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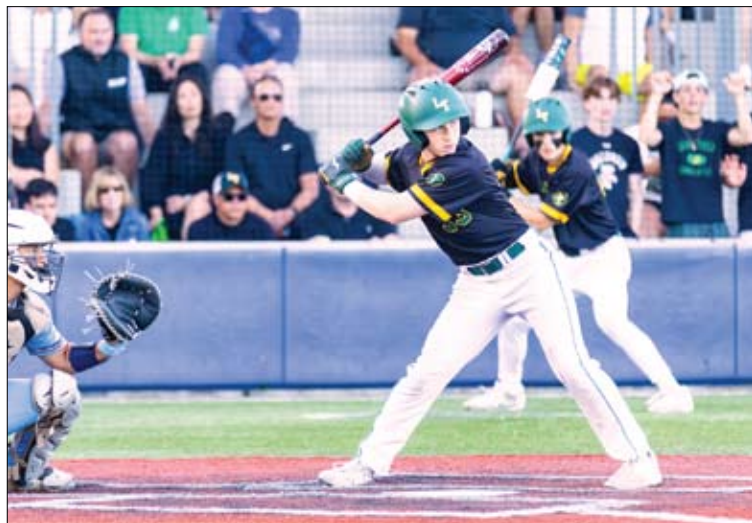
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Lane Tech's Tanner Toback at the plate in the bottom of the fifth.

## Lane Tech defeats DePaul Prep 3-2 in playoff game

STORY AND PHOTO BY JACK LYDON

In the no-mans-land of Kerry Wood Cubs Field, separating the campuses of Lane Tech Champions and DePaul Prep Rams, the Champions edged the Rams 3-2 on June 3 to win the IHSA 4A baseball sectional semi-final.

It was a close game the whole way. Lane's Tanner Toback drove in the game-winning run in the bottom of the fifth. With a man on second and two out, Toback laced a single to center to score Eric Acevedo in what proved to be the game winner.

"Before that inning, we were talking and seeing that [DePaul Prep ace senior Owen Rog] was throwing a lot more off-speed [pitches]. I was sitting for something softer and I got a slider on the inside half. I found a way to get my hands through it and found a way to get it in the outfield," said Toback.

"Especially, the top of the order, it was our third time seeing [Rams' pitcher Rog]. That helped a lot. We had already seen all of his pitches. We started rallying around each other."

"We knew it was going to be a big atmosphere. Luckily, we've played a lot of big games this year and had some nice crowds. Some of that is experience. We have already been through it a little bit. We expected them to be fired up early. I just said, 'stay within

yourselves, let the game come to you,'" said Lane Tech manager Sean Freeman.

"Owen [Rog] has been our ace all year. It wasn't a mystery that he was getting the ball in this game," said DePaul Prep manager Sam Colon.

Colon was a little emotional about his team and the end of the season. "They challenged me to be a lot better than I was. They had great senior leadership. Addison Latko, Joey Saccetti, Quinn Roberts, Owen Rog. They have been on varsity for three years. We have the experience. I leaned on them. I trusted them," Colon said.

The rivalry between Lane and DePaul, sports rivalry at least, has become a thing again in recent days. There was a time in past decades when Lane Tech and DePaul Prep's predecessor, Gordon Tech would play sports against each other in tense neighborhood match ups. Those days have largely gone away in recent years because of the vast difference in student population numbers. Lane has maintained its over 4,000 student population but Gordon Tech/DePaul Prep fell to below 600 for a time, although it is currently over 1,300.

With the surge in enrollment at DePaul Prep and the IHSA application in the enrollment multiplier on Catholic schools, Lane Tech

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## Lake View Township open for tax appeals

Lake View Township is now open for property tax appeals through the Cook County Assessor's Office. The assessment of your home is one of the most important factors in determining how much you will pay in property taxes.

Lake View Township encompasses the area that is south of Devon to approximately Armitage, and east of Western Ave. to the lakefront. The appeals

period is open until Monday, July 13. Property owners can file an appeal online at [www.cookcountyassessoril.gov/online-appeals](http://www.cookcountyassessoril.gov/online-appeals).

If your appeal is accepted, changes to your property's assessed value will be reflected in the second installment property tax bill you receive next year in late 2027.

For more information call 312-603-6383.

## Francis Parker expansion plan faces continued opposition despite Alderman's support

BY LILA SARAVANOU

A proposal by Francis W. Parker School to expand its Lincoln Park campus continues to divide residents, with supporters highlighting affordable housing and educational investments while opponents argue the plan would eliminate housing and reduce the city's tax base.

The proposal would allow Parker to demolish an apartment

building at 327-335 W. Belden Ave. and replace it with an educational facility connected to the school's campus.

The project also includes lighting and improvements to the school's athletic field.

On May 30, a group of Lincoln Park residents gathered at Oz Park to protest Parker's proposed campus expansion.

In late May, Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd] announced his support

for the revised proposal after months of community discussions and negotiations. According to figures released by the alderman's office, 620 responses were received during a public feedback period, including 470 from verified 43rd Ward residents. Among ward residents, 60.2% supported the school expansion while 36.6% opposed it.

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## Site of Uptown Counseling Center to become housing project

For over 30 years the Community Counseling Centers of Chicago [C4] has operated out of a three-building complex at 4740 N. Clark St. The site may soon be demolished to make way for a 43,000 square foot townhouse or condo project.

Founded in 1972, C4 served as a major outpatient mental health clinic and crisis center, providing therapy, psychiatric care, and medication-assisted recovery for adults and children. It operated as a 24/7 walk-in crisis center, and

offered specialized services like trauma therapy, substance abuse treatment, and vocational support.

Their mission was to assist individuals transitioning from psychiatric hospitals into the Uptown/Edgewater community. Uptown has historically served as a high-density area for low-income housing, nursing homes, and those in need of mental health services, leading to a significant concentration of residents with mental illnesses, particularly fol-

lowing the deinstitutionalization movement of the 1960s and 70s.

According to a 2014 study by the National Health Corp., the Uptown community struggles with mental illness. The report said that Uptown residents are three times as likely to suffer from a mental disorder as other Chicago residents, and that the leading cause of hospitalizations is mental disorders.

According to the community

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## North Side State Sen. sought faith-based housing by-right statewide

*Effort would have precluded local input, oversight on 6-story projects*

BY BOB ZULEY

Illinois state Sen. Sara Feigenholtz [6th] recently spearheaded a transformative housing initiative that would have given faith-based organizations, including any non-profit and not-for-profit entities, the right to develop mixed-use and multi-family housing up to six-stories "by-right" on lands controlled by the institutions.

The measure [SB 635], known as the Faith-Based Housing and Mixed-Use By-Right Act, aims to support smaller congregations across the state to monetize their land holdings and erect housing developments free from community stakeholder review and



State Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

local government oversight and approval.

The ability of religious congregations to build "by-right" refers to developments that bypass discretionary zoning reviews and approvals, public hearings and community pushback.

This concept is central to the growing YIGBY [Yes in God's

Backyard] movement.

Initially introduced by Feigenholtz as SB3187 on Feb. 2, the bill was renumbered in May as SB635 when it was folded into Gov. JB Pritzker's BUILD [Building Up Illinois Developments] initiative designed to address Illinois' housing shortage. Also included was a measure to allow for single-stairwells in residential buildings.

However Feigenholtz ran into the end of the Spring legislative session constitutionally mandated to end at midnight on May 31. Any bills left entirely unvoted and unpassed by both the Senate and House will stall.

The plan was tabled late Friday despite being approved by the state Senate Executive Committee [SEC] earlier last week. Feigenholtz reached an agreement with

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# Revisiting a gossipy, guilty pleasure on the tube



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

It's sometimes quite easy for me to become obsessed. Often some of the things I obsess over are embarrassing when they are ultimately revealed.

For the past two weeks I've obsessed over Blair, Chuck, Serena, Nate, Eric and Jenny, the young Upper East Side trust fund New Yorkers, consistently discovering fresh nuances to their flawed characters and morals, the journey with these prep school teens. I'm obsessed with their flaws and defects, bad decisions and cruel words.

These characters reside in the Gossip Girl series, based on the adult novel series by Cecily von Ziegesar, originally broadcast from Sept. 19, 2007, to Dec. 17, 2012, spanning six seasons and 121 episodes.

I've been re-watching all the conniving, lying, cheating, blackmailing, and bribing that offers nothing for social redemption.

In TV land, there seems to be no available network of healthy individuals among family or friends who can turn around all the desperate predicaments and wicked relationships. Just a lot of

couture shopping, drinking, plotting and smooching. There's little opportunity for family rescue, beyond what divorce lawyers or clinical psychologists can offer.

I realize that the predominate philosophy and teenage self-awareness here is fiction, yet it is reflective of the period of American life, circa 2007 to 2012. Pre-COVID, post 9-11, Hurricane Katrina, Afghan War, and the Global War on Terror. The turning point in the internet culture, YouTube, Star Wars III, Harry Potter.

It was the era of Bush and Obama. It was the era of Osama bin Laden.

In Chicago we had massive neighborhood gentrification in the West Loop, Logan Square and Wicker Park. We moved from "rust belt" to booming metropolis.

But on Manhattan's fancy East Side, according to Gossip Girl - who commented on everything of social "significance" in her online column - it all boils down to the absence of any healthy moral direction. No one appears to embrace any form of religious faith, or teaching, though everyone seems to abide by the Gospel of American finance and the discipleship of the dollar.

