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DePaul Prep's Gavin Variano pitches against Northside College Prep.

Double steal: DePaul Prep and St. Patrick Advance in playoffs

BY JACK LYDON

The Depaul Prep Rams and St. Patrick Shamrocks advanced in IHSA 3A baseball playoffs in a June 4 double header at Kerry Wood Cubs Field in Roscoe Village. The Rams (25-12, 4-10) easily defeated the Northside College Prep Mustangs 13-1 in the first game. The St. Patrick Shamrocks topped the Lake View Wildcats 10-0 in the second.

The Rams erupted with 10 runs in the first inning putting the Mustangs in a deep hole early. Quinn Roberts singled. Vance Kurokawa walked. Beni Espinosa walked. Dylan Hecht hit a long sacrifice fly. Joey Sacchetti singled. Addison Latko pounded one over the left fielder's head. The way he was motoring around second, it looked like he was going to try for an inside the park home run.

"I was chugging around second. The air quality is kind of bad so I was huffing and puffing, but once I saw the stop sign from coach [Sam Colon], I just put the brakes on," said Rams' catcher Latko.

Not over yet. Owen Rog was hit by a pitch then stole second. Charlie Pribyl grounded out. Rog scored on a wild pitch. Freshman Nolan Hecht (Dylan's younger brother) walked. Quinn Roberts singled for the second time in the inning. Northside changed pitchers. Kurokawa singled. Espinosa singled. Dylan Hecht doubled. Sacchetti flied out.

Rams' senior left hander Gavin Variano had a 10-run lead to start the second inning.

"Sometimes it's hard because you have been on the bench a while and you get like sore and

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The Point at Clark, 3131 N. Clark St.

Chicago firm buys fully leased retail site at Clark and Halsted

The large triangle shaped commercial building at the point of Clark and Halsted streets recently changed hands. North American Real Estate acquired the Point at Clark, 3131 N. Clark St., on May 27.

The 90,455-square-foot building is fully leased and houses a DSW, Marshalls, and Michaels. Featuring free on-site parking for

shoppers, the center sits within a very dense population of 422,000 residents within a 3 mile radius.

The buyers told Ryan Originally of CoStar News that "This one is a pure long-term hold at a great location. The tenants are really happy with the building. It looks kind of tired, so we're looking at some exterior upgrades."

The Green Mill in Uptown is for sale

Uptown's world famous jazz venue can now be yours for the right price. The Green Mill building and night club at Lawrence and Broadway has been put up for sale.

The jewel box music venue may be one of the most well-known Jazz venues in the nation, and the sale includes the buildings' eight commercial storefronts and second floor office space. It is being offered by the commercial real estate firm Kudan Group. The current owner, Dave Jemilo, bought the building for \$5 million in 2021. Jemilo has owned and operated the club since 1986.

Other businesses located in the 21,000 square foot, two-story building include Le Nocturne, Birrieria Zaragoza and Carmela's Taqueria. The Green Mill is over 100 years old and is known for being a destination site for locals and tourists alike.

Live music has been playing at the Mill every night since 1942 with acts ranging from jazz, blues, piano, big band orchestras, and swing bands.

According to the Chicago Bar Project, the club opened in 1907

as Pop Morse's Gardens, alternatively known as Pop Morse's Roadhouse. It was originally inspired by the Moulin Rouge in Paris (the Red Mill).

In 1910, the enterprising Tom Chamales bought the club from Morse, added outdoor dancing and entertainment in an enlarged sunken garden, installed the "Rhumba Room" on the second floor, and constructed a large green windmill on the roof to go along with its new name, the "Green Mill Gardens."

The Green Mill Gardens was more of a roadhouse spanning the entire block than a cocktail lounge. Back then, silent film star Charlie Chaplin used to come in for drinks after working at Esanay Studios on Argyle.

Over the years The Green Mill has attracted many celebrities from Al Capone to Frank Sinatra to Bill Gates and has been filmed in The Untouchables, High Fidelity, and the 80s TV series, Crime Story.

It first opened when the Uptown neighborhood was considered the "Hollywood of the Midwest," before being run by Chicago Outfit

boss Capone. As Uptown slipped into being a derelict area it became a haven for drug addicts and hoodlums, and finally back into a destination jazz club in a neighborhood on the upswing after the turn of the 21st century.

According to The Bar Project, each night when Capone entered the bar, the bandleader would stop whatever they were playing and performed Capone's favorite, "Rhapsody in Blue." Capone would then take his favorite seat in the booth across from the side door on Lawrence and at the end of the bar. In this way, Capone could clearly see whoever entered the bar from either door, be it friend, foe or the police.

Visitors could hear such performers as Billie Holiday, Joe E. Lewis, Tommy Dorsey, Sophie Tucker, Al Jolson, Bix Beiderbecke, Jack Teagarden, and Benny Goodman.

It is generally accepted that Jemilo rescued the club from squalor in 1986 and restored its former luster, both in terms of décor and in hosting the best jazz around – a tradition that dates back to the club's beginning.

Legislative leaders discuss next steps for failed transit reform push

Service cuts to begin in 2026

BY BEN SZALINSKI
Capitol News Illinois

Minutes before the clock hit midnight and the calendar flipped to June 1, the Illinois Senate advanced a much-watched legislative proposal to reform and fund public transportation in the Chicago area hoping prevent dire cuts to service.

But the effort failed.

Sen. Ram Villivalam's [8th] Hail Mary attempt to avoid cuts crashed as opposition mounted to the bill's taxing plan, particularly its creation of a \$1.50 package delivery fee in the state. The House declined to take up the transit funding bill, as the stroke of midnight meant the chamber required a three-fifths majority vote to advance any legislation that would take effect before June 2026.

Chicago's public transit agencies are now entering an uncertain future. Public hearings on service

cuts could begin this summer, but lawmakers say they are dedicated to finding solutions.

"The funding doesn't run out until Dec. 31 of this year," said House Speaker Chris Welch. "We have time, so I think it's important to take our time and get it right."

The transit agencies, including the CTA and Metra, will each run out of cash at various points in 2026, creating deficits in their budgets if lawmakers don't find new funding sources.

Meanwhile, Senate President Don Harmon acknowledged he had reservations about the proposal's tax measures, which include the delivery fee as well as a statewide tax on electric vehicle charging and the expansion of a Chicago tax on real estate transfers to the suburbs.

"Frankly, I don't like them all that much," Harmon said of the tax measures. "I wish there were better alternatives. But if you don't like them, come and tell us how you'd pay for it, because

this is going to be expensive and most of the stakeholders seem to be worried about protecting or expanding their own power and having somebody else pay for it."

The impending cliff

While there's technically time before the funds run dry, transit agencies say they're planning next year's budgets now.

Regional Transportation Authority spokesperson Tina Fassett Smith said in a June 1 statement that agencies will move forward on evaluating their budgets based only on funding that the systems are "confident" they will receive in 2026.

Right now, those budgets collectively contain a \$771 million shortfall as federal pandemic bail out funds expire.

Both the RTA and CTA have meetings scheduled this week where talks will presumably focus on how the agencies will maintain a balanced budget in

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Help shape Chicago's famed reputation for classic dining



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"Be humble for you are made of Earth. Be noble, for you are made of stars." That Serbian proverb emphasizes the importance of balancing humility and aspiration. That balance creates a powerful synergy that promotes personal and professional success in a grounded and ethical way.

Growing up in a small family, with my mom, dad, sister and grandparents, meant that we were a very mobile family. We could be well-dressed, out the door and in the car, in a hurry. Especially if we thought some pile of relatives were making their way to visit grandma.

We also loved going out for dinner, especially on weeknights. The world was our oyster. Each of us had our favorites, as Chicago is an eatery town. Good restaurants abound. From lamb chops to BBQ ribs, to rare prosciutto slices with melon to chow mien and two-inch slabs of rare prime rib, Chicago's historic American food evolution is as familiar as a moo or an oink.

But there were certain bistros and far-flung snuggeries we treasured. We loved eating downtown where Mom was always at home. She cherished the Palmer House

Dining Room for great fillet of sole and the Walnut Room for the Field's Special Sandwich.

My dad was a true believer in the Berghoff, our family's favorite on a Saturday. There he would preside over the mixing of beers, light and dark. He loved their corned beef and cabbage. I was wedded to their roast duck while mom loved the goulash. My sister loved the schnitzel.

But our top choice on a Sunday was Jack Gibbons' Garden on 147th St. for the world's best fried chicken and platter of hash browns, (though sometimes I would break ranks and order the roast duckling).

My mother and grandmothers were not really cocktail girls, but at Gibbons' they melted at the sight of Brandy Alexanders.

Sometimes we'd travel out to the West Side to some really great classic 1950s steakhouses. My folks were always reading about new restaurants and planning an adventure for us to review them. We all had different likes and dislikes. I remember a place called Moran & Gavin's at 87th and Ashland. It was primo, especially on a weeknight. I think they had good Brandy Alexanders.

We were well-mannered restaurant eaters for as long as I can remember. My sister and I had little patience with children who acted as children. We were sophisticated. Privileged. And usually hungry. Just the right ingredients for shaping well-behaved youngins'.

That's why we were always so comfortable with our silverware and tablecloths and napkins. And I believe it's why I now gravitate towards restaurants like Piccolo Sogno, Il Girasole, Gibson's and RL, longing for the lost Chicago eateries like Don Roth's Blackhawk, the Bakery, Como Inn, Kiki's Bistro, Gordon, and heavenly Myron & Phil's where the chopped liver was as good as the steaks.

This is why I am so concerned about the hoopla rising around us, now, over the issue of tip credit. It represents a political and eatery issue that is troubling me and many of Chicago's famous res-

taurateurs, like Donnie Madia, Chef Tony Priolo and Sam Toia, president and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Assoc.

The issue raises its head now because Ald. Bennett Lawson [44th] has introduced an ordinance in the Chicago City Council that would pause the elimination of the tip credit here in the city. The "One Fair Wage" ordinance at the 32% current tip credit rate.

The original ordinance, passed in Oct. 2023, began a five-year phase-out of sub-minimum wage for tipped workers. Under current law, wages for tipped employees increase by 8% annually until parity with Chicago's general minimum wage is reached by July 1, 2028.

However growing concerns from small business owners, restaurant operators and labor data suggest this policy may unintentionally destabilize the very ecosystem it aims to improve. Without action, Chicago could face accelerated restaurant closures, job losses, reduced hours for tipped workers and higher prices for customers.

The Lawson ordinance would pause any further phase-out of the tip credit for two years, holding the tipped wage rate at the current 32% differential.

The movement to prevent an end of the use of the tip credit is both rational and intelligent.

Eliminating the tip credit is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. Tipped employees already earn minimum wage, and employers must make up the difference if tips fall short.

The phasing-out of the tip credit began on July 1, 2024. Since then the local industry has lost 5,200 jobs and more than 100 restaurants. This policy is putting Chicago jobs and restaurants at risk.

Chicago now has the chance to reverse course before more damage is done.

What can local residents do? Well, contact your Alderman to

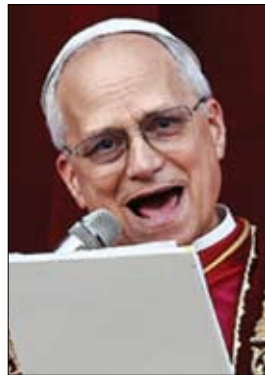
tell them to support this ordinance. They need to hear from their constituents about how the elimination of tip credit is personally impacting their businesses and the future of Chicago's restaurant industry.

You can also show up with cash in your pockets. Tip your servers in cash and stop bank and credit card companies from taking a taste of each and every tip you leave. Who doesn't love cash?

