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— Roger Ebert

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Winners of Artist of the Wall announced

The Loyola Park Advisory Council has announced the winners of their annual Artists of the Wall competition.

And this year's Adult Division winners are: 1st place Shelby Forsyth, 2nd place Shayla Sotelo, and in 3rd place Erik Jusino.

In the Teen Division the winner is Aurora Christensen; 2nd goes

to Isaac and Kate Danielson, and third place was taken by Maude Hovey Bradshaw.

In the Junior Division, 1st went to Iris Puerto and Karla Kate; 2nd place Louise Lindberg and Virginia Jung, and third place is Jonah Cooper, Zora Liu-Green, and Gregory Linington.

Werner building wins tax credits, construction set for 2026

The Werner development at Howard and Paulina, a mixed-use housing development proposed for Rogers Park, has been awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits by the Illinois Housing Development Authority. These tax credits, once they're auctioned off to wealthy investors, allowing them to pay less in income taxes, will enable the construction of 80 affordable, family-sized, apartments steps from the Howard Red Line CTA station.

The former Werner Brothers Storage Warehouse at 7613 N. Paulina St., was caught in a tug of war between housing advocates, developers and preservationists.

Designed by George S. Kingsley and completed in 1921, the building is a fine example of this era, fitted with intricate, monochromatic terra cotta and bringing visual beauty to a typically unexceptional building type.

In 2022, plans were announced to demolish the building to build an affordable, transit-oriented residential development, of similar size and height to the existing building. Preservation Chicago fought those plans believing that both affordable housing and his-



Developed by Housing For All, LLC and Visionary Ventures, the Werner Storage project spans two sites at 7603–7619 N. Paulina and 1646–1660 W. Howard St.

toric preservation can be achieved at this site.

This shift in American architectural taste explains the Spanish Baroque Revival splendor of the building. The building's ground floor windows are framed by white terra cotta archways and, in the center, stands a complex doorframe replete with green terra cotta faces, shields, and urns. Highly-decorative spiraled columns carry the eyes upward from the ground floor to an elaborate cornice and ornamented window surrounds.

Viewed from the street, the building's exuberant facade is surprising for a storage warehouse.

Developed by Housing For All, LLC and Visionary Ventures, the project spans two sites at 7603–7619 N. Paulina and 1646–1660 W. Howard. All units will be reserved for households earning between 30% and 80% of the Area Median Income. Additionally, 10% of the units will be fully accessible, with another 20% easily adaptable to be fully accessible.

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100 students in a school meant for 1,000: Inside Chicago's refusal to deal with its nearly empty schools

BY MILA KOUMPILOVA AND JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS
Chalkbeat Chicago and ProPublica

[As half of a homeowners' property taxes go to support Chicago Public Schools, we felt it was important for North Side residents to see through this story, how their tax money is being spent to support, and keep open, failed, deteriorating and mostly empty school buildings on the South and West Sides.]

More than 4,000 students once crowded DuSable High School, then an all-Black academic powerhouse on the South Side. Its three-story Art Deco building drew students with a full lineup of honors classes, a nationally known music program, and stand-out sports teams.

Nat King Cole played the piano in his classroom as a DuSable student. Harold Washington, Chicago's first Black mayor, studied there. On Friday nights, teenagers zipped through its hallways on roller skates and danced in the gymnasium.

But at the turn of the millennium, enrollment plunged as Chicago closed a massive public housing complex nearby and a growing number of Black families left the city. Amid a national infatuation with smaller high

schools 20 years ago, Chicago Public Schools [CPS] conducted a grant-funded experiment to chop DuSable into three separate schools sharing a campus. What remains today, after that grant money ran out, is an enormous building and, inside, two tiny schools clinging to life.

One has about 115 students and claims the north corridors. The other, with only 70 students, takes the south wings. The inoperable pool is off-limits.

Hundreds of unneeded hallway lockers hide behind decorative paper and student posters of Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, and former first lady Michelle Obama, whose father attended in the 1950s.

The two little high schools in Bronzeville share the same entrance and sports teams, but other things are doubled: two main offices, two principals, two assistant principals, two school counselors. Even though there's one teacher for roughly every five students, the course offerings are limited.

CPS operates more than 500 schools and spends about \$18,700 per student to run buildings that it considers well-utilized. At the DuSable schools, the cost is closer to \$50,000 a student.

