck on N. Sheridan Rd.

If honoring the existing LPO makes a development project problematic, that is not a flaw in the law. It is the law working as intended.

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any new off-street parking.

With City Council approval, a permanent landmark designation for Bryn Mawr would make buildings within the district eligible for property tax incentives that could make renovation and restoration expenditures more appealing.

Bryn Mawr fell on hard times with resultant vacancies and crumbling buildings in the 1970s and '80s, "but the street had a bit of a renaissance 30 years ago," Edgewater Historical Society President John Holden told the Sun-Times.

"It went from pretty bad to pretty good, but then the last seven to 10 years have been kind of rough between COVID-19 and the reconstruction of the Red Line," he said.

"So there's really been a lot of focus, especially amongst the people who live right

along the street, to try to get the street back to its former glory," Holden said.

However city staffers said two buildings, 5614 N. Winthrop and 1106 W. Bryn Mawr have been altered so much that it recommends the commission approve demolition permits for the structures.

"The Bryn Mawr Historic District is a cultural and architectural treasure, and today we are taking a big step towards protecting this important piece of Edgewater and Chicago history for generations to come," Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] said in a statement when she introduced this measure.

Manaa-Hoppenworth expressed her gratitude to Landmarks Illinois, the Edgewater Historical Society and the Bryn Mawr Alliance volunteers for their advocacy, expertise, and dedication that helped reach this milestone.

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The facility will help address the increasing demand for health care and science professionals. Also, the increased space will allow Loyola to grow its undergraduate nursing program from approximately 250 to 400 new students each year, resulting in 150 more future nurses entering the workforce annually.

The building will add to the university's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification as it will include a system that will provide 80% of the building's heating/cooling energy

without using fossil fuels. It also will have onsite stormwater detention, an extensive modular tray green roof system, bird-safe glass, and a dark-sky compliant exterior lighting system.

In previewing upcoming developments on the Lake Shore Campus, Loyola Univ. Chicago President Mark C. Reed said plans include modernized classrooms, a lakeside welcome center, and the student success center. Other developments are for a centralized facility for academic advising, career services, tutoring, testing and student engagement.

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cost taxpayers \$20 to \$30 million to take back, depending on each parking spots utilization rate and expected income on the remaining 55 year of the lease.

The project will create a pedestrian plaza by turning the former roadway space into plaza for events, and the local farmer's market during the summer season. Only public events and farmers markets do not lease or purchase real estate or commercial storefront property, and therefore do not pay any property taxes. Andersonville's

small retail businesses who will be losing their customer parking on Catalpa do pay property taxes, and will be the most injured parties in this street and parking takeover.

This community meeting is the culmination of a series of community meetings during which neighbors were told what the city's plans were for their community. Should neighbors and local businesses choose to, they can host their own community meetings on the plans with or without City Hall's approval or participation.

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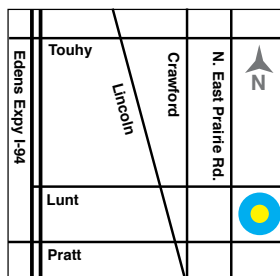


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