Chicago's restaurant industry is second to none in the nation. The Mayor and the Chicago City Council need to understand the financial and commercial ramifications of the total elimination of the tip credit. If restaurants continue to close, there will be no jobs.

The people still have the power. Let us shape Chicago's famed reputation for classic dining. Keep Chicago an eatery town.

POPE LEO XIV: Pope Leo XIV is set to speak to Chicagoans who will attend the special Mass



Pope Leo XIV

on June 14th at Rate Field celebrating the life-long Sox fan's election to the papacy. Cardinal Blase Cupich is arranging the event that is open to the public... Even Cub fans.

The event will include music, film, and in-person testimonials, followed by a full Catholic Mass. Pope Leo will address the crowd via a video message, specifically aimed at "the young people of the world." Tickets are on sale now at \$5 a pop. Sure to be a sellout crowd.

RESTAURANT NEWS: Illinois' legislative bill banning third-party black market reservations is just waiting for Gov. JB Pritzker's approval. It keeps bad

guys from snapping up available restaurant reservations and locking out the public.

NEWBERRY AWARD: The esteemed American historian **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, was recently honored by the presentation of the Newberry Library Award, presented by Newberry Library President and Librarian **Astrida Orle Tantilto.**



Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Newberry Library President Astrida Orle Tantilto.

The Newberry saluted him as a pre-eminent historian and host of PBS' Finding Your Roots. More than 300 guests packed the sold-out ballroom. Grateful to **Bob Dolgam** for the photo.

DANCE

MAN: Randy Duncan, a native Chicagoan, has the unique privilege to be a three-time recipient of Chicago's prestigious Ruth Page Award for Outstanding Choreographer of the year. He teaches worldwide and for the past 24 years has been on the faculty of The Chicago Academy for the Arts, where he now serves as Dance Department Chair.

But severe kidney illness causes deep concerns. The good news is that a kidney has been found for transplant. When Duncan's search for a new kidney was made public, **Rananda Davis**, moved by Duncan's commitment to the community and the arts, offered him one of her kidneys. And the transplant has been a success. Our prayers can bring both of them strength and good health. The earth really is a good place to share.

BARN BURNER: Charles Schutt is a bright writer and reflective thinker. He has combined

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Feds to the rescue, announce expansion of Project Safe Neighborhoods

Newly created zone includes Downtown, all CTA trains

While Chicago, Cook County and the State of Illinois have abandoned enforcing their criminal codes, the Federal Government has just doubled-down on trying to make life in Chicago a bit more safe.

On June 4, Andrew S. Boutros, U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, announced an expansion of Project Safe Neighborhoods [PSN]—a key component of the Dept. of Justice’s violent crime reduction strategy—to include the economic centers in downtown Chicago and the entire rail system operated by the Chicago Transit Authority, including all train lines operating in every neighborhood from every part of the city.

The PSN program is a federally funded, nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, and local law enforcement and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.

Until now, the PSN program was deployed in seven Chicago neighborhoods on the West and South sides of the city. The expansion will implement the program in parts of three police districts in downtown financial zones that represent the economic engines of the city and region, as well as on the CTA trains that bring residents and visitors to those areas from every neighborhood of Chicago and from the city’s two international airports.

The announcement represents the first time anywhere in the country that the program will be deployed on mass transit.

The PSN expansion was announced by U.S. Attorney Boutros and members of the PSN Chicago Task Force, including the

Chicago Police Department. Substantial assistance to the PSN program is provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Cook County Sheriff’s Office.

“Downtown Chicago is the capital of the region’s economy and the cultural and civic heart of the Midwest, where interstate commerce runs strong,” said Boutros. “Many billions of dollars of revenue, taxes, and investments are anchored in our city’s financial districts, and when violence and criminal activity cause our residents, businesses, and tourists not to feel safe to live, invest, and shop in Chicago, everyone suffers, whether at the federal, state, or local level.”

By investing resources in our urban economic centers and the public transit system that feeds into them, “we will help foster a downtown that is both safe and friendly to economic vitality for everyone,” he said of the Fed’s support for the downtown economic zones and the many millions of people who annually visit them, as well as the scores of businesses both large and small who serve them.

“This new investment of federal resources is critically needed to address the threat that crime—including organized retail theft, carjacking, and armed robberies—pose to the heart of Chicago’s economy and to the transportation systems that tens of thousands of Chicagoans use to travel to and from the downtown,” said Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart. For years,



In addition to all of the CTA rail lines in every neighborhood, the newly designated PSN Enforcement Zone extends from Division St. on the Near North Side, between Lake Michigan and La Salle Dr. (e.g., Magnificent Mile and Oak St. shopping corridors, Navy Pier, Loop, and Millennium Park), to I-55 between Clark St. and Lake Michigan on the Near South Side (e.g., Museum Campus and McCormick Place), and extends west to Ogden and Ashland avenues, between Grand Ave. and I-290.

the Chicago Police and Sheriff’s Office office has devoted significant resources to aggressively combat crime throughout downtown Chicago, the Magnificent Mile, and the surrounding areas, without getting much support from Cook County Courts who mostly let known criminals walk free with no bail and no real penalties.

“By combining resources and expertise, [the ATF is] proactively taking steps to disrupt violent crime in key transit and eco-

nomic areas to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors,” said ATF Chicago Special Agent-in-Charge Christopher Amon.

Originally launched in 2001, PSN is an evidence-based program that focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders, and partners with local prevention and reentry programs to pursue lasting reductions in crime. PSN follows four key design elements: focused and strategic enforcement; prevention and intervention; accountability; and community engagement. By designating the downtown economic centers and CTA trains as PSN Enforcement Zones, PSN funds can now be deployed in various ways to help reduce violent crime in those areas, including:

- Aggressively prosecuting violent offenders.
- Hiring law enforcement personnel.
- Paying certain overtime costs for law enforcement officers and others working downtown and aboard CTA trains.
- Purchasing equipment to assist with violent crime reduction efforts.
- Supporting multi-jurisdictional task forces.
- Providing training and technical assistance under the national PSN program.

The enforcement efforts in the newly designated PSN Enforcement Zones will focus on the investigation and prosecution of individuals and organized groups who engage in illegal firearm possession, drug

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May resale-home market represented a chess game



by Don DeBat

The Home Front

Chicago's North-Side home resale market resembled a hectic chess game in May as creative realty agents continued to exercise new gambits.

"Buyers' brokers rushed to be the first in line for showings, and added new incentives to their contracts in an effort to make their offer the most attractive," noted Baird & Warner broker John Irwin. "Buyers often had to make offers after seeing the home once, without a second showing."

For the second consecutive

month historically low inventory levels in May 2025 resulted in home sales decreases of -10.1% vs. May 2024, noted Irwin, co-author of the June North Side Market Analysis, with Jackie Lafferty of Baird & Warner. The analysis covers four key areas: Near North-Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center.

"The continuing decline of North-Side home inventory has resulted in some chaotic situations," Irwin said. "And, sellers' brokers continue to manage large open-house turnouts and multiple-offer contracts."

"Be sure that your broker has experience in navigating this sometimes difficult and complicated market to avoid being check-mated out of the deal," Irwin advised.

Home loan rates down slightly

One ray of sunshine on the housing market last week was

slightly lower interest rates. On June 5, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loan rates declined to 6.85% from 6.89%. A year ago, 30-year fixed-rate loans averaged 6.99%.

Here are details of the Baird & Warner North Side analysis:

- Median-home prices. May 2025 median-home prices rose a solid 8.6% compared with May 2024. Lincoln Park and North Center posted increases, while Near North and Lakeview home prices dropped. Homes priced under \$2 million rose from 1.4% to 3.6% while luxury homes priced over \$2 million dropped -4.8%.

"With record-low inventories, home prices were expected to spike," Irwin said. "However, unlike the suburbs and other large cities nationwide, Chicago prices have remained relatively low in recent years."

Despite the many multiple-offer situations in the current market, Irwin advised that sellers "should be sure that their listing price reflects the true market value of the neighborhood and property type."

Sellers who overprice their homes in an effort to take advantage of low inventory levels can still experience long market times, he noted. Some savvy sellers are deliberately pricing their homes under market value in an effort to drive up the price through multiple offers.

- Home-sales slide. Unit sales plummeted a whopping -10.1% to 655 homes in May 2025 from

729 units in May 2024. Three of the four neighborhoods reported decreases and only Lincoln Park had an increase (+4.1%). Homes priced under \$1 million posted decreases while luxury homes priced over \$1 million reported increases.

- Homes under contract. A total of 666 homes went under contract in May 2025—a 4% increase vs. May 2024. Lakeview and North Center reported increases, while Lincoln Park reported the only decrease at -3.5%. There was no change on the Near North Side and Gold Coast.

Homes priced over \$2 million, and those priced between \$500,000 and \$1 million reported increases, while homes priced under \$500,000 had decreases. There was no change in luxury homes priced over \$2 million.

"Homes that went under contract in May will probably close in June giving us an indication of next month's home sales activity," said Irwin.

- New listings. There were 1,068 new listings in May 2025, which represented a -16.9% decrease vs. May 2024. All four neighborhoods surveyed reported decreases ranging from -11.7% to -26.3%.

"When looking at May 2025 new listings by price point, all four neighborhoods reported price-point decreases from ranging from -5.1% to -24.3%

- Homes listed for sale. May 2025 inventories decreased 21.8% vs. May of 2024. All four neighborhoods reported decreases from ranging from -21.1% to -25.0%.

All four price points reported decreases from -9.0% in homes priced under \$500,000 to a whopping -48.1% for luxury homes priced over \$2 million.

- Months of inventory supply. In May 2025, months of inventory supply (MSI) for the four neighborhoods dropped 26.7% to 2.2 MSI.

The Near North Side which traditionally has the highest MSI, dropped 23.6% to 4.2 MSI. The other three neighborhoods have a months of inventory supply between 1.4 MSI and 1.8 MSI.

"It should be noted that 6.0 MSI to 7.0 MSI is considered the dividing line between a buyer's market and a seller's market. Current MSI are historically low," Irwin noted.

- Crystal-ball gazing. "The current turmoil at the national and local levels of government makes it impossible to predict with certainty how our local real estate business will be affected," Irwin said.

"One thing is certain—the market needs a major influx of inventory," Irwin said. "But many homeowners are still reluctant to let go of their current 2%-plus to 3%-plus interest-rate loans on their current homes. Political and economic uncertainty along with perceived, or actual rising crime rates are also keeping sellers on the sidelines."

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State boosts landlord protections against squatters

Last week Illinois lawmakers passed an amendment to the state's code of civil procedure to make it easier for police to remove squatters off of a property. The amendment allows landlords to bypass an official eviction case.

Senate Bill 1563 has now passed both houses in Springfield and is awaiting the governor's signature.

As a landlord in Illinois and Chicago, it's always a good idea to get familiar with squatter's rights to prevent someone else

from claiming ownership of your property. Squatters are individuals who do not own or rent a property but live there anyway. In many cities across the U.S., squatting is becoming a worse problem often due to progressive policies favoring squatters and tenants over landlords.

Not only is squatting legal in Illinois, but squatters also have their own set of rights. Formerly, Illinois law required landlords to go through eviction court to remove squatters, which was ex-

pensive and time-consuming.

The new amendment differentiates between tenants and squatters, hoping to crack down on squatters, and makes it easier for police to remove squatters, bypassing lengthy eviction processes. The proposal was filed by Sen. Lakesia Collins and is supported by Illinois Realtors and Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance [IRNBOA].

Prior to the new ordinance, Illinois law prevented police from removing squatters from homes and required landlords to instead handle such situations through eviction court. Squatters rights became an issue this year when a man on the South Side moved in with the squatters occupying his property in an attempt to convince them to leave his property. When faced with minimal legal recourse under state law, he eventually paid the squatters over \$4,000 to vacate the property.