Gossip Girl's teens are precocious and reflective of generations of self-made ancestors of very questionable ethics over the course of America's economic development. Bright but pugnacious, no polished probity or balanced moral rectitude. One minute they're swilling Champagne and eating foie gras on toast in their limousines, the next minute



Gossip Girl is a blogger whose true identity is never fully revealed. Her true identity is revealed in the television series finale.

they're in a psychological meltdown because someone has told a fib that resulted in a teenage kiss.

Through it all the perplexed teens are glued together by the dream of an Ivy League future and the overwrought bullying that they believe entitles them to rule their foreboding prep school.

There are gaping flaws at work in the unfolding of their prep school life, in which parents seem to have meagre knowledge. It's a world in which their best parental advice appears to be, "Don't embarrass the family;" or "You're such a disappointment."

Teenage characters escalate their "popularity war" by spreading scandalous rumors about each other through Gossip Girl. The columnist's catalogue of scandals appear on everyone's flip phones like a cruel wizard, taking pleasure in reporting the failings of all around her.

In viewing the series again I am captivated by the speed of this small era of American culture as lasting as a flip phone.

Watching Gossip Girl confirms something the social maven, Elsa Maxwell, said long ago, "Most rich people are the poorest people I know."

**GOV'NER:** Wonderful to run into my old Astor St. neighbor, Gov. **JB Pritzker** and his lovely wife, **MK**, at Piccolo Sogno, where owner **Ciro Longobardo** welcomed them and their guests with charm and splendid high-end Italian vittles.

**SERVICE CLUB:** Are the hats all back in their hat boxes? The Service Club's Spring Hat Luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton was a huge success and had no end of creative chapeaus. Congratulations to co-chairs **Claudine Schramko** and **Lauren Brynjelsen** and to President **Sally Jo Pfaff** for a fantastic day filled with happiness and generosity. A job well done by all, especially **Kristine Zielbauer Kinder**, **Myra Reilly**, **Kathy OMalley Piccone**, **Melissa Babcock**, **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**, **Phillip Emigh**, **Lana Dea Schlenker**, Hon. **Maria Pappas** and **Bunny Frum**.

**PARIS IN CHICAGO:** Taking a cue from our French Sister City, Paris, Chicago will soon introduce French lawn chairs beside Buckingham fountain. We really are the "Paris on the Prairie." Ooo-la la.

**SWIM, BIKE, RUN:** Supertri Chicago returns Aug. 22-23, and now is the time to get in. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or considering your first race, Supertri's expanded First Timer Program

makes the path to the start line more approachable with structured training plans, coaching support, and community meet-ups. Voted the Best Sprint Triathlon in the USA, Supertri Chicago is one of the world's largest and most accessible triathlons. After a record-setting 2025 event with 35,000 attendees and 8,000+ participants, momentum is building for this year's race.



Alanis Morissette

**RIOT FEST: Tool, Twenty One Pilots, Pierce the Veil, Alanis Morissette, and Morrissey** are among the acts returning to Riot Fest this summer. Organizers are promoting the wide array of 100-plus bands as "a lineup that bridges generations - genre-defining icons alongside a new wave of artists carrying the torch forward." Sept. 18 - 20, at Douglas Park.

**MARTINI MADNESS:** Grey Goose Vodka is turning 30, and its "shaken not stirred" fans should take a gander at the extraordinary anniversary decanter, clear glass, in the shape of a grey goose. You may want to gift one to a friend.

**RIOT TEST:** Mayor **Brandon "I've met the Pope" Johnson** is urging parents to be vigilant and act to restrain Chicago youths from their present pattern of dangerous, weekend riot-driven behavior.

**MELTDOWN:** Geja's Cafe, 340 W. Armitage Ave., is having a Midwest Meltdown, offering \$30 cheese and fondue combos every Wednesday and Thursday.

**CORP. NIGHT:** On June 23, 7:30 p.m., the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Assoc. and the League of CSOA will present a musical tribute to **John Williams** and **Steven Spielberg** as part of the 35th Annual Corporate Night. Conductor **Steven Reineke** joins the CSO for a program celebrating the remarkable 50-year creative partnership between composer and filmmaker. From Jurassic Park and Jaws to Indiana Jones and E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, the

music from their iconic collaborations has inspired audiences around the world.

**PAX TIBI: Patrick Kelly** grew up in Kenilworth, and was a 1976 graduate of the North Shore's New Trier High School. Graduated in 1980 from Ohio Univ. in Athens. He earned a decades-long, distinguished career in Chicago broadcast radio across a variety of formats. He was especially proud of his many years at "WNUA Smooth Jazz" in Chicago. A man of deep faith, kindness, and humor. Chicago mourns his passing.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy 98th birthday to Chicago's loveliest, **Mamie Walton**, who is a remarkable example of living a wonderful full life.



Mamie Walton

**ZOOKEEPER:** North Sider **William Allen**, 88, retired animal keeper at Lincoln Park Zoo, and husband of 45 years to **Ami Louise Allen**, died Saturday, May 23. The Lane Tech grad grew up enjoying riding his bicycle, going to movie theaters, and watching Cubs games. After 18 years working at Master Electric appliance repair, Bill got a job as a zookeeper. He enjoyed the job immensely.

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# Illinois takes major step to protect homeowners

## 'Tax lien investing' may end in 2030

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Owning a home has long been the foundation of financial security for American families. It's typically a person's largest investment, one that represents hard work, sacrifice, and a chance to build generational wealth.

That's why the Illinois General Assembly's passage of House Bill 4537 is such an historic accomplishment. Once signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker, this legislation championed by the Cook County Treasurer's office, will deliver the most significant property tax foreclosure reforms Illinois has seen in decades. It will also finally bring our state into compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's Tyler v. Hennepin

County decision.

In that 2023 case, the high court ruled that when government takes property to satisfy unpaid taxes, it cannot also take any remaining equity beyond what's owed. But that's exactly what's been happening in Illinois for decades.

You see, each year, overdue property tax debts on homes, businesses, and vacant lots are sold to private tax buyers. If financially strapped owners can't pay back what's owed within a certain time frame, those buyers can ultimately obtain the deed to the property and claim all its equity, even if the house is worth far more than the debt the owner owes.

Imagine losing a home worth

hundreds of thousands of dollars over a few thousand dollars in unpaid property taxes. You don't have to imagine it, because it's been the harsh reality for far too many Illinoisans. Owners who've been forced to walk away from homes with nothing over relatively paltry tax debts. For many families, that's meant the loss of life savings and generational wealth.



Maria Pappas

House Bill 4537 puts that practice where it belongs, in the history books.

Under the new law, when a property is sold, taxes, interest, and fees owed will be paid first. Any remaining value — the owner's equity — will be returned to the former property owner. This

more equitable system recognizes the difference between collecting debt and confiscating wealth.

The legislation also eventually phases out so-called "tax lien investing." The county will conduct six more tax sales involving private tax buyers. After that transition period ends around 2030, Cook County will sunset a practice that critics say has preyed mostly upon senior citizens and persons of color.

Instead, the county will acquire tax liens itself. That will allow Cook County to offer struggling property owners more flexible payment plans, longer repayment periods, and lower interest costs to hopefully avoid foreclosure. I believe the goal should always be to help people stay in their homes.

This reform wasn't developed in a vacuum. It was crafted

through collaboration with Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, state Sen. Celina Villanueva, state Rep. Curtis Tarver and many others committed to building a system that works for property owners and taxpayers. Our office is especially grateful to Policy Director, Justin Kirvan, who spent countless hours in Springfield advocating for homeowners and taxpayers.

No one should lose everything because they fell behind on a tax bill during a period of financial hardship. Temporary setbacks shouldn't erase decades of investment and hard-earned equity.

This legislation protects homeowners, preserves generational wealth, and creates a more balanced and humane property tax system. It's a victory for fairness, common sense, and the people of Illinois.

# Bears departure leaves gaping Soldier Field debt, Park District calls for \$630M renovation

BY BOB ZULEY

Whatever one believes about the impending departure of the Chicago Bears to the greener pastures across the border in idyllic Northwest Indiana, one thing for certain is that Illinois taxpayers will be footing the bill for quite a while if the City and Park District have their way.

The Bears never owned their own home field for their eight-or-nine regular seasonal games. Originally located in Decatur, IL, as the Decatur Staleys, the Staleys were owned by the A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. and played in Decatur in 1919-20.

The Staleys then relocated to Chicago's Wrigley Field in 1921 to take advantage of larger crowds. The Bears would continue to play at Wrigley Field for the next 50 seasons. In 1971, the Bears relocated to Soldier Field to meet the NFL mandate of a minimum stadium capacity of 50,000

following the AFL-NFL merger.

The Bears current lease at Soldier Field is set to expire in 2033, though they may choose to terminate the agreement early and pay a penalty fee. The Bears current rent is approx. \$6.48 million per year to use the venue — a remarkably light fee considering an A-list concert performer will pay between \$2 and \$3 million per night [typically structured as a percentage of ticket and merchandise revenue rather than a flat fee].

The Bears brought in about \$629 million in 2024 in total annual revenue.

Illinois taxpayers still owe approximately \$356 million in principal on the 2002-03 Soldier Field renovation bonds, with the total remaining debt — including interest payments — expected to exceed \$500 million.

The 2002 overhaul originally cost \$632 million with \$200 million contributed by the Bears and



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the NFL, and the remainder covered by public bonds issued by the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority and scheduled to be paid off in 2032.