The DuSable schools are emblematic of an unyielding predicament facing the district. Enrollment has shrunk. Three of every



Unused student lockers are used to hang inspirational posters in a school built for a thousand students, which today serves less than 100. Chicago's public officials have chosen not to confront the city's growing problem of schools that are mostly vacant of students, yet that are costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars to staff and maintain.

10 of its schools sit at least half-empty, and they are costly to run.

More critically, there are 47 schools, including those inside DuSable, operating at less than one-third capacity, by the district's measure. That's almost twice as many severely under-enrolled buildings as Chicago had in 2013, when it carried out the largest mass school closings in the country's history. The most extreme example is Frederick Douglass Academy High School, which has 28 students this year and a per-student cost of \$93,000.

Many of those schools are in historic buildings that need millions of dollars in repairs.

The costs are not only financial. Students in the city's small-

est schools have fewer courses to choose from and often miss out on clubs, extracurricular activities, and sports. Chicago's under-enrolled high schools are more likely to have lower graduation and college enrollment rates. They tend to struggle with chronic truancy and higher dropout rates, our analysis found.

But officials in Chicago have chosen not to confront the problem of the city's tiny schools. The teachers union and Mayor Brandon Johnson, who used to be an organizer and legislative liaison for the union, are quick to shut down discussion of downsizing. Widespread anger over the 2013 closures helped fuel the union's rise to political power over the

past decade; the union has also wielded the radioactive closure issue to undermine opponents, notably outgoing district CEO Pedro Martinez.

Union leaders, many community activists, and some researchers say closures disrupt displaced students' learning and harm the city's predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods, which were disproportionately affected by that earlier wave of closures. They argue the district needs to do much more to try revitalizing these campuses before it considers shuttering or merging them.

Helping to delay a reckoning: Since 2013, the district has operated under a series of moratoriums on closing schools, including one state lawmakers enacted with strong support from the teachers union. And a statewide school finance overhaul under former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner increases or at least holds funding steady for districts even if enrollment declines.

Chicago has too many schools for the number of students it serves today, Martinez said in a recent interview. The district is spending too much on aging buildings, and it's not providing a rich experience for students in many of its tiny schools, he said, adding: "They're not having joy in that environment."

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Another "King" is popping up in Chicago



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

While hightailing it to Greek Town for a Greek Islands dinner in the middle of June, I passed the service area along the Kennedy Expy. near Ohio St.

What I saw was amazing. A large collection of orange service vehicles jammed into the service area. All officially Chicago property. Hefty, heavy-duty machines. The mayor's official "tank corps." His Normandy landing of equipment. All it needed was Gen. Eisenhower.

Mayor Brandon Johnson was a self-appointed five-star general for the day. Taking a hint from 'King' Trump. The tanks had an "out of season" battle plan, I'm told, armed to the teeth with anti-personnel devices. Hefty front-end plows, protective shields. And robust muscular Street and Sanitation drivers who could pick up a quarter with their attachments.

They looked ready for Gaza, Iran or Ukraine. Not Michigan Ave. or State St.

Since there hadn't been any "blizzard warnings" on that sunny summer day, I suspected that

the "tanks" were in place should they need to be called into action by the King... er, I mean mayor. For crowd dispersal and riot control. It was, of course, Saturday, June 14, the afternoon of the "No Kings March" downtown. Mayor Johnson, armed with his "tank troops," appeared to be on the side of the Kings.

He doesn't have the chutzpah of California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

But by late afternoon, there was no emergency. The nearly 100,000 Chicago marchers had not rioted, looted, burned or damaged Chicago's peace and quiet. Mayor Johnson had no reason to activate his battle plan. Marchers merely exercised their Constitutional rights. Along Johnson's economically depressed, shop-less zones of places like Michigan Ave. or State St. Shuttered shops, brown-papered windows empty of merchandise. Plenty of plywood and no customers. Block after block. On display for all the world to see. Chicago's tragic private urban economic Marxist Utopia, a "Johnson-Depression."

Daley Plaza brimmed with articulate local voters. An "anti-Trump avalanche" of political activists. I caught sight of many of them as I passed by after exiting the Kennedy. The streets filled with returning marchers drifting back into West Town and Greek Town after the march. Some small groups of "No King" marchers were making their way to "Opa" dinners with Saganaki. They were well-deported and comfortably well-dressed.

The portrayers of fear and terror were, of course, wrong. Angry Americans did march by the tens of thousands. Streets filled cheek to jowl in a vast sea of protest. But Chicago isn't L.A. and President Trump smartly didn't send the Marines here to create a battle zone.