The bill is similar to one passed last year in Florida, which also allows police to remove illegal squatters. The Florida legislation takes enforcement a step further with steep penalties for squatters. Those who unlawfully occupy or trespass and cause \$1,000 or more in damages face second-degree felony charges. And anyone who knowingly advertises a residential property for sale or rent without the authority to do so will face a first-degree felony charge.

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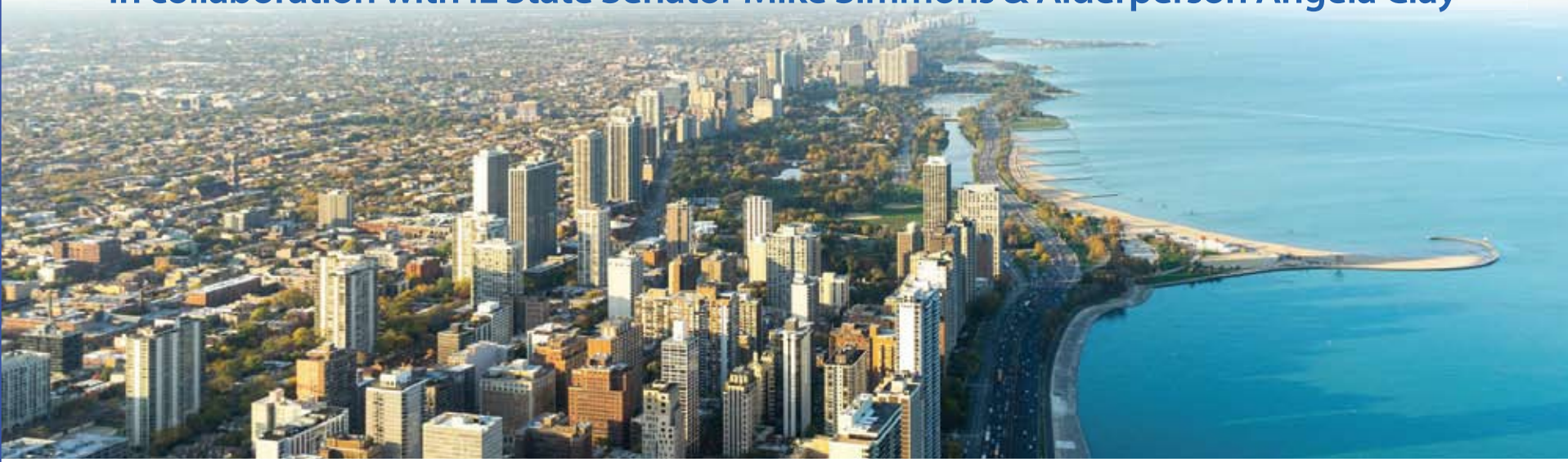
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In advance of the 2026 budget season, the City is hosting a series of engagement roundtables, one of which will be on the North Side. This is an opportunity for taxpayers to learn more about what spending to expect in the coming year and provide input on what they believe should and should not be prioritized in the next budget. Doors will open one hour before each forum for a City Resource Fair, where representatives from City departments and sister agencies will be available to answer questions and provide information about City services and programs. The North Side event will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June

28, at Harry S. Truman College 1145 W. Wilson Ave. To register for the roundtable visit <https://cloud.citynews.chicago.gov/2026-budget-roundtable-north>. Each budget roundtable will also be livestreamed on the City of Chicago's social media channels for those who wish to participate virtually.

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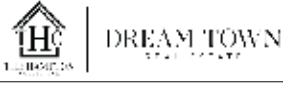
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Test 'em again

I'm writing in regard to Thomas L. O'Gorman's [May 28] article "Everyone Need To Follow The Rules of The Road." I agree!

As O'Gorman points out, most people tend to forget what they learned in Driver's Ed and could use refreshers over the years. When you think about it, it's pretty crazy that we take a driver's test once when we're 16 and that's just... it!

All other operators of heavy equipment (I call cars-which weigh thousands of pounds and are capable of going over 100 mph-"heavy equipment") are required to periodically renew their certifications and skills, and rightly so. Rules, regulations, and technology change over time, and of course our bodies and minds do too.

It's expected that a forklift, bulldozer, or tower crane operator must meet certain criteria to safely sit at the controls with which they're entrusted. Even non-equipment-based jobs re-

quire periodic recertification as knowledge and technology evolve. Imagine if you found out your plumber wasn't up-to-date on their license, or your doctor, for that matter.

O'Gorman, who in his own example last took a driver's test when "Lyndon B. Johnson was the president," makes an excellent point that we could all probably use a refresher on the rules. I think a periodic Driver's Ed re-test makes a lot of sense, and may go a long way towards addressing some of the dangerous driver behavior we see on Chicago's streets every day, not to mention the 40,000 Americans who are killed by cars every year.

Thank you for sounding the call to end our insane "one-and-done" drivers licensing rules, and let's begin treating operating a motor vehicle like the privilege and responsibility that it is.

Eddie Lehwald
Logan Square

I miss Treasure Island

Like my Old Town neighbors, I miss Treasure Island, but I'm glad Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] approved the Fern Hill project.

The Walgreens store that's coming down may be Stanley Tigerman's least appealing structure. Worse than undistinguished, it's a safety hazard with no windows along its entire North Ave. facade. And the service parking lot at North and LaSalle is surely not the highest and best use of this property.

With all the challenges Chicago faces, it's nice to see a developer with confidence to build in Old Town. I say let's welcome our new neighbors—and hope Fern Hill is successful at bringing in a grocery store.

Paul Kuhn
Old Town

We have a spending problem

The City of Chicago budget is \$6 billion more today than it was five years ago, before the government-imposed COVID economic lockdown. Does anyone feel like we're getting \$6 billion more of City services?

Mayor Brandon Johnson and his "little friends," Aldermen Andre Vasquez [40th] and Matt Martin [47th], want to give away your tax money. Yes, your money.

Because there isn't any sales tax revenue coming in through the many closed storefronts on Boul Mich, Broadway, Clark St. or Lincoln Ave., while attendance is down at conventions. We're not filling hotel rooms, restaurant tables or theater seats in this crime-infested city.

And we're wasting money on stupid stuff that makes Chicago economically disadvantaged, like taking away customer parking for bus and bike-only lanes and street plazas.

Every time a parking spot is no longer a parking spot, we, the taxpayers, have to reimburse the parking meter company an average of five hundred thousand dollars each. Each meter is valued based on its "utilization rate," it's in the contract.

So, as Belle Plaine Ave., and Ainslie St. are turned into plazas, buying back those parking spots cost taxpayers million of dollars. And when Catalpa is closed down for an arts plaza, it will also cost taxpayers many more millions of dollars. When the parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave. was gifted to out-of-town "friends" of Matt Martin, it ended up costing taxpayers \$24 million.

Who wants to guess how many hundreds of millions it's going to cost taxpayers to buy back all the metered spots on Western Ave., for 48 miles, from 119th St. north to Howard St. and back south for the Aldermen's proposed bus-only lane?

Yes, Chicago does have a spending problem. I just wish Johnson, Vasquez and Martin would spend their own money instead of ours.

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Tuesday, June 10



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Saturday, June 21- Sunday, June 22 10am-5pm Daily



MUFASA: LION KING Movie in the Park

A prequel that explores the early life of the iconic Lion King, Mufasa, as he transforms from an orphaned cub into a beloved leader Wednesday, June 25 8:15 pm or Dusk

JULY



Wellness Walks Presented by Chicago Parks Foundation Wellness Walk led by Northwestern medical students July 7, 14, 21, 28 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm



THE FALL GUY Movie in the Park

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Join the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago in some laid-back art activities.

Thursday, July 24, 11am - 1pm



Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

Get moving with fun, rhythmic dances to classic tunes in this free, energizing session for all bodies and abilities. No experience needed—just come ready to groove!

Thursday, July 29, 1pm



Eli's Cheesecake

Celebrate National Cheesecake Day with a free slice of cheesecake! (while supplies last) Wednesday, July 30, 12pm



Grant Park Music Festival Fellows Quartet at Lake Shore

The Grant Park Music Festival offers free, family-friendly concerts in neighborhoods as part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks, featuring performances by Festival artists.

Thursday, July 31, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

AUGUST



Wellness Walks Presented by Chicago Parks Foundation Wellness Walk led by Northwestern medical students August 5, 12, 19, 26 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm



WICKED Movie in the Park

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Monday, August 4 8:15 pm or Dusk



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Lookingglass Theatre's Ice Cream Circus Nights Out in the Park

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Tuesday, August 19, 5pm-7pm



CASABLANCA Movie in the Park

Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), who owns a nightclub in Casablanca, discovers his old flame Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman) is in town with her husband, Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid). Laszlo is a famed rebel, and with Germans on his tail, Ilsa knows Rick can help them get out of the country.

Wednesday, August 20 8:15 pm or Dusk

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Police Beat...

Court docs show Loop shooter ‘wanted people to know he had a firearm without saying it’

A man involved in a bizarre gunfire incident near the Chicago Theatre two weeks ago allegedly told investigators he fired his weapon to alert people to his possession of a firearm without explicitly stating it. Remarkably, court records indicate he was licensed to own firearms in Illinois—at least until this incident occurred.



Rayvon Savary Around 8:30 a.m. May 26, Rayvon Savary walked along the Red Line CTA tracks at State-Lake and entered a restricted air vent shaft, according to a Chicago Police Dept. report. The shaft’s opening is a large grate in the sidewalk just north of the theater, in front of a Chick-fil-A restaurant.

While inside the shaft, Savary, 24, allegedly fired upward through the grate at three passersby and then fired a second time, the report stated. Two of the individuals above, men aged 30 and 48, contacted the police.

CPD officers located Savary inside the vent shaft, where he initially refused to exit, according to the report. After securing him, they recovered a 9mm handgun from his rear waistband. It was jammed.

Judge Susana Ortiz ordered Savary detained on charges of aggravated discharge of a firearm and aggravated unlawful possession of a weapon.

Ortiz noted that Savary possessed a Firearm Owner’s ID card and he decided to go into the CTA shaft “because he ‘wanted people to know he had a firearm without saying it.’”

Burglar broke into 13 cars in the Loop overnight

A burglar smashed his way into at least 13 vehicles in parking garages in the Loop June 6 and 7, according to a new community alert from Chicago police.

CPD said the man is targeting cars inside residential garages and public parking facilities. He used an object to break side windows on the cars and, in many cases, stole items from inside the vehicles.

The man broke into seven cars inside a garage in the 600 block of S. La Salle at 11:19 p.m. Friday, police said. Around 2:20 a.m., he targeted five vehicles inside a garage in the 800 block of S. Wells and another vehicle inside a garage in the 100 block of W. 9th Street.

Police said witnesses saw the burglar escape in a gray Lexus sedan with Ontario, Canada, license plates. He is Black and wore a black hoodie, gray sweatpants, and black and gray Jordan gym shoes, according to CPD.

Anyone with information about the burglar is encouraged to contact detectives at 312-744-8263. Refer to crime pattern #P25-3-026.

Lakeview bank robber spent proceeds on cab fare home and drugs

A man faces federal bank robbery charges after allegedly taking a cab to and from a Lakeview bank he robbed, using part of the proceeds to pay his fare. The remainder, he reportedly told investigators, was spent on drugs.

Just after 11 a.m. May 29, a white taxi stopped at Fifth Third Bank, 3601 N. Broadway, and a man stepped out of the back seat. He entered the bank, lowered the white COVID mask he was wearing, and spoke to the teller.

“I’m here to rob you,” the teller recalled him saying. “I have a gun. I’ll shoot. I want everything.”