Because of backloaded interest [now spiking] and several rounds of bond refinancing, the overall

cost to pay off the project is now estimated north of \$1.1 billion.

The debt was intended to be funded by a 2% hotel-room tax but the COVID pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown killed Chicago's tourism golden goose, and forced the

city and state to step in to cover the difference with general tax revenue.

While the Los Angeles Rams [SoFi Stadium], the New England Patriots [Gillette Stadium], and the New York Giants and Jets [MetLife Stadium] play in privately-owned stadiums, the other NFL stadiums are owned by government entities with teams paying rent as tenants.

The Bears will not own the new stadium in Hammond, IN, but will invest \$2 billion and may buy it back after 40 years.

Meanwhile back here in Chicago, the Park District is seeking \$630 million for another Soldier Field renovation. About \$500 million will be spent on infrastructure improvements and \$130 million would be spent on new stadium seats, an upgrade of concessions, restrooms, locker rooms and an overhaul of luxury skyboxes and club-level lounges.

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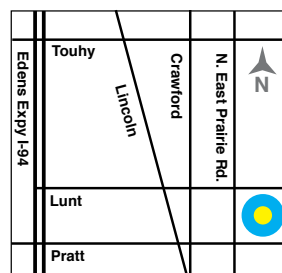


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# Landlords bracing for new renter regulations



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Half of Chicago's residents—some 600,000 people—some apartment renters, so with a slim chance of re-election in 2027, Mayor Brandon Johnson is digging desperately for votes.

Johnson, an avowed Democratic Socialist, plans to introduce a sweeping ordinance that aims to protect the city's renters from eviction and predatory practices.

The "Protecting Renters Ordinance" seeks to update the city's 40-year-old "Residential Landlord Tenant Ordinance" [RLTO], which oversees the legal rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords.

The Chicago Assn. of Realtors' standard apartment lease already is so loaded with renter protection it weighs in at a hefty 37 pages with the 2026 addition of four pages to protect tenants from domestic violence and abuse.

For both big corporate rental-apartment operators and small "Ma and Pa" owners, the dinosaur in the room is soaring property taxes caused by exorbitant governmental spending in Chicago and Cook County. However, the Mayor doesn't mention that issue.

According to an early draft of the proposed ordinance, which

likely will receive heavy opposition especially from major apartment managers, owners and investors, the following restrictions would be added to the already bloated RLTO:

- A ban on hidden, or so-called "junk fees," such as application and processing fees.

- A requirement that any amounts charged to renters in addition to monthly rent, and / or security deposits, reflect actual, documented costs.

- Creation of a "Tenant Bill of Rights" and the requirement that landlords disclose if they're using algorithmic pricing tools that are popular in the hotel industry.

***Some landlords say the rental registry essentially would be a "hit list" that would create another layer of taxes on top of city and Cook County property taxes, which are the wildfire-wind driving rent increases.***

- The proposed ordinance also would establish a "rental registry," and create a new administrative body that works with renters and landlords to resolve disputes, among other measures.

The city currently has no comprehensive record of its more than 500,000 rental units, nor does it keep a record of who owns the properties and whether they are complying with the law. However,

property ownership is a public record available through the Cook County Assessor's office.

While the proposed ordinance has not yet been released, initial reports suggest it contains many troubling provisions that could significantly harm the multifamily housing industry and make it more difficult to provide quality affordable apartments, according to the Neighborhood Building Owner's Alliance [NBOA], a non-profit landlord group.

Some landlords say the rental registry essentially would be a "hit list" that would create another layer of taxes on top of city and Cook County property taxes, which are the wildfire-wind driving rent increases.

The amount of the annual registry fee would be determined by building size and owner occupancy. Owner-occupied, Ma-and-Pa two-unit to six-unit buildings and nonprofit affordable housing would be exempt from the fee. Larger building owners would be charged anywhere from \$20 to a whopping \$60 per unit.

Obviously, apartment managers would simply pass on the inflationary registry fees to renters in the form of higher rents. Experts say higher rents could lead to vacancies in larger buildings, adding to the pressure of paying hefty property taxes, and eventually leading to deferred maintenance.

When all the potential legal and administrative costs are considered—money major landlords will be forced to spend to fight the ordinance—rental experts say the proposed measure is guaranteed to increase average monthly rents on each unit in Chicago by at least \$100.

The annual fees, which the city expects could total around \$20 million, would help fund the initiatives laid out in the bill, according to Jung Yoon, the mayor's chief of policy. The funds would

go toward improving inspections and enforcement.

The annual fees would also establish the "Bureau of Rental Housing Services," designed to be the city's first coordinated hub for rental housing. The bureau would administer the rental registry, provide emergency rental and



Jeff Weinberg of Drexel Properties.

eviction help, provide compliance guidance for landlords and enforce tenant protections.

Chicago's Dept. of Housing Cmsr. Lissette Castañeda said: "Affordability is at the top of everyone's concerns. We want to make sure that something that's been necessary for a long time can finally get done."

Only normal Americans know that nothing gets more affordable when big, bloated government steps in to regulate open markets.

City officials say the renter-protection ordinance—designed to crack down on slumlords and profit-hungry, rent landlords—could be introduced in early June.

"It's very difficult to hold those who are doing wrong by their tenants accountable," said Yoon. "The rental registry will help us to start tracking patterns and understanding trends" regarding building violations and speculation in

gentrifying neighborhoods.

The vast majority of landlords and real estate groups are skeptical of the new proposal, arguing the measures are burdensome and will drive up the cost of housing.

The measure "is putting in dozens of new requirements, obligations and costs to operate a building," said Jeff Weinberg, founder and president of Drexel Properties, which owns 600 units and manages more than 1,000 units in 85 buildings. He is also on the executive committee of NBOA.

Weinberg also questioned the "Just Cause for Eviction" provision of the proposed ordinance, which in part requires landlords to pay relocation assistance to tenants in a no-fault eviction, such as when rehabbing the property, converting to condos or demolition.

The ordinance could "make more neighborhood-focused housing providers think twice about investing and maybe getting out of the business altogether," said Tom Benedetto of the Chicago Assn. of Realtors.

Of course, the high-cost of apartment rents is not totally the fault of landlords. In Chicago, rental property owners have to deal with the second highest property taxes in the nation, along with soaring insurance costs.

In 2025, one small Old Town 4-flat owner was hit with a 21% property tax hike, and a 59% increase in fire-insurance premiums.

Another North Lincoln Square landlord was slapped with a 30% tax hike. And, a 3-flat owner in Logan Square is still reeling from a 31.7% tax hike.

According to a new study released by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, real estate taxes in Chicago and the county have grown at double the rate of inflation over the past three decades.

During those 30 years, local governments 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.

The Pappas study noted that the Illinois Dept. of Revenue is working on a comprehensive property-tax report, and urges that now is the time for Illinois lawmakers to pass significant tax reform and find ways for local taxing agencies to cut spending.

But don't hold your breath, as those legislators own lucrative salaries, pensions and benefits are funded by the taxes they impose.

Property taxes skyrocketed despite a state law designed to limit tax increases, primarily because government leaders have exploited loopholes in the law, Pappas charged.

Experts say the proposed Protecting Renters Ordinance likely is another loophole adding to the tax burden. That's another reason why the "City of Big Shoulders" is gradually becoming the "City of Bad Ideas."

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## Renovation set for St. Joe's Hosp.

Saint Joseph Hospital in Lakeview just received a construction permit for a \$5 million commercial renovation at 2900 N. Lake Shore Dr.

The interior alterations will expand sterile storage and renovate the decontamination area on the hospital's third floor. Alexander Faurot is the architect, and Power Construction Co. is the general contractor.

## Fifth juvenile arrested in 'Lakeview Goons' mob attack, more expected

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police arrested a fifth juvenile May 29 in connection with the mob attack and robbery linked to a group that Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd] has called the "Lakeview Goons," bringing the total number of juveniles charged to five, with more arrests expected. Officers took the 15-year-old boy into custody at his private high school in the Roscoe Village neighborhood, according to two sources.

At about 8:45 p.m. April 4, a 19-year-old man walking home from his job at a Roscoe Village pizzeria was surrounded, beaten, and robbed by a group of high school-age boys on the 3500 block of N. Hoyne Ave. He was nearly home when the group approached him, and though he tried to defend himself, the boys allegedly got away with his cash, phone, and keys. Waguespack called it a "brutal attack."

Chicago police said the assault involved "at least" ten assailants and was captured on multiple surveillance cameras. Ald. Waguespack said the robbery was the "main topic" of a recent community policing meeting, and that the group may also be tied to other similar incidents reported in the area over the last couple of years.

The Alderman told constituents in a recent email that two of the juveniles recently turned themselves in to face charges of robbery and aggravated assault. A 16-year-old boy was detained by a witness and arrested by police immediately after the April 4 attack, and a fourth suspect was charged last month. None of the juveniles, the rest of whom are 15, had been arrested before, the alderman said.

Because all of the accused are juveniles, the public cannot attend their court hearings, Ald. Waguespack said, though a community letter may be circulated to show support for the victim. A resident who attended the recent community meeting said they came away with the impression that Chicago police expect to make more arrests in the case.

## Wellington/Oakdale Greenway revised proposal released

The City of Chicago continues to build out privileged bike paths that segregate people and traffic into their own lanes. Next up, the Lakeview community will ponder the unintended consequences that may rise out of a new greenway plan for Wellington and Oakdale.