The teller handed over approximately \$420, and the man returned to the cab.

Fortunately for the police and FBI agents who arrived soon after, the incident was captured on video.

Investigators visited the cab company, spoke with the driver, and learned he had driven the suspect to a motel near 76th Street and Cottage Grove, according to a federal criminal complaint.

After reviewing the motel’s surveillance footage, officers knocked on Room 108 and encountered Theodore Nelson, who closely resembled the bank robber in appearance and clothing. They arrested him.

According to the complaint, Nelson admitted to robbing the bank but claimed he apologized to the teller, stating he needed money because he was homeless.

Nelson allegedly told an FBI agent that he obtained about \$420 from the bank, which he spent on taxi fare, drugs, and a motel room rented for a drug dealer.

Driver shot during road rage confrontation in Streeterville

Police say a road rage altercation ended with a man shot on Lake Shore Dr. in Streeterville June 3.

A 32-year-old man told Chicago police he was driving south in the 700 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. around 11:27 a.m. when he got into a confrontation with a man driving a black Jaguar SUV. The Jaguar’s driver pulled alongside the victim’s car and opened fire, police said. A bullet struck the victim in the elbow.

The victim called 911 while heading toward Insight Hospital but stopped to meet police in the 1500 block of S. Wabash Ave. He was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition, according to CPD.

The gunman remains at large. Witnesses along the lakefront reported hearing approximately three gunshots around 11:30 a.m., corroborating the victim’s account.

So far this year, 11 people have been shot on the Near North Side. That’s up from nine at this point last year.

Man stabbed, critically injured during fight between two groups in Streeterville

A confrontation between two groups in Streeterville June 3 left a man stabbed and critically injured.

The groups crossed paths in the 200 block of E. Illinois around 1:35 a.m., Chicago police said. An argument ensued, escalating when a man pulled out a sharp object and damaged a car belonging to a woman in the other group, according to CPD.

The assailant then stabbed a 20-

year-old man in the lower abdomen. The victim walked into Northwestern Memorial Hospital minutes later and was reported in critical condition, police said.

The suspect fled the scene. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Man shot in Albany Park

An 18-year-old man is recovering after another man shot him in Albany Park on June 5.

The victim and his friend were in the 3300 block of W. Ainslie when the gunman opened fire around 5:56 p.m., officials said. EMS transported the victim to St. Francis Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition with a gunshot wound to the chest.

Witnesses described the shooter as a young Hispanic male wearing a green jacket or sweater and jeans. Accounts varied, with some witnesses reporting he fled south on Spaulding Avenue, while others believed he went north.

Security guard fires shot after being struck by hit-and-run driver near Wrigley Field

A private security guard fired a shot after being struck by a hit-and-run driver near Wrigley Field June 8, according to Chicago police. No injuries resulted from the gunfire, but the security guard was hospitalized.

The incident began when CPD officers attempted to stop a light-colored SUV for speeding in the 3500 block of N. Clark St. around 2:15 a.m., according to a police spokesperson. A 34-year-old armed security guard was trying to assist the police with the traffic stop when the driver struck the guard with the vehicle, the spokesperson said.

The guard drew his weapon and fired a single shot, according to CPD.

Police reported that the SUV, driven by a male, was last seen heading north on Clark Street.

The Chicago Fire Dept. transported the security guard to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he was listed in fair condition with injuries to his shoulder and shin, the spokesperson added.

Driver barreled through residential intersection at 67 mph, causing crash that killed 14-year-old

A suburban man was driving 67 mph in a residential area when he ran a stop sign and struck another car, killing a 14-year-old boy in the other vehicle, prosecutors said this week. William Andrade, 26, of Rolling Meadows,



is charged with reckless homicide in connection with the Jan. 30, crash at the intersection of Albany and Rosemont in West Rogers Park. Shortly after midnight, Andrade began driving home from work at a nearby fast-food restaurant with a co-worker in the passenger seat, Assistant State’s Attorney Mike Pekara said in a written proffer.

The co-worker later recalled that Andrade slowed his Ford Fiesta but then suddenly accelerated toward the intersection and did not slow down for the stop sign at Rosemont, Pekara said. His car slammed into the passenger side of an SUV that was crossing the intersection.

The SUV spun from the force of the impact and landed on its passenger side on a nearby sidewalk.

Data extracted from the vehicles allegedly showed that the SUV was traveling at about 14 mph at the time of impact, while Andrade was traveling at 67 mph. The SUV’s driver applied the brakes a half-second before impact, but Andrade never touched his brakes before the collision, according to Pekara.

Daniel Dadako, a 14-year-old boy riding in the SUV’s back seat, suffered



Edmond Harris, inset, and an image from the Willis Tower carjacking video. Courtesy Chicago Police Dept.; obtained by CWBChicago

Feds may pursue death penalty in Uber driver murder, carjacking case

Federal prosecutors may pursue the death penalty for a man accused of killing an Uber driver during a weeks-long violent crime spree that also included an armed carjacking outside the Willis Tower.

Edmond Harris, 22, has been in federal custody for four years since being charged with the March 23, 2021, murder of Javier Ramos during a carjacking in Lawndale.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Mary Rowland extended deadlines in the case after learning that the Dept. of Justice is reconsidering its previous decision not to seek the death penalty for Harris, according to court records.

Rowland noted she had “never known” the government to reconsider such a decision without new facts becoming known in a case. She postponed a hearing scheduled for last week to August, allowing the government to review the death penalty option “on an expedited basis.”

Around 3:40 a.m. on the day of the murder, 46-year-old Ramos was shot

in the head and killed by a passenger he had dropped off in the 3700 block of W. Douglas Boulevard, according to police. The killer then fled in Ramos’s Lexus GS.

The murder occurred about three blocks from where Harris had been arrested five weeks earlier after allegedly crashing a hijacked SUV containing surgical gloves and a ski mask. The murder scene was also less than 500 feet from Harris’s home.

In June 2021, federal prosecutors charged Harris with murdering Ramos. Then they charged him with carjacking another rideshare driver outside Willis Tower.

The Loop carjacking was captured on video and police linked the hijackers to a string of violent crimes, including shootings, restaurant robberies, and other carjackings across the city and suburbs. The men also bettered and robbed a pedestrian in the Loop.

serious injuries and died two days later at Lurie Children’s Hospital, Pekara said. The SUV’s driver sustained a fractured rib and leg injury, while the front-seat passenger suffered a fractured knee.

Chicago police officers found Andrade standing next to his vehicle at the crash scene. Pekara said Andrade “made admissions to driving, speeding, and not stopping at the stop sign.”

Pekara noted that Andrade received three citations for speeding 15 to 25 mph over the limit in 2020, which led to his license being suspended. He was also involved in another collision causing personal injury last year, the prosecutor said.

Judge Ankur Srivastava denied a detention petition filed against Andrade. Instead, the judge ordered Andrade to wear an ankle monitor and remain under house arrest 24 hours a day.

Bowmanville burglary

Police report a recent business burglary in the Bowmanville neighborhood. In the incident took place in the 5400 block of N. Damen Ave., May 21, between 2:45 a.m. and 3:20 a.m.

The two offenders were dressed in all black; video surveillance shows them to have light skin and dark hair. They arrive in a small red crossover SUV with a distinctive black front left (driver’s side) quarter panel. They made unlawful entry into the business and removed proceeds.

After the incident, they left driving southbound on Damen Ave. towards Foster Ave.

Anyone with information on the crime may contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263, or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference #JJ263073.

Six years for robber who put knife to victims’ throats in River North

A South Side man who allegedly robbed and placed a knife to the throats of two people in River North last January received a six-year sentence yesterday.

At about 4:45 p.m. Jan. 13, 2024, a 27-year-old man reported to police

that an assailant approached him from behind and held a knife to his throat in the 300 block of N. LaSalle St. The robber demanded his property, fleeing with a phone, wallet, and backpack containing a laptop and a Canada Goose jacket.

Police tracked the victim’s phone and located the stolen items behind a Chicago Fire Dept. station at Dearborn and Hubbard streets, but the



Jerry Mufid robber was not there. Shortly thereafter, a 32-year-old man called 911, reporting that someone had held a knife to his throat and robbed him while threatening to kill him near State and Grand, not far from the fire station.

Officers staked out the area where the first victim’s property was found, suspecting the robber might return. They detained Jerry Mufid, also known as Jerry Mufareh, when he appeared behind the fire station moments later.

Mufid, 21, pleaded guilty yesterday to two counts of armed robbery before Judge Michael Hood and received concurrent six-year sentences.

Additionally, Mufid pleaded guilty last month to an unrelated identity theft case, where he was accused of using another man’s credit card at an outlet mall in Rosemont. He received a one-year sentence for that case.

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City suffers three ratings downgrades, as budget crises form

Aldermanic tempers boil as borrowing costs climb

BY BOB ZULEY

If Chicago didn't have bad financial news, they'd have no news at all. As ever, Chicago's political leadership continues to build a Potemkin Village around what's hard to hide anymore now that three credit rating agencies have downgraded Chicago's debt.

At the heated June 3 City Council Committee on Finance meeting, during discussion of a resolution on the impacts of the recent credit rating agency downgrades, tempers rose at the meeting when some aldermen began accusing Stu Loren, an expert witness from the 32nd ward, of being conflicted and not having expertise to testify, according to a statement from Ald. Scott Waguespack, [32nd], who was

himself the City's Finance Committee Chairman under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

"To avoid future credit downgrades and skyrocketing debt costs in the face of uncertain economic conditions, the City must engage in a serious discussion about controlling the City's soaring pension costs, spiraling personnel costs, massive debt load, and structural budget deficit," stated the resolution issued by the committee.

Recent downgrades include the Kroll Bond Rating Agency downgrade of the city GO bonds as a result of the city's "reliance on non-recurring revenues rather than structural expenditure adjustments to resolve budgetary shortfalls."

They're likely referring to the city's current addiction to COVID bailout money that is coming to an end, and the Mayor's pilfering

of Tax Increment Financing cash to make ends meet.

The second downgrade by Fitch dropped the general obligation bonds for housing, economic development and infrastructure projects due to a "lack of substantial progress procuring permanent and high impact solutions" in our budgets.

That the city finds a way to pay over \$800,000 now for \$150,000 affordable housing units may be partly to blame.

The third recent downgrade by Standard and Poor's was due to failing to address the persistent structural imbalance, likely through some combination of cost-cutting and new revenue over a multi-year period." Mayor Johnson's administration claimed the downgrades were due to factors other than any financial policies

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Rental aid shrinks as evictions pile up

Funding for eviction help falls to \$50M; Chicago rent ranks 4th fastest-growing nationally

BY THEREALDEAL.COM

Illinois is scaling back its flagship rental assistance program, with funding for the next fiscal year cut by a third, just as eviction filings are rising and rent growth shows no signs of slowing.

The state's court-based rental assistance initiative, launched with \$75 million in the 2025 fiscal year, will receive only \$50 million in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, reports the Chicago Tribune. The maximum aid for eligible tenants will also be reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000, although the amount set aside for court costs will increase slightly, to \$700.

The program is part of Illinois' broader "Home Illinois" budget, which also took a \$26.6 million

hit this year amid widespread systemic financial troubles in Chicago and Illinois. State officials cited fiscal constraints and federal austerity due to the end of the Federal pandemic bail out as key reasons behind the rollback.

Even so, housing officials insist the program remains viable.

Kristin Faust, executive director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, told the Tribune that the state expects to assist about 6,500 households next year, down from roughly 8,000 in the current cycle. The program stopped accepting applications last week.

Tenants qualify if they're facing eviction due to nonpayment and earn less than 80% of area median income. For Chicago, that means an annual income of \$89,700 or less for a family of four. Citizenship is not a requirement, but renters must have an active eviction case and must not have received assistance in the

last 18 months.

Funds can be used for past-due rent, court costs and two months of future rent, unless a landlord refuses to participate, in which case the state may cover two months at a new unit instead.

The reduced funding comes as Cook County eviction filings continue to track near pre-pandemic levels. Through April, roughly 8,280 residential evictions had been filed. Enforced evictions have also returned to 2019 levels, especially on the city's South and West Sides.

Meanwhile, Chicago's rent growth ranked fourth-fastest among major U.S. cities in May, according to Apartment List. Rents jumped two-percent month-over-month, well above the national average of 0.4%.

Housing advocates warn the shrinking aid pool could undermine progress on preventing homelessness.

Night Out in the Parks underway

Dance and musical performances are coming to neighborhood parks this summer. The 13th Annual Night Out in the Parks series is happening in each of Chicago's 77 community areas. And, all events are free of charge.

The Chicago Park District offers a 'Text to Subscribe' feature for park patrons to get details about Night Out in the Parks events sent directly to their phones. Individuals may sign up by texting the words 'Night Out' to 833-270-0707.

Launched in the summer of 2013, Night Out in the Parks brings arts performances, including theater, dance, and live music to neighborhood parks across

the city, providing residents with access to unique cultural opportunities. Neighborhood park events foster an appreciation for the arts and parks among diverse audiences and continue to create safe spaces for entertainment and educational experiences to thrive throughout the year.

Movies in the Parks returns once again to parks every Tuesday through Saturday, citywide. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/movies-parks.

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those attributes in his deeply moving and tasteful autobiography, “A True Story of a Catholic Priest: - Why I Got In - Why I Got Out - And What I Learned Through It All,” that tells the story of growing up, adventurous, creative, musical and funny. First was his journey to the Catholic priesthood in Chicago, and then transition to a successful business career. It’s the story of faith, compassion, maturing and being relevant. Available at the Unabridged Bookstore in Lakeview.

HOOP CHAMPS: Ten years ago neighbors of Dyett High School on 555 W. 55th St. in Washington Park staged a 34-day hunger strike to prevent the school from closing. Today, the school not only is open, but has been transformed into an Arts Academy with high ideals for its graduates. Six of this year’s seniors will not only be attending college, but they will be playing basketball, including members of its first state champion basketball team. **Rickey Coleman** will play next season at Illinois Central College, **Devon Shelton** at Lake Michigan College and **Matthew “Ray” Wilson** at Judson Univ. **Cornell Dunbar** and **Aramis Brown Jr.** are still choosing between local two-year colleges.

RIP: Inge Himmel left us June 1, she was a beloved member of Chicago’s German community. Inge was a steady and caring presence, known for her warmth, generosity, and unwavering dedication to German heritage and culture. As a longtime supporter of the German-American Day celebrations and cultural initiatives in Lincoln Square, she played a vital role in strengthening shared traditions. Her spirit and contributions will not be forgotten. Born in 1936 in Munich Germany, she was raised by a single mother of five. Inge was only three years old when the war began and nine when it ended. When she was five the nazis took her mother because she was suspected of helping the Jews, which left her and her siblings, all under the age of 10, to fend for themselves.

During this time, it took days to



Rickey Coleman, Rickey Coleman, Matthew “Ray” Wilson, Cornell Dunbar and Aramis Brown Jr.



Randy Duncan



Joey Majumdar

dig out a tunnel to the surface after the Allied bombings. Starving and begging for food from neighbors, with nothing but rubble and piles of dead bodies. When the day came that neighbors didn’t even have a spare potato for them, the police took them to separate orphanages. There were many children in the same circumstances. It was in that orphanage that Inge contracted scarlet fever, which plagued her with health problems for her entire life. When the war ended, her mother walked to each of the four orphanages to collect her children.

At 17 she met **Erich Himmel** in Munich at a dance, and they soon married. By 1958 the young couple left Germany for the promised land



Inge Himmel

of opportunity, America. Services for Inge were held Monday at Queen of Angels Church.

PAROLE FOR A KILLER: Thanks to **President Donald Trump** for commuting Chicagoan **Larry Hoover’s** life behind bars. Larry’s one of the founding members of Chicago’s most vicious street gangs, The Gangster Disciples. Larry has been in prison since the early 1970s. Tried and convicted of countless murders and ordering the elimination of a vast array of rival gang members and drug overlords.

Larry was as big as you get. He was no low man on the totem pole. He was the Donald Trump of murder and other vicious enterprises, all of which carry long prison terms. He received a dra-

matic trial and was found guilty in 1997.

This writer knew Larry from my early days working on the West Side. He was fierce, brutal, unrepentant and someone I thought would never leave prison on his own two feet.

Somehow he has found the right passage into President Trump’s felonious sense of justice. It’s bewildering. Frightful. Impactful. And outside the context of justice. But I’d sooner see Larry on the street than Donald Trump plotting revenge across America. Now I just discovered that there’s one murder for which Larry must continue incarceration on a State of Illinois murder conviction. He’s not out yet. The decision now lays at the feet of our governor.

MOTHER GOOSE: Chicago Children’s Theatre is about to turn 20. To celebrate, the company’s next season will showcase a fond look back at some of its favorite live theater experiences for families over the past two decades. In addition, internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and activist **Natalie Merchant**, in partnership with CCT and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will debut “Cabinet of Wonder,” a delightful introduction to the traditional nursery rhymes by Mother Goose.

LAKESIDE LOYOLA BEACH: A Far North Side beach-front eatery has reopened for the summer. Blue Jay Cafe, 1230 W.

Greenleaf Ave. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through the season, which typically ends around Labor Day weekend. Rogers Park resident **Jessica Marasa** took over the beach house’s lease when it ended.

WHO’S WHERE: Sculptor **John David Mooney** opened a remarkable art exhibition of Ukrainian artist **Nina Murashkina** at his foundation on Kinzie St... **Christopher Bielfeldt**, a 26-year veteran, has been named the new Commander of the 18th Police District that covers much of the 43rd, 44th and 46th Wards... **Ida Nelson** went from selling homemade ice cream out of her car to being the exclusive ice cream vendor for McCormick Place, and now is opening an ice cream shop on Roosevelt Rd... Longtime Expo Chicago director **Tony Karman** is stepping down after a brilliant career, that’s a shocker... Yes, that was artist **Cindy Prokop** late-lunching on guacamole and fish tacos at Big Star on Damen... Account Executive **Skylar Fitzpatrick** had a two-day extravaganza of music with Turnover at the Aragon Ballroom on Lawrence Ave... Congrats to Cincinnati Art Museum appointing **Julie Ribits** as Head Conservator... **Sherrill Bodine** and **Debi Catenacci** have arrived in Boston, closer to home by the day... Who knew Chicago’s finest lasagna could be the creation of Chicago Film Festival impresario **Michael Kutza**... Filmmaker **Joey Majumdar** has returned from a very busy Cannes Film Festival with the promise of photos, gossip and lots of sleep.

QUICK EDIT: The Old Town School of Folk Music appointed senior director of education, **Troy**

Anderson, as its new director and chief executive officer, late last year replacing former Ravinia Festival chief executive officer **Welz Kauffman**, who left the school after less than two months on the job. Only two months? My that was quick.

NEW NEWS: **Barb Bailey** opened up 38 more seats for her show at The Den Theatre, Wednesday, June 18. At \$40, all fabulous seats.

ZOO GROWLS: Lincoln Park Zoo’s premier philanthropy event returns on Friday, July 11 as the Women’s Board hosts Zoo Ball: “The Serpentine Soirée.” This year’s gala is inspired by the African rock python and highlights the zoo’s commitment to protecting reptiles and other wildlife from trafficking.

INTUIT ART MUSEUM: Intuit Art Museum, 756 N. Milwaukee Ave., has reopened after a \$10 million revamp. Dedicated to self-taught artists, the West Town museum has tripled its gallery space, built community areas and added accessible upgrades, among other changes. The museum “is a perfect place for people to come together, see art that reflects their lived experiences, the experiences of the artists, and have dialogue,” said Intuit President and CEO **Debra Kerr**.

NO MORE TIES: Don’t forget, Sunday June 15 is Father’s Day. You mean more to him then you may think. Do something nice.

She did not stand alone, but what stood behind her, the most potent moral force in her life, was the love of her father.

— *Harper Lee*

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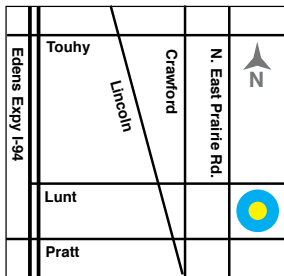
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The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources [IDNR] has set June 13 through 16 as Illinois free fishing days for 2025. During these four days, anglers can fish without purchasing a fishing license, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp in Illinois.

The goal is for non-anglers to discover or rediscover the fun of fishing and to introduce children to the activity.

With 13 stocked park lagoons, a number of ponds, a reviving Chicago River, 22 miles of shoreline along Lake Michigan, and access in nine harbors and along the north side of Navy Pier, Chicago offers many opportunities for year-round fishing. The types of fish to pursue are varied: Coho and Chinook salmon, Steelhead Rainbow and Brown Trout, Yellow Perch, Smallmouth, Largemouth and Rock Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Sheepshead, Carp and Channel Catfish.

Some of the fishing locations on the North Side that have easy access include Montrose Harbor, Navy Pier, the Lincoln Park Lagoon, and Chicago River Park.

Montrose Harbor is known for its calm waters and breakwaters, and it is a popular spot for both casual and serious anglers. It's a great place to catch perch, salmon, and steelhead.

The north side of Navy Pier is particularly well-known for perch catches. It's also a great spot for families with young children due to the multiple distractions at the pier and high population of perch.

Northerly Island Park has many fishing spots at 1521 S. Linn White Dr. It is a 119.7-acre park situated along the Lake Michigan shoreline on Chicago's Museum Campus.

Pier fishing is also available at Rogers Beach Park Pier, 7705 N. Eastlake Terrace; Farwell Ave. Pier, 900 W. Farwell Ave.; Foster Ave. Pier, 5200 N. Lake Shore



Montrose Harbor is known for its calm waters and breakwaters, but it's hard to fish without bait, so visit Park Bait Company at Montrose Harbor. *Images courtesy Park Bait Shop*



Dr., and North Avenue Pier, 1600 N. Lake Shore Dr.

The Lincoln Park Rowing Lagoon offers a variety of fishing opportunities, with both lakefront access and several lagoons and inland ponds. It's a good spot for those looking to target different species.

Chicago River Park is located where the two channels of the Chicago River converge. This park is known for its diverse fish population, including crappie, carp, catfish, and bass. The area below where the river channels come together is a particularly productive fishing spot.

Other river fishing spots include the River Walk (Lake Shore Dr. and the River Lake Street Bridge); Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell Ave.; The Jetty on Wacker Dr., between Wells and Franklin, and River Park at 3000 W. Argyle Ave. Another new spot on the fishing radar now is West Ridge Lagoon at 5801 N. Western Ave.

And remember, it's hard to fish without bait, so visit Park Bait Company, 600 W.

Montrose Ave., (773-271-2838). The shop has quite a local fishing history.

William 'Willie' Greene went to Montrose Harbor as a 10-year-old boy in 1937, where fisherman fished from sunrise to sunset. Some of the old timers took little Willie under their wing, and after World War II, a local fisherman lent Greene the money to take over the local bait shop... and the rest is history. Willie passed in 2012 but his daughter now oversees the Park Bait Shop.

Groups and organizations that need fishing equipment and educational materials can call 866-716-6550, 217-782-6302, or visit the IDNR at <https://www.exploremore-il.com/>, and the IDNR will furnish materials.