One class of roadway user continues to horrify citizens by the poor decisions they make, a broad disregard for traffic laws and rules of the road, and their overall risky behavior: the scooter users.

In Lakeview, the city just released their revised proposal for the Wellington/Oakdale greenway, and perhaps this path is a good choice as it passes right in front of the Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital emergency room door, since many of Chicago's reckless two-wheeled riders will end up there.

Just last month Lakeview East lost Xavier "Avi" De Yparraguirre, who died following a scooter accident. Yparraguirre was the beloved young restaurateur behind Maison Marcel and Le Petit Marcel. He is one of hundreds of people who are being injured or killed annually in scooter accidents.

Scooters — both electric stand-up scooters (like Lime or Bird) and seated motor scooters (Vespa-style) — have become increasingly popular. But they do not provide any real protection or accountability. They bring added risks.

The new greenway bike routes coming to Wellington and Oakdale avenues will connect the Leavitt Greenway to the Lakefront Trail. Wellington is primarily a one-way eastbound street while Oakdale is primarily one-way westbound street.

Between Southport and N. Lake Shore Dr., Wellington Ave. will serve as the primary route for

eastbound cyclists and Oakdale Ave. will serve westbound cyclists.

Those who would like to comment on the greenway plan can email ward44@cityofchicago.org or call the 44th Ward office at 773-525-6034.

While Chicago continues to expand their network of privileged bike and scooter paths, other cities are banning and regulating the use of scooter. Major restrictions or partial bans exist in cities like Long Beach, CA, San Francisco, CA, and several Chicago suburbs, often due to safety concerns and the risks they create for pedestrians.

Even Illinois is starting to regulate scooters, though it is hard to imagine this City Hall enforcing any of the new laws and regulations.

Last week the Statehouse adopted comprehensive micro-mobility safety legislation passed the Illinois General Assembly and now awaiting Gov. JB Pritzker's

signature.

The rules are Illinois' first step toward reestablishing some sanity to area roadways, by regulating dangerous, law-breaking high-speed e-bikes, e-motos and other powerful electric transportation devices operating on roads, bike lanes, bike paths and sidewalks.

Senate Bill 3484 attempts to address the rapid rise of electric mobility devices through education, training, enforcement and modernized safety standards. As increasingly powerful e-bikes, e-motos and other devices become more common on roadways, the campaign seeks to bring some much needed controls to the nation's most reckless commuters. The initiative comes as micro-mobility-related injuries and fatalities nationwide surged 350% in the last five years.

And bikers are not the only ones harmed in vehicle vs micro-mobility accidents. Many vehicle

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# Police Beat...

## Man charged with Armed Robbery, Aggravated Battery

Dennis Laird, 32, of the 9100 block of S. Blackstone Ave., has been arrested and charged with one count each of Armed Robbery, Robbery, Aggravated Unlawful Restraint and Aggravated Battery/Public Place.



Dennis Laird

Laird was arrested by members of the Citywide Robbery Task Force on June 4, in the 1600 block of E. 93rd St. He was identified as an offender who participated in restraining and taking personal property from a 30-year-old man in River North on May 8, in the 400 block of N. Clark St.

The offender is also charged in connection to the April 22, robbery and aggravated battery of a 20-year-old male in the 3500 block of N. Clark St. in Wrigleyville.

Laird has been arrested four times in Chicago since 2014, including on charges of first-degree murder and resisting/obstructing peace officers.

## Cops looking for man and woman involved in mailroom robberies

The police are warning North Side residents of recent burglaries and thefts from buildings in the Lakeview East, Ravenswood, Lincoln Park, and Lakeview neighborhoods.

In the incidents, a man and woman made entry to the buildings, then took U.S. Mail, packages, and a bicycle and removed the items from the building.

In one incident, the subjects are seen on video using an electric scooter.

Incidents include one on the 700 block of W. Sheridan 2:05 a.m. June 2; the 3000 block of N. Southport 7 p.m. May 9; the 400 block of W. Deming 5:19 a.m. April 7; the 400 block of W. Deming 3:25 a.m. April 5, and another on the 4500 block of N. Ashland 4:55 a.m. March 31.

The offenders are described as a man and woman wearing dark colored clothing. The male is seen to be wearing a jacket with patches on the sleeves.

Anyone with information on these crimes may contact Area 3 Detectives at 312-744-8263

or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference #P26-3-021.

## Woman gets 18 years for shooting man on Red Line train



Indya Smith

A Chicago woman was sentenced June 2 to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to shooting a man on a Red Line train, a case that triggered a chaotic response from police who initially couldn't figure out which train the shooter was on.

Indya Smith, 25, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery by discharging a firearm in exchange for the sentence from Judge Anjana Hansen. Prosecutors dropped attempted murder charges as part of the plea agreement.

According to prosecutors, it all started around 8:40 a.m. on Oct. 2, 2024, when Smith spat on a 33-year-old man as they rode the train near

Argyle. When the victim confronted her about it, they started arguing, and Smith ultimately pulled out a handgun and shot the man once in the shoulder.

As frightened passengers scrambled to safety, another rider pinned Smith and detained her for nearly 20 minutes while police and other first responders tried to find the train where the shooting occurred. Officials said multiple trains were stopped between stations during the search, and many passengers from the train where the gunfire occurred climbed onto the elevated tracks and wandered near the electrified third rail.

Under Illinois law, Smith must serve 85% of her sentence before she is eligible for release, meaning she would spend roughly 15 years and 3 months behind bars, minus the time she has already spent in the county jail.

## Downtown robberies

Chicago police are warning residents about two recent, related robbery incidents occurring in the Loop. In both incidents, the offenders approach unsuspecting victims on the public way and forcibly take possession of the victims' personal property. Cellular devices were taken from the victims in both occurrences.

Incidents include one on the 100-200 block of N. State St., 6 p.m. May 3, and a second one on the 0-100 block of E. Jackson Blvd 5 p.m. May 6.

The offenders are described as three to four African American males, 19-25 years of age, black-hooded sweatshirts, black pants.

Police are warning Chicagoans to not allow yourself to be distracted by your cellular device, and if you have an iPhone, turn ON the "Find my iPhone" feature. This means your device can be tracked in the event it is lost or stolen. Write down all serial numbers for your electronics. This will help police identify and verify property if found. If your phone is taken, change all your passwords for apps and services linked to your phone, especially for banking and social media accounts, and have a lock on your mobile device to protect your information.

Those who have any information, please contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use Reference # P26-3-020.

## Knife-wielding man in gas mask, Hawaiian shirt, gets 50 years for Uptown baseball field murder

One of the strangest, most ghoulish murder cases Chicago has seen in recent years came to an end on Friday when a judge sentenced the killer to 50 years in prison. But it will be a long time before people forget what Anthony Colone did to that homeless man on an Uptown baseball field three years ago.

Dressed in a gas mask, bicycle helmet, dark suit jacket, white shorts, gloves, and a Hawaiian shirt and carrying a bag full of knives, Colone was a sight to behold, even as he rode the Red Line, where unusual visuals can be the norm.

A commuter on that July evening was so intrigued by the then-26-year-old that they posted a Snapchat video of him from the train. Colone threatened the Snapchatter with a staple gun when he saw what they were doing. Thinking quickly, the commuter calmed Colone by complimenting his Darth Vader wristwatch until Colone exited the train downtown.

Around 4:10 a.m. the following day, July 14, Colone draped his arm around a 64-year-old homeless man, Edward Schultz, and they walked into Clarendon Park together. As the sun rose about an hour later, a passerby found Schultz stabbed to death on the park's baseball diamond.

About 14 minutes after they walked into the park together, prosecutors say, Colone emerged alone and walked toward the Wilson CTA station. Citing surveillance videos, prosecutors



Anthony Colone (inset) and the baseball diamond where Edward Schultz was found.

said he stopped along the way to remove his white shorts, which sported fresh, large blood stains, and held the shorts in the air before tossing them into the street.

He entered the CTA station holding a knife, blood visible on his arm, and took the Red Line downtown, prosecutors said.

Investigators found Colone's suit jacket, gas mask, bike helmet, and Darth Vader watch scattered around the baseball diamond where Schultz was found. Broken serrated knife blades and intact knives were strewn about the field.

Police records indicate officers arrested Colone around 7 p.m. that night after they received 911 calls about a man exposing himself to children at a playground on the Far North Side.

When they found him, he was wearing the Hawaiian shirt and one glove, "surrounded by a circle of knives and pliers plunged into the ground around him," according to a court filing. He had a staple gun in his bag.

Colone was taken in for a psychiatric exam. He tested positive for amphetamine, cannabinoids, and benzodiazepines, prosecutors said. While police guarded him at the hospital, he allegedly made statements about murdering someone.

Prosecutors said Colone's mother, who told police he has a history of mental illness and drug use, identified him in surveillance videos. The commuter who posted the Snapchat video identified him, too.

In April, Colone took his case to a bench trial before Judge Adrienne Davis, who found him guilty of all four counts of murder he faced. Following routine post-trial hearings, she sentenced him on Friday to 50 years in prison. He must serve 100% of that time by law.

## Feds charge two men with kidnapping DePaul student, holding him for ransom on terrifying Red Line ride



Ricky Willis, inset left, and Keyonte Love, inset right, are seen with a surveillance image of the suspects.

Federal prosecutors have charged two men with kidnapping a DePaul Univ. student and taking him on a terrifying crosstown Red Line ride during which they repeatedly threatened to kill him while making electronic bank transfers and issuing ransom demands to his friends and family.