Outside of the free fishing days, Illinois requires anyone over the age of 16 to have a fishing license to fish. Standard fishing licenses can be purchased for \$15 at vendors throughout Illinois.

The mighty postage stamp tells its story June 13



Postage stamps are the focus of an exhibit opening Friday, June 13, at August House Studio, 2113 W. Roscoe St.

"The Small, but Mighty Postage Stamp" is an exhibit opening at 6 p.m. Friday, June 13, at August House Studio, 2113 W. Roscoe St., where dozens of local artists re-interpret the image from a vintage postage stamp of their choosing.

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ASSESSMENTS FOR 2025

This publication constitutes official notice of the changes in assessment to all owners of real property in Rogers Park Township. The 2025 assessment changes as published herein are those determined by the Assessor of Cook County.

It is the duty of the Assessor to appraise all taxable real property in Cook County at its fair cash value as of January 1, 2025. Fair cash value is described as what the property would bring at a voluntary sale in the normal course of business or trade. The Assessor is required by law to assess said property in a fair and just manner.

The Assessor does not determine property taxes. Property taxes are determined by the spending needs and requests of municipalities, school boards, park districts and other local government agencies which provide public services to property owners. The Assessor's sole responsibility is to estimate the value of real estate property.

In Cook County, real property is classified according to its use. The classification system is used to determine the percentage of the fair cash value at which the real property is assessed for purposes of taxation. Accordingly, real property is assessed at only a fraction of its fair cash value, depending on its use and classification.

Changes in assessment for land and improvements are listed separately. The dimensions of the land are also listed:

A - Acres

B - Back Lot

N - Irregular Lot

S - Square Feet

Cook County uses a Permanent Index Number (P.I.N) system as a means to identify individual real estate parcels. The PIN consists of a 14-digit number. The first two digits identify the area or survey township; the second two digits identify the sub-area or section; the next three digits identify blocks.

Note:

Blocks are defined as follows:

Blocks 100 to 199 are located in the N.W. Quarter

Blocks 200 to 299 are located in the N.E. Quarter

Blocks 300 to 399 are located in the S.W. Quarter

Blocks 400 to 499 are located in the S.E. Quarter

The next three digits in the series identify the specific parcel or lot. The last four, (where applicable), identify individual condominium units, non-operating railroad parcels or leasehold's of exempt parcels.

Whenever possible, the assessment list will be listed by the street name and the street or house number of the parcel. However, the Cook County Assessor's Office official records rely on permanent Property Index Numbers (P.I.N.) only. No assessment of real property shall be considered invalid due to an incorrect listing.

If you have any questions regarding the assessment of real property you should visit the Office of the Assessor of Cook County, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 301, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or call (312) 443-7550.

FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
TOWNSHIP OF ROGERS PARK

	BLK.	SIZE	LAND	IMP
AREA 11SUB AREA 30				
SUSAN LITTAU	307-207-1067	59570S	1921	9727
GREGORY KOMOROWSKI	307-207-1068	59570S	1921	9727
JAMES R TRUELSEN	307-207-1069	59570S	1443	7304
ALBION AVE	NO. W	SIZE	LAND	IMP
RICHARD A GREGORY	1040	7800S	21450	94156
THOMAS C CARR DPM	1102	7850S	21588	83641
Albion Hotel	1209	24000S	42900	2742933
ALBION HOTEL	1209	24000S	42300	2275762
1308 W ALBION LLC	1308	3840S	9984	72571
LINDSEY DANIEL P	1310	5281S	13731	45115
ARTESIAN AVE	N			
SHAUN DINH	6439	3750S	9375	42684
PETER B PANTOS	6520	4687S	11718	25522
NICK BOUGLOUKOS	6740	4166S	10415	24955
FLORA TAMAY	7445	3808S	9520	36480
ARTHUR AVE	W			
ELAINE NELSON	1721	4440S	9990	41814
KAREN L HOLT	1724	4440S	9990	30756
SARAH WAXMAN	1745	4440S	9990	49072
6900 N SHERIDAN ROAD 2	1773	4440S	9990	32175
SERGEI GALKINE	2021	8305S	1184	14820
VIRGINIA E PHILLIPS	2021	8305S	1043	13052
WORLEE A HOBBS	2021	8305S	1085	13578
CARLY NODULMAN	2023	8305S	767	9604
HAJRULLAH KABASHI	2023	8305S	1257	15732
FRANK&MARIA SANTUCCI	2025	8305S	893	11178
MARIUS VANCA	2025	8305S	986	12336
NUBE CRISTINA CABRERA	2025	8305S	1006	12586
BENJAMIN ANSONG	2025	8305S	1052	13164
JOSHUA AND HELEN JUNG	2906	1263S	3158	18453
ARTHUR ST	W			
SANFORD E GAYLORD	2023	8305S	1277	15980
JOHN M BLICK	2023	8305S	1283	16062
ASHLAND AVE	N			
MICHAEL TUTAJ	6538	3360S	7560	40759
C MORAN & E SCHOLL	6541	4650S	10463	54270
SALLY FREELS	6545	5580S	12555	38694
KARIM NASHASHIBI	7362	3015S	6784	33480
BIRCHWOOD AVE	W			
BIRCHWOOD PLAZA INC	1426	7500S	42188	1179767
BIRCHWOOD PLAZA INC	1426	14109S	79363	1441937
BIRCHWOOD PLAZA INC	1436	6000S	33750	938
BARBARA FROMMER	1541	7500S	16875	34364
AURAS 2001 W BIRCHWOOD	2001	5512S	9853	44227
STEPHEN M ALTER	2105	3120S	8580	41720
PBMD BIRCHWOOD LLC	2117	5894S	10536	28140
ROSENBERG & SAKOLS	2639	4125S	10313	37403
SINCLAIR KOSSOFF	2901	3720S	9300	42200
SINCLAIR KOSSOFF	2901	4387S	10968	42200

	NO.	SIZE	LAND	IMP
JIMMIE & DEBORAH HAMP	2925	3720S	9300	36399
STEVEN E PROTTER	3040	3720S	9300	47100
BOSWORTH AVE	N			
NATHAN ROTHSCHILD	6444	7750S	17438	94586
ALBERT LANG	6616	3720S	8370	43005
GRAND RETAIL SERIES V	6709	5200S	13520	60538
GOOD NEWS PARTNERS	7625	4800S	13200	99900
CALIFORNIA AVE	N			
MOHAMMED AZEEM KHAN	6619	4166S	10415	41399
CAMPBELL AVE	N			
ASAD ZAFER	6429	3750S	9375	39577
J ALBRIGHT	7454	3808S	9520	25492
CHASE AVE	W			
FRANK KUMKOSKI	1627	16500S	37125	426112
DAVID J DEAR	1716	7500S	16875	61625
DANTONG E J THOMPSON	2010	3720S	8370	51630
VICTOR CABILTES	2717	3720S	9300	31165
JAMES W RUSSELL	2727	3720S	9300	30673
EUFEMIO JARA	2801	5251S	13128	33065
MIRIAM EX TRUSTEE THE	2815	3720S	9300	22783
MARTIN T O'DONNELL	2820	3720S	9300	22614
YISROEL NAOMI LOPIN	2823	3720S	9300	0
YISROEL NAOMI LOPIN	2823	3720S	9300	0
DAVID & SHANDY KOMPTEL	2827	3720S	9300	0
H & RJ RACCAH	2906	3720S	9300	34970
MORDECHAI & CHANA ELBA	3039	3968S	9920	46226
CLAREMONT AVE	N			
SEJAD MEMIC	7416	4684S	10539	14206
SEJAD MEMIC	7418	4685S	10541	42620
RUSSELL A SMITH	7525	4125S	9281	65066
KEITH S KING	7530	4125S	9281	77630
PRAMOD KUMAR	7534	4000S	9000	63646
CLARK ST	N			
WAJAHAT A KHAN	6443	3465S	15593	99633
MNM CLARK LLC	6542	9121S	102611	365415
MNM CLARK LLC	6558	14285S	160706	171911
CINDY HUANG	6623	2922S	6575	30712
GLORIA PEROCCEVIC	6657	6468S	29106	176594
6900 CLARK LLC	6904	3544S	15948	62452
RUBEN HERMANDEZ	6975	9843S	44294	102413
CLARK LUNT LLC	7000	23778S	14167	286806
ARMANDO PEREZ	7023	9630S	43335	73350
DIMITRIS BUBARIS	7069	4943S	49356	16
NTJ HOLDINGS LLC	7417	13790S	62055	149649
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67714S	1	1
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	315S	1	1
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	16518S	1	1
LIFE STORAGE	7507	67713S	8126	89681
LIFE STORAGE	7507	67713S	47399	526578
LIFE STORAGE	7507	67713S	677	7589
LIFE STORAGE	7507	67713S	9819	115948
LIFE STORAGE	7507	67714S	1	1156
LIFE STORAGE	7507	67713S	6602	74276
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67714S	1	1
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MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67714S	1	1
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67714S	1	1
COLUMBIA AVE	W			
VLADO BJELOPETROVICH	1128	6250S	17188	41689
ROBERT A RICHMOND	1141	4434S	12194	48518
6740 N SHERIDAN LLC	1208	15000S	168750	236000
COLUMBIA PART LLC	1218	4332S	11263	71523
FAYE HALE C WALKER	1227	4170S	10842	44462
JOHN STAINTHORP	1247	5560S	14456	34875
CODI VACHON	1305	4632S	12043	35190
CECELIA M ROONEY	1314	5212S	13551	35473
KIMBERLY ABE TRUSTEE U	1321	7506S	19516	93792
GERARD SUSMENA	1326	4632S	12043	37500
KOJI TORIHARA	1330	4632S	12043	46601
RUSSELL S GAYNE	1759	3993S	8984	27401
HUEY G COPELAND II	7061	8550S	107	2003
COYLE AVE	W			
R BROWN & M GLASSMAN	2440	5580S	13950	31025
JON & JULEIGH RUBY	2444	4092S	10230	19770
MARIEDITH L JANTZ NGAI	2604	4650S	11625	36875
MARTIN& COLETTE WILDE	2643	4092S	10230	39770
LOUIS GREGORY BRIEN	2700	5239S	13098	46175
SAMUEL SCHONBERGER	2840	5227S	13068	47561
YISRAELA DACHMAN	2848	5289S	13223	51299
EPHRAIM BRAUNSTEIN	2855	6547S	16368	62725
JOSHUA M BERGER	2924	5227S	13068	80290
DAVID & BATISHEVA NEIMA	2932	5227S	13068	78891
DAMEN AVE	N			
KOSTAS L CIOS	6503	7440S	16740	97925
WARREN PARK BLDG LLC	6710	6843S	76984	912339
WARREN PARK BLDG LLC	6728	14514S	163283	1073645
MICHAEL LEHET	7057	8550S	1356	25367
BRIAN L KELLY	7057	8550S	1499	28037
HUEY G COPELAND II	7057	8550S	1535	28704
ANTHONY G KARAGAS & MA	7057	8550S	785	14686
BURHANUDDIN M AHMED	7057	8550S	892	16689
NEW CITY BUILDERS INC	7057	8550S	928	17356
JOSEPH MAER	7057	8550S	964	18024
MICHAEL LEHET	7057	8550S	107	2003
NADIA AVILA	7059	8550S	1035	19359
CAROL A THOMPSON	7059	8550S	1071	20026
NEIL P RYAN	7059	8550S	1106	20694
JOHN E FORMANEK	7059	8550S	785	14686
COLUMBINA C GOULD	7059	8550S	1035	19359
CARRIE RICHARDS	7059	8550S	1071	20026
LUISA SULLIVAN	7059	8550S	1106	20694
DANUT BOLOJAN	7061	8550S	1249	23364
NICKOLAS SEAMONS	7061	8550S	1285	24032
MARY ANN V WENZ	7061	8550S	1321	24699
JOSE GOMEZ MEDINA SR	7219	2900S	6525	44475
OMAR MUTHANA	7247	4897S	55091	29159
NIKITA TURIK	7316	4500S	10125	36374
EDGAR PEDRAZA	7369	19200S	52800	372300
INTEGRITY 6 LLC	7389	15495S	42611	275420
FADILJ METOVIC	7403	7500S	20625	161699
DEVON AVE	W			
"WAZOBIA BANQUETS & EVENT HALL, LLC" 1618		6314S	26440	164310
ANGELA D AGOSTINO	1720	9376S	21096	65783
ANGELA D AGOSTINO	1730	9375S	21094	65783
ZACHARIAH GEORGE LLC	2000	8844S	39798	122402
DEEPAK & MADHU SHAH	2242	2675S	30094	4835
ORANGE MANAGEMENTS	2312	2675S	6019	42981
NBC REALTY INC	2538	9375S	42188	69613
DEVON TALMAN LLC	2626	10367S	46652	161710
REPUBLIC BANK	2702	7242S	75914	15762
REPUBLIC BANK	2706	3125S	32758	13251
REPUBLIC BANK	2708	6250S	65516	19847
REPUBLIC BANK	2712	3125S	32758	12043
REPUBLIC BANK	2716	7248S	75977	7613
REPUBLIC BANK	2716	3125S	32758	3635
REPUBLIC BANK	2716	3125S	32758	3635
DEVON CALIFORNIA PROPE	2800	7242S	32589	39305
CONG SHAAREI TFILO BNE	3018	EX	0	0
ADUKADAN CORP	3044	3125S	30594	201
KADER LASHKARIYA	3114	3125S	35156	94
SN MGMT INC	3118	6250S	15625	30492

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EASTLAKE TER	N			
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7510	7663S	21073	192027
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7518	7663S	21073	136388
JS REID PROPERTIES LLC	7602	7350S	20213	144388
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7634	14700S	40425	245267
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7640	10860S	29865	197443
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7738	9840S	27060	191386
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7739	8520S	23430	100270
S TRIEM	7754	9930S	20481	290819
ESTES AVE	W			
WILLIAM COVACI	1377	24772S	111474	804119
ROGER NORDSTROM	1441	5437S	12233	40070
ELIZABETH NAJDA	1535	5400S	12150	97850
MURLAT SCOTT JAKUBENAS	1719	6840S	15390	36610
VYN PROPERTIES LLC	1723	6840S	15390	75910
ZORAN TASIC & CHRISTIN	1913	5643S	12697	45144
THOMAS H HONN	1949	8550S	19238	60946
PATRICIA KIDDER	2027	5643S	12697	22327
PAUL G MANNO & CLARE F	2085	4650S	10463	41040
DOUGLAS HANRAHAN	2240	4800S	10800	48200
ANNA BOGAARD	2309	4650S	10463	38594
DANIEL S MENSAH	2644	3720S	9300	32240
OZORIO DOS SANTOS	2708	3720S	9300	51295
NEIL R BOCKMAN	2712	3720S	4300	27869
MAURICE ZALCMAN	2810	3968S	9920	50235
JOSH ROSS	2821	5952S	14880	756

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JARVIS AVE	W			
AMERICAN NATL BK& TRST	1436	7500S	16875	243696
LAMS REAL ESTATE MGT	1500	11250S	50625	210205
PUBLIC STORAGE IL28160	1512	11250S	126563	265315
SEAN KELLY	1520	14492S	115957	154870
SEAN KELLY	1524	4999S	33331	600
ROBERT S LAVICK	2524	3720S	9300	30776
TIMOTHY TAGGART	2528	3720S	9300	41141
ROBT & ANNETTE WINGER	2723	3720S	9300	44851
MARVIN MERMELSTEIN FT	2821	3720S	9300	33107
MARVIN MERMELSTEIN FT	2825	3720S	9300	33107
YISROEL B KRAMER	3021	3720S	9300	36378
MIKE & RABDI LOSKOVE	3029	3946S	9865	38518
JEROME ST	W			
2515 19 W JEROME LLC	2515	38522S	62598	118297
SARA C FIORENTINO	2627	3720S	9300	37738
NGUYEN & DINH	2631	3720S	9300	37318
JODY & MICHAEL	2637	3720S	9300	38780
JOHN B JONES	2721	3720S	9300	36355
XINGWU WANG	3010	3720S	9300	41976
TIBERIUS MIHAILOV	3027	3720S	9300	27380
JONQUIL TER	W			
GOOD NEWS PARTNERS	1546	6250S	17188	239113
JUNEWAY TER	W			
ANNA B ASHCRAFT	1428	8800S	24200	34286
DONALD LEACH	1432	8800S	23998	26002
MICHAEL N ALLEN	1546	7788S	21417	39927
HALIM JUNEWAY	1556	28160S	77440	572260
DENISE MARTIN	1604	7540S	20735	49313
ESTES WEST INC	1608	6500S	17875	59864
JUNEWAY TERRACE LLC	1720	5453S	14996	138917
LOCK UP JUNEWAY TR LLC	1818	13400S	150750	286664
LOCK UP JUNEWAY TR LLC	1832	16613S	186896	1244406
KEDZIE AVE	N			
TAXPAYER OF	6901	357236S	1	1
LAKEWOOD AVE	N			
MUJO MARINOVIC	1237	14338S	64521	216179
NANCY M DORN	6434	4125S	10725	46483
LEAVITT ST	N			
WILSON WARD	6443	3720S	8370	38763
LOYOLA AVE	W			
LOYOLA LAKE BREEZE LLC	1226	7319S	32936	143861
STAN TOM	1254	3800S	9880	29560
MIDWEST CARE MANAGMT	1329	11296S	11437	27313
LUNT AVE	W			
ALEF PARK PROPERT LLC	1344	16530S	74385	174785
CLARK LUNT LLC	1760	11211S	81084	4061
1774 W LUNT AVENUE LLC	1774	6014S	67658	39093
KRISTINE FALK PEDERSE	1911	5950S	13388	35178
KATHLEEN JOHNSON	1951	4250S	9563	23868
LUNT INV GRP LLC	1959	8500S	19125	250146
BARBARA WOODBURY	2101	4950S	11138	44981
STEVEN R OLVND	2203	7500S	16875	40125
JEREMY LOWE	2229	5250S	11813	28728
JEAN K BLAH	2232	8600S	19350	38617
ELIZABETH ZALUBA	2240	8600S	19350	69045
ELIA PUTRUS	2337	12450S	140063	117766
JAMES M HELLER	2651	5580S	13950	41510
A OKIN & M LOVENTHAL	2844	5967S	14918	41083
MARILYN GLUCK	2901	5565S	13913	77088
SDG REVOCABLE TRUST	2907	5658S	14145	70855
TIRZA RUTH KAHAN DECLA	2919	5904S	14760	68035
ABRAHAM GUTNICKI	2936	3936S	9840	69265
ABRAHAM GUTNICKI	2936	3936S	9840	34864
DONNA YAHAV	2936	3936S	9840	0
DOV B BELSKY	2957	3936S	9840	40052
MAPLEWOOD AVE	N			
MOODY Y KIM	6624	4125S	10313	40118
MAUREEN LAZAR	6650	4125S	10313	37478
MORSE AVE	W			
FAYE & GEORGE LLC	1126	8650S	23788	13491
1408 MORSE BLDG CORP	1406	8550S	57114	114366
KIL S LEE	1440	8550S	96188	58610
MORSE PLACE LLC	1523	5985S	13466	46672
S M BLDING MANAGEMENT	1637	7182S	16160	150145
MORSE SP LLC	1638		19337	102064
1952 W MORSE AN ILLINO	1952	8550S	19238	64351
RACHEL COLLINS	2111	4168S	9378	29658
PATRICE EGGLESTON	2114	5964S	13419	26422
MARK & JULIE ZINKE	2144	4950S	11138	39354
George Kundanis	2308	3675S	8269	49783
WILLIAM MC GRAW	2553	4588S	11470	51300
CURRENT OWNER	2850	5289S	13223	43916
CHALDEAN SISTERS	2908	6460S	16150	61350
ABRAHAM NEIMAN	2931	5227S	13068	32710
ELI GROSS	2936	5227S	13068	44688
SONIA R GOLDBERG	2939	5227S	13068	0
SONIA R GOLDBERG	2939	5227S	13068	0
MOZART ST	N			
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL	6442	4054S	2534	20666
MUZZAMMIL ASAD SHAIKH	6442	4054S	2534	20666
LAADY C PEDRAZA	6442	4054S	2534	20666
SANEL &MIRSADA GUTOSIC	6442	4054S	2534	20666
ADAMS REALTY INC	6504	21940S	21940	58760
MAZEL DEVELOPMENT LLC	6527	8240S	20600	150400
NEWGARD AVE	N			
S & M BUILDING MGMT	6414	11070S	28782	216218
STANLEY J DECALUWE	6708	6100S	15860	49046
PATRICK J BARRY	6743	6100S	15860	60059
NORTH SHORE AVE	W			
TIMOTHY J RITTENBERRY	1119	6066S	16682	78886
DAVID L FISK	1130	7050S	19388	92475
LBK FLORIDA LLC	1223	6963S	18104	96595
PIOTR SIENKO	1255	4632S	12043	41838
1308 NORTH SHORE APTS	1308	22238S	57819	318481
MICHAEL CALLAHAN	1618	3750S	8438	34205
HALIM NORTHSHORE	1716	14405S	32411	368389
ELIYAHU M MILLEN	2935	5225S	13063	31901
OAKLEY AVE	N			
TAMDING WANGYAL	7128	1783S	4012	20764
7215 OAKLEY LLC	7215	8750S	19688	312705
PAULINA ST	N			
TAXPAYER OF	7007	17327S	38986	432078
GOOD NEWS PARTNERS	7632	5760S	388	33
RYAN LLC	7711	8250S	14747	183
RYAN LLC	7737	15000S	26813	300
PRATT AVE	W			
SHASTA A BELL	1258	7638S	1033	17036
SHARON MICHALOVE	1260	7638S	1005	16583
EILEEN MARTIN	1262	7638S	708	11679
STEVEN M KOONTZ	1262	7638S	1167	19247