We first reported on the case in October after state prosecutors charged Ricky Willis, 18, and Keyonte Love, 20, in connection with the September abduction of a DePaul freshman aboard a southbound Red Line train.

According to state prosecutors, the incident began around 2 a.m. Sept. 6 when Love and Willis boarded a train at the Argyle station. When the train reached Fullerton, near the university's Lincoln Park campus, the student stepped aboard their train car, unaware of what was about to unfold.

Soon afterward, the two men allegedly cornered him, threatened to kill him, and demanded money. Prosecu-

tors said the pair took control of the student's phone and tried to transfer money to themselves. The transaction failed because the amount they tried to move triggered the bank's fraud protections, authorities alleged. Unable to access the money directly, Love and Willis allegedly turned to the victim's family and friends.

Using the student's phone, they called his sister and told her she would "never see him again" unless she sent money, prosecutors said. Frightened for her brother's safety, she transferred \$700 through Zelle to a phone number associated with Willis, according to court records.

The men then contacted the victim's roommate, who allegedly sent another \$100 through Cash App to an account bearing Willis' name. When they called the victim's mother, however, the scheme stalled. Prosecutors said she spoke little English and was unfamiliar with electronic payment applications.

As the train approached 63rd St., Love and Willis allegedly warned the student that he would "end up dead in a ditch" if he attempted to escape. They forced him off the train, marched him into an alley, and photographed his identification, prosecutors said. The men then allegedly ordered the student to make weekly electronic payments and threatened to kill him if he failed to comply.

"I will kill you," Willis allegedly told the victim, according to prosecutors. "This is life or death. I have a switch."

A "switch" is an illegal conversion device that allows a semiautomatic handgun to fire automatically. The student never made another payment, but prosecutors said he continued receiving calls from the men for several days after the encounter.

Chicago police released surveillance images of the suspects shortly afterward and a tipster recognized Love and Willis as residents of a property where he worked, prosecutors said.

When detectives interviewed Willis, he admitted he was the person shown in the surveillance images and acknowledged that he had "messed up," according to prosecutors. Love surrendered to police a few days later.

A federal grand jury has now indicted both men on charges of kidnapping and interference with commerce by threat or violence, according to federal court records. At this point, the state charges are still pending, too.

The federal prosecution comes less than three weeks after Cook County State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke announced the creation of a regional transit crime task force aimed at addressing violent crime across Chicagoland's public transportation system, particularly CTA trains.

The initiative brings together federal, county, city, and transit officials to coordinate investigations and prosecutions involving serious crimes on CTA, Metra, and Pace systems. As part of that effort, federal authorities are reviewing state criminal cases that may be suitable for federal prosecution.

The arrangement is similar to a firearms task force led by the Chicago field office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. That group meets daily to review gun arrests and coordinate investigations and prosecutions.

## Bystander stabbed suspect in the Loop

Chicago police say a man sexually assaulted a woman as she walked through the Loop on June 5, but the attack took an unexpected turn when another woman allegedly stabbed the assailant in the eye before officers arrived. A second man who intervened in the confrontation was also cut during the chaos, according to police.

Crime scene tape surrounded the entrance to the Wit Hotel at 201 N. State St., where the attack unfolded shortly after 4 p.m., according to witnesses.

Police said a 24-year-old woman was walking on the sidewalk when a 31-year-old man sexually assaulted her. The suspect then became involved in a physical altercation with a 25-year-old man who intervened, CPD said. As the two men fought, a 36-year-old woman at the scene allegedly pulled out a knife and stabbed the suspected assailant in his right eye. She also cut the other man on his left wrist, according to police.

The sexual assault victim and both men were transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Officers recovered a knife at the scene. Detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and are working to determine what charges are appropriate.

## Forest Preserve rape suspect is linked by DNA with odds of 1 in 14 septillion



John G. Lang, left, and a sketch of the suspect.

The man accused of attacking and sexually assaulting a woman at a Northwest Side forest preserve on May 23 has been linked to the crime by DNA evidence that prosecutors say places him at the scene at odds of 14 septillion to one.

That was one of several new details that emerged June 3 as the accused, 45-year-old John Lang, made his first court appearance at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse at 26th and California.

During the hearing, prosecutors said a 26-year-old homeless woman who lives in the preserves was getting dressed outside her tent when Lang approached her. She had never seen him before. Lang allegedly began groping the woman and, as she turned away, placed her in a headlock so tight she was unable to breathe, and she lost consciousness.

When the woman regained consciousness, she realized she had been sexually assaulted, and she sought help at a nearby Target store. Prosecutors said she was taken to a hospital, where biological evidence was collected, and she was treated for scrapes and scratches to her back and elbow.

A police sketch artist worked with the victim to create an image of the assailant, and Lang was arrested four days later after a Cook County Sheriff's police officer spotted him in LaBagh Woods, according to prosecutors.

Just two days later, the Illinois State Police Crime Lab reported a DNA hit linking Lang to the biological evidence with a 1-in-14 septillion match, which is 14 followed by 24 zeroes, prosecutors alleged.

Lang has a felony record that includes a 2012 conviction for armed violence and vehicular hijacking, for which he served 48 months in the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. He also has prior convictions for communicating with a witness and other offenses dating back to 2001.

Judge Luciano Panici, Jr. detained Lang, who is charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault causing bodily harm and aggravated battery by strangling.

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# Armed robbery crew hits River North and Streeterville again, adding to string of at least 15 holdups

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are investigating at least two armed robberies that struck River North and Streeterville in the early hours of Saturday, hitting the same areas where authorities have been warning about a brazen robbery crew operating since early April.

The first holdup happened around 2:05 a.m. in the 200 block of E. Ohio St., according to a Chicago Police Dept. spokesperson. A 31-year-old man was sitting inside a vehicle when two armed men approached, displayed handguns, took his personal property, and fled in a black sedan that may have been a Honda Civic, the spokesperson said.

About two hours later, around 4 a.m., a second robbery was reported near the intersection of Clark and Ohio streets in River

North. That victim told police that two armed, masked men displayed at least one firearm and took his iPhone and a silver chain before escaping in a black sedan, according to preliminary information.

The incidents fit a pattern CPD has flagged twice in recent weeks. Authorities say a kidnapping and robbery crew has been working nightlife areas downtown and near Wrigley Field since at least April 5, leaving at least 15 known victims in its wake.

Police say the crew's methods go beyond a typical street robbery. Offenders approach victims in busy nightlife areas, take phones and other property by force or at gunpoint, then use the stolen devices to make unauthorized financial transactions. In five earlier cases, victims were forced into the crew's vehicle and

driven around while the offenders conducted fraudulent banking transactions on their phones, according to a CPD alert.

The crew was particularly active on May 17, striking three times: around 2 a.m. in the 3600 block of N. Clark St. in Wrigleyville, then twice more in River North, once in the 600 block of N. La Salle around 4 a.m. and again in the first block of E. Ohio St. around 4:45 a.m., police said. Those times closely mirror the hours of Saturday's reported holdups.

According to CPD, the pattern began April 5 with a robbery in the 100 block of W. Ontario St. at 12:35 a.m. Four robberies were reported in the 3500 block of N. Clark St. in Wrigleyville: at 12:22 a.m. April 22; 11:30 p.m. May 2; 1 a.m. on May 3; and 10 p.m. May 4. Two others took place in

the first block of W. Hubbard St. in River North: at 2:30 a.m. April 26 and between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. May 10.

Police have also linked the crew to robberies in the 200 block of E. Ohio St. between 3:30 and 3:45 a.m. April 18; the 3700 block of N. Broadway at 9:30 p.m. April 23; the 600 block of N. Dearborn St. at 2:30 a.m. April 26; the 600 block of N. Wabash Ave. at 3 a.m. May 3; and the 400 block of N. Clark St. at 1 a.m. May 8.

Authorities have described the suspects as up to four Black men between 25 and 40 years old, ranging from 5-foot-6 to 6-foot-5 and 140 to 250 lbs. The crew has been seen using multiple vehicles, including a dark-colored SUV, a silver four-door sedan, a dark-colored four-door sedan, and a black BMW SUV.

# Lucky Strike Wrigleyville closes without notice

Closure amid economic struggles, lawsuit, stock downgrades

BY BOB ZULEY

Coming on the heels of a story in this newspaper on May 20, Lucky Strike Wrigleyville, the upscale 30,000 square foot boutique entertainment arcade and bowling alley at 1027 W. Addison St. across the street from Wrigley Field, closed without notice nor fanfare in late May.

The end-of-the-month closure was not so lucky for the 30-plus Lucky Strike workers caught unaware just as rents came due, child care plans were being finalized, and summer plans were upended.

Workers discovered the closure of their location when a notice was posted online by the company. Lucky Strike thanked customers for their support, and directed customers to its Streeterville location at 322 E. Illinois St.

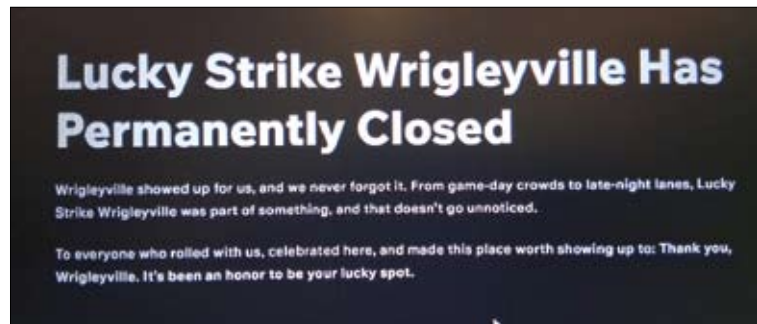
which remains open, for now.