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PRATT BLVD	W			
ROBERT M GROSS	1123	6150S	16913	91132
TAXPAYER OF	1225	6950S	18070	65965
JANNIE M PEARSON	1252	7638S	1473	24293
RUTH A LEVY	1252	7638S	1139	18794
KATIE D MC LEAN	1252	7638S	1153	19021
CAROL A TURCHAN	1254	7638S	1005	16583
CAROLINE RENDON	1254	7638S	1019	16810
ERIC R PLATTNER	1254	7638S	1033	17036
JEANNE ELIZABETH CAMER	1258	7638S	1005	16583
ARLIE SIMS	1258	7638S	1019	16810
MILKO DELMONTE	1260	7638S	1019	16810
GINA V DALPRA	1260	7638S	1033	17036
NORMAN N C PALAO	1262	7638S	1181	19474
JEREMY P CARLSEN	1262	7638S	1193	19673
1263 PRATT LLC	1263	13900S	36140	795060
CLARK CORPORATE MGMT	1420	8750S	19688	83529
M WILDEBOER	1834	7120S	16020	35956
BETOAL ASHAK	2630	5700S	14250	31613
EDWARD O'HAYER	2914	7796S	19490	48720
IRWIN E BROWN	2932	6270S	15675	41085
GERTRUDE MATANKY	2950	7170S	17925	57410
RAVENSWOOD AVE	N			
CHARLES ERICKSON	6415	7700S	23100	218436
CHARLES ERICKSON	6415	7546S	22638	218436
CHARLES ERICKSON	6415	7546S	22638	218436
CHARLES ERICKSON	6423	9086S	27258	72809
RDG FUND LLC	7065	2937S	6608	619
RICHMOND ST	N			
JOEL KLEIN	6615	4026S	10065	54503
RIDGE BLVD	N			
BECOVIC MGMT GROUP INC	6826	16027S	36061	205250
ROBERTO RANGEL	6979	4929S	11090	37775
CHRIS PONCE	7027	4080S	9180	46552
ROCKWELL ST	N			
STEPHEN MONTGOMERY	6712	4125S	10313	44688
DEBRA J HARLAND	6724	8250S	20625	69375
LICIA A CHIAZIM	6729	4120S	10300	29164
PAC K TAM & WA P KOU	7548	3100S	7750	22071
ROGERS AVE	N			
7226 ROGERS AVE LLC	7226	7662S	17240	90661
"GT ALTERNATIVES, LLC "	7428	11001S	30253	58703
GLORIA R ZAVALA	7443	7625S	1201	11658
LAURA A ALLEN	7443	7625S	1716	16655
M G TESFAMICAEAL	7443	7625S	2402	23317
JANESE MEYER	7443	7625S	1887	18320
CHICAGO TITLE LND TRST	7443	7625S	2573	24982
SEMERE G WELDENDRIAS	7443	7625S	2059	19986
S & ECRABTREE NELSON	7443	7625S	2917	28313
DANIEL SCHIESSL	7443	7625S	2402	23317
LIFE STORAGE	7474	68420S	61749	802013
SEELEY AVE	N			
SARIJE KABASHI & DONAL	6447	8305S	1158	14490
ERIC T KRUEGER	6447	8305S	1177	14738
THOMAS KEITH JUNDANIAN	6447	8305S	1224	15318
RICHARD SURBER	6449	8305S	1072	13412
KATERINA BERTEL	6449	8305S	1092	13662
C J ALFARO	6449	8305S	1138	14240
MAYO & PENNEY	6824	3753S	8444	44278
MIHALY SZABO	6958	5985S	13466	22357
HUNTER PROPERTIES AGT	7516	20178S	55490	224311
SHERIDAN RD	N			
LOYOLA UNIV OF CHGO	6427	33880S	64796	135196
LOYOLA UNIV OF CHGO	6427	16380S	31327	452615
LOYOLA UNIV OF CHGO	6461	5223S	3885	222
TLC SHERIDAN LLC	6606	7500S	84375	59490
LEONA S PIZZERIA	6925	7323S	82384	1066
LEONA S PIZZERIA	6929	14646S	164768	25800
SHERIDAN CHASE 16579	7300	15291S	86012	679586
HAROLD C HANSEN	7414	9159S	20608	47879
7710 SHERIDAN LLC	7710	9951S	27365	360182
SHERWIN AVE	W			
CARMEL D ARDELEAN	1615	7500S	16875	74625
ARNOLD MADLANGBAYAN	2751	3700S	9250	25085
ROBERT COHEN	2814	3720S	9300	37898
MICHAEL KLEIN	2855	5637S	14093	43288
CHAIM M DUBOVICK	3031	3965S	9913	32399
TALMAN AVE	N			
SEAN BURKE	6655	4125S	10313	23490
TOUHY AVE	W			
CORINE VRISENDORP	1412	4799S	10798	39142
JERRY L WELCH	2014	4500S	10125	39375
PATRICIA KIM CELMER	2016	4500S	10125	39646
SHARON KAYSER	2028	4500S	10125	37280
GLORIA PEROCEVIC	2053	11602S	52209	221691
DEAN KELLY	2139	4530S	10193	40347
KENNETH J COX	2169	7830S	17618	37072
AMERICAN BLUE RIBBON H	2343	6180S	69525	5944
AMERICAN BLUE RIBBON H	2345	6270S	70538	53562
AMERICAN BLUE RIBBON H	2347	9161S	103061	53562
WESTWOOD MANOR	2444	35831S	223944	1053896
WESTWOOD MANOR INC	2464	13652S	85325	4139
MARGARET STERN	2601	4092S	46035	87
MARGARET STERN	2605	4092S	46035	589
MARGARET STERN	2609	4092S	46035	1179
MARGARET STERN	2611	4100S	46125	94
MORRIS STERN	2619	20460S	230175	2403685
BETH CAMPBELL	2636	3100S	34875	8875
BUCKINGHAM PAVILION	2655	6915S	31118	354
M STERN	2655	6200S	27900	539
SARJ K NAIR	2705	9230S	41535	0
SARJU K NAJR	2709	3100S	13950	0
SARJU K NAIR	2711	3100S	13950	0
SARJU K NAIR	2713	3100S	13950	0
HARRY BASCH	2715	3100S	7750	0
STEVE TSORONIS	2804	7489S	84251	89495
TEHIYA BENEZRA	2919	3321S	37361	37154
TEHIYA BENEZRA	2921	3321S	37361	37154
TEHIYA BENEZRA	2923	3321S	37361	26108
ZEV & REBECCA GOLDBERG	2952	4819S	12048	37296
TROY ST	N			
ARNOLD HARRIS	6431	2250S	5625	19123
NHAT TIEN D VU	6450	4125S	1380	13556
CHINH TAM NGUYEN	6450	4125S	1534	15066
MOHAMMED SAEED	6450	4125S	1565	15380
NORTHSHORE ORG	6450	4125S	1534	15066
MARIUS MOLDOVAN	6450	4125S	1381	13567
NORTHSHORE ORG	6450	4125S	1534	15066
KENNETH M DUCDUONG	6450	4125S	1386	13617
WALLEN AVE	W			
MAKSIM KONDRATYEV	1728	3750S	8438	36414
SUSAN K BIVER	1750	3750S	8438	45649
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	3109	7500S	14670	80330
THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT	3158	52085S	156255	4304
PGBS MGR LLC	3158	139373S	418119	32935
WASHTENAW AVE	N			
WELLINGTON II ORPORATE	6425	4125S	10313	54410
TAXPAYER OF	6428	4125S	10313	56476
K HUELENE CHADWICK	6721	4125S	10313	33728

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Plaintiff,
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TERRECIDA WRIGHT A/K/A TERRECIDA WRIGHT- GRANT, LEONARD GRANT, ESTES COURT CONDOMINIUM INC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
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2026. The RTA previously projected that if lawmakers fail to deliver new taxpayer money, it would lead to thousands of layoffs and 40% service cuts.

Civic Federation President Joe Ferguson said the end of October appears to be a clearer deadline for legislative action, because the agencies finalize budgets in November.

“This is a sooner-than-later exercise because the closer we get to the next budget cycles of the service boards themselves, the more that this gets driven by doom-and-gloom scenarios – which are correct scenarios – but they’re going to be an effort to drive the revenue imperatives without the reform imperatives,” Ferguson said.

The agencies are federally required to have public hearings before enacting service cuts.

Why reform failed

Both legislative chambers introduced separate plans late in the final week of May, which although similar in many ways, contained key differences showing lawmakers were still apart on a deal. The differences only became more magnified as labor organizations and suburban communities opposed a series of taxes designed to plug the funding shortfall.

That new taxing proposal surfaced in the Senate May 31, hours before the legislature was scheduled to adjourn. The plan did away with proposed toll increases and a diversion of sales tax revenue away from collar county governments. Instead, it proposed the new statewide tax on deliveries, and kept a statewide tax on EV charging, as well as suburban taxes on real estate transfers and rideshares.

Lawmakers negotiating the bill had vowed “no funding without reforms,” a pledge they remain committed to, Villivalam told Capitol News Illinois, noting they

should be tackled at the same time.

The two chambers are generally in agreement on transit reform, which includes giving new decision-making authority to the RTA to set fares and schedules and renaming the agency to “Northern Illinois Transit Authority.”

But when the adjournment deadline came, the House wasn’t prepared to take up a bill addressing funding even after months of negotiations, said Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado [3rd], who is leading transit reform for House Democrats.

“We spent hours and hours and hours in negotiation, so our reform bills were very similar,” she said. “What we didn’t spend hours and hours and hours talking about was the revenue.”

Villivalam said the tax increases and other revenue solutions in his plan would raise \$1.5 billion – enough to plug the budget hole and fund transit at a level that the RTA says would significantly improve public transportation. But House Democrats didn’t have time to review the funding options.

“Based on my conversations with members, they needed to know more,” Delgado said. “They needed to understand more and, you know, that is now my job is to make sure that whatever revenue plan we come up with, it’s communicated, and people understand what it is.”

Despite facing an uncertain future in the House, Villivalam said the Senate voted on the bill because “we believe in responsible governance, and we believe in avoiding 40% cuts to service and more than 3,000 workers getting layoff notices.”

With November being the next pressing deadline for action, lawmakers could return to Springfield for a special session this summer or wait until the annual fall veto session to act on transit reform.

Whenever the General Assembly reconvenes, they will need broader agreement, as the three-fifths vote requirement remains

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in effect through the calendar year. While the House could still send Villivalam’s bill to the governor’s desk, it passed the Senate on a 32-22 vote – short of three-fifths of the chamber. Several Democrats voted against the plan, foreshadowing the headwinds in the House.

Gov. JB Pritzker hasn’t expressed an opinion on the proposed taxes. He told reporters he learned about the taxes at the same time Villivalam unveiled them to the public.

“We were not the leaders of that endeavor, but we were at the table, listening and helping whenever we were asked to,” Pritzker said. “And again, I think there’s significant work that will need to be done over the summer and in the fall to make

sure that it gets across.”

The tax increases were nonstarters for Republicans, who haven’t proposed their own funding plan – and Democrats don’t need their votes to reach a three-fifths majority.

Senate Minority Leader John Curran told lawmakers should not be depending so much on new taxes.

“We would put out a much more constrained proposal ... there’d be a little more skin in the game on efficiencies and fares, and then we would be coming to taxpayers last in that,” Curran said. “And, quite frankly, we’d be taking a more regional approach on that, and not a statewide approach.”

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tight, but you . . . you really don’t get this big of a lead and that takes all the pressure off. That’s how you want a pitch,” Variano said after the game. He rolled giving up only one run on four hits for that complete game victory.

Rams’ skipper Colon spoke glowingly about Variano. “I don’t think he even thought he would be carrying this load at the beginning of the year. He was hurt all last year. He got innings on that state finals team [as a sophomore]. The ability to stay focused and understand what his objective is out there, he’s second to none. You could tell he’s a senior out there. He’s got the demeanor and he’s got the focus.”

Game two

The second game of the evening between Lake View (17-6) and St. Patrick (22-15) was not a whole lot different than the first game. The Shamrocks jumped out to a big lead in the bottom of the first.

The Shamrocks scored seven runs on three hits. The big play was a missed

flyball in right field that ended up as a four base error allowing four runs to score.

“It would be a whole different game if he makes that catch,” one observer noted. But there was no quit in the Wildcats. Head coach Robert Matticx’s Wildcats did not get down and battled the rest of the way.

St. Patrick’s senior pitcher Elias Alvarado and the rest of the Shamrocks pitchers proved too much for the Wildcats to master. The Pats added three more runs making the final 10-0.

The 3A sectional final will be a rematch of last year’s final between DePaul Prep and St. Patrick. There is an interesting subtext to the game. Former Gordon Tech and DePaul Prep legendary coach Chris Haas now manages the Shamrocks. There is a special relationship between DePaul Prep manager Colon and Haas. Haas recruited Sam to come to Gordon and mentored him in his years as a student. Eventually, Colon came back to work at DePaul Prep as an assistant athletic director and eventually succeeded Haas as Ram’s skipper.

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