Employees may apply for openings at Lucky Strike's other 365 bowling alleys across North America or file for unemployment.

The company is navigating severe financial turbulence, a dropping stock price, and a sprawling federal antitrust lawsuit.

In May 2026, Lucky Strike was hit with a major federal lawsuit from long-time bowlers in Washington state. The suit accuses the company of operating an illegal monopoly to artificially jack-up lane prices, aggressively buying up independent alleys, degrading the traditional bowling experience in favor of alcohol sales and loud music, and stifling competition.

Analysts at J.P. Morgan downgraded the company's stock, citing eroded adjusted EBITDA [losing core profitability due to rising costs, margin pressure, and weak demand], shrinking discretionary consumer spending due to inflation, and slowing foot traffic.



Lucky Strike Wrigleyville, 1027 W. Addison, has permanently closed. Photos courtesy Lucky Strike and Bob Zuley

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## Dine Out on Broadway returns

The diners will be taking over the streets again this summer with Dine Out on Broadway.

Dine Out on Broadway returns for its sixth season for three weekends this summer, where Broadway will be shut down for vehicle traffic from Belmont to Wellington to allow local businesses to extend their patios into the streets.

The dates are June 12, 13, 14, July 10, 11, 12, and Aug. 21, 22 and 23.

As a part of the program, there will be no parking - and parked cars will be towed away - from noon Friday through midnight Sunday during Dine Out dates. This will include 600-613 W. Briar, 522-600 W. Briar and 630-600 W. Barry.

Pets and children are welcome to join in the fun during the closure as some 20 local businesses will be participating in the promotion.

## Warren Park Pickleball group taking the game to the river

The 24th District Chicago CAPS hosted a Pickleball event Tuesday for seniors at Warren Park at Western and Pratt. But they have their sights set on a bigger event June 16 when CAPS gathers up seniors for a Warren Park Senior Architectural Tour on the Chicago River that will include a Pickleball component.

This year during the cruise, they would like to set a record for the most Pickleball players hitting Pickleballs on Lake Michigan. So they are now recruiting players to join in the effort as a fun way to promote the sport and participate.

The cruise will be on Tuesday, June 16. The bus will depart Warren Park at 9:15 a.m. for the 11 a.m. cruise casting off from Navy Pier. Guests will return to shore at 12:30 p.m.

This is a joint venture between CPD CAPS 24, City Experiences, the Assoc. of Pickleball Players

[APP] and Seadog, and their boat Capt. Ken Fukuyama.

"Being one of the oldest captains working with City Experiences has been a wonderful time in my life," said Fukuyama. "Now to be able to give back with their help has been an enjoyable time for me."

This effort started four years ago when Fukuyama started playing pickleball at Warren Park. "A lot of my friends and players suggested it would be nice to do something different so we came up with the River Cruise and to be the first to Pickleball on the Chicago River."

APP, USA Pickleball ambassadors, and Selkirk Advocate will be on board for the cruise and will be a part of history in the making event.

For more information write to DanielL.Gajewski@chicagopolice.org.

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and worked in almost every habitat. Despite his meticulousness, Bill received a hoof print to the chest from a mule kick and was bitten by **Donna** the Chimpanzee, for which he only received 13 stitches, knowing better than to yank his hand away. Bill retired in 2012, all of his digits intact, after 38 years of service.

**REQUIEM: James Doran**, a forensic scientist for the Chicago Police Dept. for 35 years, also filled the Chicago skies and streets with music. He was a very proud founding member of the **Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society** for 20 years, then a member of the **Shannon Rovers Pipes** for 25 years. He fills heaven now with lilting aires and angelic marches.

**LAUGHRIOT:** Forty-six years ago movie history was made, June 20 1980 - "The Blues Brothers" starring **Dan Aykroyd** and **John Belushi**, and directed by **John Landis**, premiered in Chicago. Still one the greatest movies ever made about Chicago.

**WHO'S WHERE: Eleanor McGuire** recent high school grad is getting ready for the Univ. of Maryland, making mamma and poppa, **Chris** and **Lindy Fleming**

**McGuire** proud... The **Toms, McGuires** and **Hacketts**, basking in the Midwest's Hamptons on the shores of New Buffalo's Harbor Country at Firefly Resort... **Oprah** has proved striped button-up shirts are the #1 summer blouse trend... **Candace Jordan** celebrating her pal of 50 years, **Rhonda Sanderson**, on her birthday... Bravo to artist **Adam Umbach** having a one-man-show in Berlin, the great center of Modern European Art... **Tina Gravel** got some R&R at the Hotel Atelier Playa Mujeres, Isla Mujeres, Mexico looking fabulous... Gibson's **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**, **Jennifer Sutton Brievea**, **Carol Gipson**, and **Bunny Frum** got a real taste of Summer at the Bruno Mars Soldier Field concert... Heavenly soprano **Catherine O'Connell** recalling tent-making days on Bishop St... Songstress **Irene Mojica** remembering the late **Shelley Howard** (dubbed honorary Mayor of Old Town) on his birthday as she sang his favorite tunes, he was a great friend and we all miss him... Hopefully Chicago will wake up and make Maria Pappas our next mayor, who else can wear a hat like her?... Lincoln Park Zoo has named **Sara Irmen** as Vice President of Development... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** with **Corey Powell** at the Peninsula Beverly Hills in LA... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** putting her best foot forward at the Obama Presidential Center sock department... **Eamonn Cummins'** sister **Dawn** visiting from Spain, relocating

her beautiful daughter, **Grace**, a recent graduate from the Univ. of Madrid starting her new career in marketing in Chicago.

**THE BOARD: Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** happy and proud to be part of Apparel Industries Board, trying to bring the garment district of Chicago back to life as a real destination - and a learning place.

**JUNETEENTH: Black Ensemble Theater** Founder **Jackie Taylor** has announced BET's Juneteenth Prelude: Celebrating Freedom and Black Expression, as part of the series Another Night @ BET. This celebratory evening by **Bernard Lilly, Jr.**, engages the BET community with performances from their artists, local Chicago talent and vendors, and a live DJ set. Juneteenth Prelude will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:30pm at, 4450 N. Clark St.

**GARDENS: Mark Olley's** gardening advice - 'tis the season to tuck a window box just about anywhere...". The divine **Sherrill Bodine** at her first Farmers' Market of the year and it did not disappoint. The colors, the vendors, the energy - "there is something about these first days of Summer that remind you the world is full, generous and alive."

If you are lucky enough to have lived in Chicago as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Chicago is a moveable feast. - Ernest Hemingway

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Inside Publications has hired legal representation to defend ourselves in Sudler Property Management's defamation suit against this newspaper.

But lawfare costs money, and we don't have a lawfare budget. So we are now appealing for your help, and donations.

Below is a link to a GoFundMe page that we established to help raise funds to fight this case in the Cook County Circuit Court. The page is titled "Your Friendly Neighborhood Newspapers."

We would appreciate you sharing this link with anyone in your network who might like to help out their friendly neighborhood newspapers.

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## Virtual tour of Buena Park

Buena Park on the North Lakefront remains one of Chicago's hidden gem neighborhoods, known by many but lightly visited. It is now being presented as an online historical tour by Glessner House, starting July 7.

Guests will experience the remarkable history of the community with longtime resident and historian Scott Vermillion as guide.

This online presentation takes its title, "Up Yonder in Buena Park," from the opening line of Eugene Field's poem The Delectable Ballad of the Waller Lot, which helped immortalize the neighborhood in verse.

The story begins with the Waller estate known as Buena, which gave the neighborhood its name, and follows the evolution of Buena Park through the people, architec-

ture, landmarks, and events that shaped its character over time. While traces of that past remain in the Prairie-style homes along Chicago's landmark Hutchinson St. District, Vermillion goes beyond them to uncover hidden gems and little-known stories largely lost to time.

Vermillion and his husband have lived in their vintage Buena Park three-flat home for 36 years. With a long-standing passion for architecture, design, and urban history, Vermillion has found the neighborhood to be a continual source of inspiration.

This program will be recorded and a link will be sent to all registrants. The link will remain live for seven days following the program.

The cost ranges from \$12 to \$16 per person, visit <https://www.glessnerhouse.org/events/up-yonder-in-buena-park>.

## Letter to the Editor

### Searching for a solution

The June 3 article, Chicago's repeating summer problem: 15 years of flash mobs, teen trends, takeovers, documented a 15-year pattern of large youth gatherings and public safety challenges in Chicago's parks and public spaces. Different mayors, police strategies, and public messaging campaigns have been tried, yet the issue continues to return each summer. The city is still searching for a solution.

Daniel Burnham gave Chicago one of its greatest civic gifts when he argued that the lakefront should remain forever open, clear, and free. More than a century later, that vision still defines our city. Yet it raises a modern challenge. What happens when the size and spirit of a crowd exceed accepted standards of civic behavior and respect for the rule of law?

The answer cannot be to fence off parks, charge admission, or restrict access. That would betray Burnham's vision. At the same time, families, residents, visitors, and other park users should not be expected to surrender these spaces because a small number of people refuse to follow the rules. Chicago routinely manages large crowds at stadiums, festivals, concerts,

protest marches, and organized bike rides. Sports management professionals, event planners, and stadium security firms have developed proven methods for crowd flow, safety, and conflict reduction.

What's a mayor to do? Do something. Convene a citywide summit on the future of Chicago's public spaces. Bring together parents, grandparents, community leaders, law enforcement, educators, clergy, business leaders, event professionals, and young people themselves. Capacity and capability are the keys. Parks, public spaces, and police resources have limits, and city leaders must be prepared to manage the challenges that follow. We must move beyond events that overwhelm those limits.

Mayor Johnson recently met Pope Leo in Rome, and perhaps it is time to invite him into the conversation. The challenge is ensuring that everyone can enjoy Chicago's public spaces safely and respectfully. Other cities have found solutions. Chicago can too.

Tim Carew  
Old Town

## Lakeview substation meeting June 22 with ComEd

ComEd is hosting a follow up community meeting June 22 regarding their proposal to install a permanent electrical substation at 1111 W. Diversey at Seminary (as well as the existing decommissioned substation immediately behind it).

This process has raised questions and concerns from the community, particularly follow-

ing the initial community meeting in March. The meeting will be held starting at 6 p.m. Monday, June 22, at the Olsen Auditorium at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hosp., 836 W. Wellington Ave. The gathering is for neighbors to be able to address concerns, learn about the proposal and discuss the potential impact to the neighborhood.

## Best of Rogers Park June 25 at Rhapsody Theater

The Rogers Park business community will be holding their annual Best of Rogers Park awards ceremony starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Rhapsody Theater, 1328 W. Morse Ave.

This special event will recognize outstanding leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers, businesses and community partners whose dedication and impact help Rogers Park thrive.

This years honorees are:

- Business Leadership - Colectivo Clark

- Capital Improvement - Seven Star Events
  - Community Partner - Protect RP
  - Entrepreneur of the Year - AKAY Tacos
  - Friend of Rogers Park - State Rep. Kelly Cassidy
  - President's Award - ChiTown Magpie
  - Volunteer of the Year - Nancye Rivers
- The event is hosted by the Rogers Park Business Alliance.

Reservations are required, and tickets run from \$30 to \$50 at the door.

## City puts taxpayer cash behind home buyer program

The City of Chicago is launching a new taxpayer-funded initiative to help eligible residents buy a home by providing assistance for down payments and closing costs. The HomeGrown Purchase Assistance Program opened for business Monday, June 8 and will offer grants up to \$70,000 for low to moderate income homebuyers.

Assistance is targeted by income and geography, and is intended to favor Census tracts which includes low-income citizens. Eligibility will be based on Area Median Income.

Eligible homebuyers must meet income

and mortgage requirements, complete homebuyer education counseling, and contribute at least one-percent of the original purchase price from personal funds. Grant funds may not exceed 25% of the property purchase price before any other purchase assistance is applied.

To apply, contact a HomeGrown delegate agency at [www.resurrectionproject.org/homegrown](http://www.resurrectionproject.org/homegrown) or visit [www.NHSChicago.org](http://www.NHSChicago.org).

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**REGULATIONS** from p. 5

drivers suffer from PTSD after being in an accident with an electronic device after some kid is maimed or killed due to reckless scootering.

But like everything in government, it will quickly come down to “you and what army?” If e-users see the city ignoring state law, they will continue the reckless driving. For the last decade City Hall has been openly enabling and encouraging bad scooter and biking behavior by institutionalizing the rights of bikers to brazenly break the long-

accepted, century-old rules of the road with impunity.

“The Rules of the Road” by William Phelps Eno, was first published in 1903 to manage increasing traffic congestion in New York City. This early traffic code established foundational regulations for roadway users and pedestrians, paving the way for modern traffic laws. Only today, through their words and actions, City Hall is telling privileged bike and scooter riders that those rules do not apply to them.

Citizens have seen for themselves that there is no enforcement undertaken of existing traffic laws for the bikes and scooters. So citizens can rightfully be skeptical that any good will come out of the state’s efforts to control reckless roadway behavior.

The state’s initiative focuses on high-powered, high-speed e-devices that remain largely unregulated, including e-bikes, motos, scooters, skateboards and electric unicycles. Illinois currently has no laws governing e-bikes and other micromobility devices that exceed 28 mph. Many of these devices have motors that exceed 750 watts and can travel well beyond

***This state legislation establishes clear, statewide safety standards for high-speed micro-mobility devices. By creating consistent rules across Illinois, state officials hope to make roads, bike paths and communities safer by helping to prevent serious injuries and address lawless behavior by micro-mobility users.***

28 mph – in some cases highway speeds of over 75 mph.

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Under the legislative framework:

- Riders of e-bikes and e-motos capable of traveling over 28 mph would be required to have a driver’s license, title, registration and insurance.
- High-powered e-vehicles will be prohibited on sidewalks, bike lanes and bike paths.
- Micro-mobility devices such as e-scooters, electric skateboards

and electric unicycles would be prohibited from operating over 28 mph on roads, bike lanes, bike paths and sidewalks. In addition, riders of any electric micro-mobility device must be at least 16 years old.

The legislation establishes statewide consistency, replacing the current patchwork of local ordinances that vary widely from one municipality to another.

If signed into law, the bill would take effect on Jan. 1, 2027. E-bikes and e-motos purchased prior to that date would be exempt from the title requirement but would require title and registration to be operated on Illinois roads.

The campaign also hopes to guide and educate law enforcement on proper, responsible micro-mobility use.

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Commonly known as 5757 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 3H, CHICAGO, IL 60660. 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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: As sold, 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</p>	<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo &amp; Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960, 1422-216349 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com <b>13288749</b></p> <p>101010 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC Plaintiff, vs. TODD A. FISHER, THE BANCORP BANK, 1445-47 WARNER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2025 CH 11784 1445 W. Warner Avenue, Unit #1E 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 10, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 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:</p>	<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>Commonly known as 1445 W. Warner Avenue, Unit #1E, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-17-310-052-1003 and 14-17-310-052-1012 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$192,561.90. 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. 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You will need a photo identification issued by a</p>	<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>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 JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 25 1719. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650 CHICAGO IL, 60602 312-541-9710 E-Mail: ipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 25 1719 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2025 CH 11784 TJSC#: 46-665 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025 CH 11784 <b>13288208</b></p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank National Association Plaintiff, vs. Daniel Hoenicke; Najee Hoenicke; Eddystone Condominium Homes, Inc.; Citibank, N.A.; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants</p>	<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>Defendants. 2025CH08382 421 W MELROSE ST, UNIT 1D, 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 1/16/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/29/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on July 1, 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 421 W MELROSE ST, UNIT 1D, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-21-314-063-1061 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$314,773.76 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 421 W MELROSE ST, UNIT 1D 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. 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**North Township Real Estate For Sale**

<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>101010 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDITED LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-QS14 Plaintiff, vs. ELVA G. BOTTHOF A/K/A ELVA GRACE BOTTHOF, PLAZA 440 PRIVATE RESIDENCES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 2024 CH 07261 440 NORTH WABASH #3809 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 6, 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 440 NORTH WABASH #3809, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-127-019-1121 and 17-10-127-019-1827 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$466,285.76. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien</p>	<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. 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Case # 2024 CH 07261 <b>13288059</b></p> <p>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, vs. LISA ANN WOLFE A/K/A LISA A WOLFE A/K/A LISA WOLFE A/K/A LISA A EAKIN, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025CH11160 2050 NORTH WOLCOTT AVENUE UNIT #1 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 6, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 7, 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 2050 NORTH WOLCOTT AVENUE UNIT #1, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-31-214-050-0000 The real estate is improved with a red brick, three story multi-unit building. 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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1820 Chicago IL, 60606 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 25-230561L_1327386 Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 2025CH11160</p>	<p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>TJSC#: 46-853 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 # 2025CH11160 <b>13288064</b></p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES E STARKEY; MINDY S STARKEY; PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK; THE ST. JAMES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants. 2025CH03686 455 WEST SAINT JAMES PLACE APARTMENT 201 AND 202, 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 3/23/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/22/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on June 24, 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 455 WEST SAINT JAMES PLACE APARTMENT 201 AND 202, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-320-033-1002 and 14-28-320-033-1003 The real estate is improved with a Multi-Family. The judgment amount was \$74,571.46 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 455 WEST SAINT JAMES PLACE APARTMENT 201 AND 202 into the search bar. 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5435A- Jefferson, Kenneth  
8164SM- Paneral, James  
4285H- Petzold, Susan  
6360X- Petzold, Susan  
4200H- Petzold, Susan  
4345H- Petzold, Susan  
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7570F- Whitehead, Voneita for public sale.  
This sale is to be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 2:00PM. Cash payments only.

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## Public Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	CASE NO. 2026CH03314
vs.	Subject Property: 7123 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619
SCOTT C. ODUM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.	

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Common address: 7123 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619  
Tax Parcel Number: 20-27-101-006-0000  
And which said Mortgage was made by: Scott C. Odum  
The Mortgagor(s), to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 1906445107; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.  
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FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
By: /s/ \_Charlotte A. Haack\_\_\_\_ - ARDC No. 6310785  
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Who doesn't enjoy an evening of horror, dread and messy surgery?

Fans of the surgical sciences can experience David Cronenberg's *Dead Ringers* in one of Chicago's most noted Gold Coast screening locations: the Hall of Immortals at the International Museum of Surgical Science [IMSS], one night only, to a limited audience, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

A master of body horror, psychological dread, and the messy relationship between flesh, identity, and technology, Cronenberg has made a career turning the human body into a site of transformation, terror, and desire. With *Dead Ringers*, his 1988 masterpiece, Cronenberg created one of his most elegant and disturbing visions: a film where medicine, desire, and obsession collapse into one another with surgical precision.

Co-presented by the IMSS and local programmer Stephanie Sack, this rare presentation brings *Dead Ringers* to a setting that feels perfectly designed for the film.

Surrounded by imposing statues honoring major figures in medical history, audi-

ences will encounter Cronenberg's work not simply as a screening, but as a site-specific experience where twentieth-century cinema and millennia of medical history collide at the historic Lake Shore Dr. mansion, 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Anchored by Jeremy Irons's dual performance playing twin brothers, and Genevieve Bujold's turn as Claire Niveau, *Dead Ringers* follows gynecologists Elliot and Beverly Mantle whose lives depend on shared access to patients, women, and each other. The brothers operate through a private system of deception, masquerading as one another while treating intimacy as something to be managed, transferred, or withheld.

The evening is open to only 50 attendees to consider flesh as subject, mystery, and battleground, and to confront the long, complicated history of women's bodies inside medical spaces: examined, interpreted, pathologized, desired, surveilled, and controlled.

Advance tickets are \$10 to \$15 general admission, and \$20 at-the-door, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-david-cronenbergs-dead-ringers-tickets-1988854483298](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-david-cronenbergs-dead-ringers-tickets-1988854483298).

## Letter to the Editor

### Don't hold your breath

The May 13 Inside Booster article, City's first bridge housing opens on Lincoln Ave., reported on The Haven. A \$14 million project of which "nearby property tax payers kicked in \$5.5 million of their funds from the Lincoln Avenue TIF district."

However taxpayers will be paying much more than the cost overruns to rehab the Diplomat Hotel, [5230 N. Lincoln Ave]. Around the clock psychiatrists and psychologists on top of the TIF funds along with inflated administrative costs. It is the responsibility of municipal government

to make sure taxpayers get their money's worth.

There are no estimates by the 49th ward alderman on the annual costs of "comprehensive care including on site primary healthcare and behavioral health support." As far as the city or Cornerstone Community Outreach providing financial audits, don't hold your breath.

Dan Sheehan  
Lincoln Square

### BY-RIGHT from p. 1

Illinois Municipal League CEO Brad Cole to pump the brakes on her so-called "YIGBY" bill and continue negotiations rather than passing it in the Spring session, SEC chair Cristina Castro of Elgin told the Chicago Tribune.

While the measure affords such projects a level of secrecy under the cloak of religious respectability, they remove any input by community stakeholders and no government review and approval.

In Chicago, places of worship [classified as "Religious Assembly"] are already allowed to be built in residential neighborhoods. Under the Chicago Zoning Ordinance, they are designated as a permitted use "as-of-right" across all residential districts. That's why places of worship are sprinkled throughout the city's residential neighborhoods. This means a special-use permit is not required.

Feigenholtz's bill found that faith-based and religious institutions often own or steward land that can be responsibly developed to meet housing needs. The bill mandates that any new housing of five-or-more housing units shall provide at least 40% of their total units as affordable to low-income or very-low-income households. Less than four-units are exempt from providing affordable housing.

Her bill removes "discretionary approval" by local governments for such projects that may be considered subjective. It includes as a "faith-based organization" any non-profit or not-for-profit corporation acting for religious, charitable, or community-service purposes. It removes "ministerial review" based on subjective criteria, public opposition, or policy considerations.

The by-right entitlement under Feigenholtz's proposal applies whether or not the faith-based organization continues to operate on the same or adjacent parcel.

One such project arose in 2015 that resulted in intense community review and aldermanic action that would have been eliminated if Feigenholtz's bill were the

### UPTOWN from p. 1

blog Uptown Update, all C4 operations on Clark St. ceased some time in 2025, and a flyer taped to the door in February lists the Trilogy location at 1400 W. Greenleaf as an alternate location for their services.

The buildings are owned by a separate not-for-profit, the Edgewater Uptown Building Corp., which is based out of the C4 administrative office on Belle Plaine.

In May, Uptown Update noted the current owner of record applied for a demolition permit for the entire parcel and their parking lot, spanning 4732-4754 N. Clark St. The buildings will be demolished as part of a sale to a developer.

The sale price appears to be \$3.75 million, or approximately \$114 per square foot. Documents filed with the state suggest the buyer is Raftery Construction, a developer with experience with condos, townhomes and single family homes.

Current zoning would allow for as much as a four-story by right building.

### PARKER from p. 1

Supporters frequently cited affordable housing commitments and increased financial aid opportunities, while opponents raised concerns about housing loss, traffic congestion and light pollution.

Support for athletic field lighting was similarly split, with 60.6% in favor and 32.1% opposed.

A spokesperson for Parker said the proposal reflects years of collaboration with community members and city officials. "We are grateful to have earned Ald. Knudsen's support of our School and Neighborhood Improvement Proposal, which is the result of years of collaboration with our neighbors, the Lincoln Park community and his office," the spokesperson said. "The support we've received from Ward residents is encouraging, and we're excited for the possibilities to expand educational opportunities, affordable housing, investments in our local public schools and deliver real lasting benefits for both our students and neighbors."

According to Parker, the school plans to add seven income-restricted affordable housing units at a separate property on N. Clark St. while preserving another residential building it owns on Belden Ave. for at least 30 years. Parker representatives have also emphasized that the project is privately funded and that no taxpayer dollars would be used.

School representatives say the expansion would also create additional educational opportunities and allow enrollment growth. Parker Board Chairman Deji Jimoh told Block Club Chicago that the project would allow the school to enroll approximately 125 additional students while expanding financial aid opportunities.

For the 2026-2027 academic year at the Francis W. Parker School tuition ranges from \$45,570 for Junior Kindergarten up

to \$49,900 for Grade 8, suggesting a \$5.8 million boost in annual tuition revenue.

Opponents, however, argue the proposal would remove existing housing and displace families currently living in the Belden Ave. building.

Community activist Lityc Kursinkal, who lives near the school and has been active in organizing opposition efforts, said residents believe Parker has alternatives that would allow it to expand without demolishing housing. "It's a private institution that has six acres of land for 900 plus students," Kursinkal said. "They want to demolish [properties] that houses 15 families with six kids that go to the local public school, Lincoln Elementary."

Kursinkal also questioned Parker's claim that it has reached capacity. "Lincoln High School has 3.5 acres of land and they're educating 2,200 students," she said. "So the argument that they are at capacity is not valid."

Some residents living near the campus also cite longstanding concerns about traffic congestion during school drop-off and pickup periods. Kursinkal said neighborhood streets already experience double parking and heavy vehicle traffic, concerns she believes would worsen if the school expands.

Members of the Mid-North and East Lincoln Park neighborhood groups have similarly argued that the project would permanently remove housing from the neighborhood. During an interview, one community representative said the proposed affordable housing replacement does not adequately offset the loss of larger family-sized units currently located on Belden Ave.

Opponents say their concerns extend beyond the current proposal. According to Mid-North representatives, neighborhood groups have been engaged in disputes with the school over campus development plans for more than a decade, including earlier discussions surrounding athletic field lighting.

Opponents have also criticized Ald. Knudsen's decision to support the project, arguing that community concerns have not been adequately represented. According to organizers, more than 2,000 petition signatures opposing the proposal have been collected. "We're still fighting, and we're going to take it all the way," a Mid-North representative said. "We will see you at City Hall, and we will see you at city council, and we will see you at the zoning board and at the Dept. of Planning and Development."

Kursinkal said community opposition has expanded beyond residents immediately affected by the proposal. "We had a very successful rally in Oz Park," she said. "We will be there at every step trying to stop it." The proposal must still move through Chicago's planning and zoning review process before receiving final consideration by the Chicago City Council.

The dispute has evolved beyond a single school expansion project, becoming a broader debate about housing preservation, community input and development in one of Chicago's most sought-after neighborhoods. A community not known as a fertile hunting ground for affordable housing.

As the proposal advances through the city's approval process, residents on both sides say they intend to remain engaged, ensuring the conflict will continue well beyond the alderman's decision.

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and DePaul Prep now find themselves in the same sports classifications. This means they will meet in playoff games.

Interestingly, this is the third time that DePaul Prep and Lane Tech have faced off in Spring sports playoff games in recent days. The Lane Tech girls' soccer team defeated DePaul Prep 3-1 in the regional final on May 22. The Lane Tech boys' volleyball team defeated the Rams in the Lane gym on June 2 in two sets, 25-23 and 25-22.

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At least 840 Lakeview community NIMBY neighbors formed a stakeholder group called the Lakeview Action Committee [LAC] and raised \$12,000 to oppose the opening of Rosecrance Lakeview, a private, not-for-profit post-treatment addiction recovery center located at 3701 N. Ashland Ave. The LAC group hired attorney Michael Franz who earlier had led opposition to a for-profit sober-living house in West Town.

Two tense community meetings at Sheil Park Fieldhouse pressed then-Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] to oppose the plan. Their effort resulted in a six-page Good Neighbors Agreement between Rosecrance Inc. and Tunney covering standards of care, curfew, staffing, visitors, and dispute resolution.

Feigenholtz's proposal would allow not only for substance abuse treatment facilities but sexual-offender residential treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods throughout the city and state. Her bill would exclude community input and preclude citywide review and approval.

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