Chicagoans proved to be peaceable people, who know when the nation's safety and honor have been dangerously compromised

by the antics and mayhem invented by President Trump, and Mayor "Tank Corps" Johnson.

Just think of all the misguided leadership of Mayor Johnson since he came to office. One wonders just who in his administration was responsible for the panicked collection of snow plow trucks hibernating along the Kennedy Expy.

Who convinced "Snow Plow" Johnson that things were worse than they seemed? That Chicagoans were not to be trusted. If the plows were part of a larger plan for safeguarding our downtown streets, I am startled the mayoral team was even organized enough to have actually laid out a fleet of massive machines to keep the angry population in check.

Forward thinking has never been a strong suit for city endeavors under Mayor Johnson.

Perhaps it was the thought that there is actually a Trump landmark, the Trump Tower, sitting near the Chicago River ripe for the picking. The swelling crowds could easily have earmarked the hotel for attack and comeuppance.

But nothing like that took place. Even though photographs of ICE minions in full battle gear standing on Rush St. in front of Gibson's Steakhouse presented the truer meaning of the march in all its fearsome horror.

It was a rough day for coping in Chicago. An incredibly crowded and busy social weekend. It was also the Puerto Rican Day Parade weekend.

Just the previous day while making my way to Tufano's on Racine, near Taylor St., I saw the United Center's parking lot filled with uniformed police, assembling in huge numbers for a strategy session with battle plans for the details and control of Puerto Rican Day celebrations in nearby Humboldt Park.

I think the police tents had some BBQ ribs going on too.

That Saturday also saw crowds assembled in large numbers for Taste of Randolph Street. A tasty layout of vittles along the street bursting with many delicious, popular eateries. Far less volatile. Just hungry yuppies and debu-

tantes. More the need for police protective policing.

Johnson's snow plows would have created mayhem there.

And who could have predicted the crowd of papal folk assembling that day at a ball park in Bridgeport? That's where Jerry Reinsdorf and Cardinal Blase Cupich had a colossal gathering for the White Sox's biggest fan, Pope Leo XIV. The Pope would be speaking to Chicago youth, directly. Opening up to them from the heart in his Chicago accent. His White Sox baseball hat not far away. All sorts of Pope-centered activities unfolded, from the Rosary to biographical videos about the South Side Pontiff.

This was more a Swiss Guard event than a CPD moon landing.

While the Chicago population on that weekend reached record levels of movement and motion, political determination and presidential rejection, the level-headed Chicago marchers were filled with reason and purpose. No orange plow trucks needed to be sent skirmishing anywhere.

But "Snow-plow" Johnson licked his lips after picking up the taste for "snow-plow" rule. He could have used that perk when the Democratic National Convention was here. Imagine that vast army of orange sweeping across the zip codes if local street traffic wasn't already clogged with rogue bike enthusiasts and narrower street lanes for privileged bike paths.

Hey, Chicago street matchers, don't go away. I think we still need you. Another "King" might be popping up.

SOLD OUT: The Papal Mass sold out at Comiskey. There was a crowd at Rate Field, nee Comiskey, long a mystical dream for lifelong fans, especially the Bridgeport crowd. Hard to imagine what Ald. **John Comiskey** and his descendants might say. Or Mayor **Richard J. Daley**, the first. Or that colorful long line of long suffering Sox loyalists. We can see its transforming power on **Jerry Reinsdorf** who most likely can't begin to understand the great explosion of luck and blessings that came the White Sox way when



Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV was elected to the papacy. A life long Sox Fan. Like Sen. **Dick Durbin**, who was front and center. And Rev. **Jesse Jackson** was there, too, another South Sider, looking healthier and delighted to be there.

Perhaps Mr. Reinsdorf might consider a name change to "Leo XIV Field." I fully expect to see many mystical baseball moves this season. This should be a season to remember, even bolder than that pennant win back in 1959 when Fire Commissioner **Bob Quinn** set off all the air raid sirens when the Sox won.



Gus C. Mantas

PAX TIBI: The death of Chicago's beloved **Gus C. Mantas**, a treasured member of the Gene & Georgetti family for over four decades, is heart-breaking. Gus was not only a bartender — he was a cornerstone of Gene & Georget-

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Sister Rosemary Connelly dead at 94

Lead Angel Guardian Orphanage, Misericordia serving children and adults with developmental disabilities

Chicago lost one of its foremost heroes of charity with the death of Sister Rosemary Connelly, best known for developing Misericordia in the West Ridge neighborhood. Connelly turned Misericordia into one of the premier facilities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the nation during her 50-plus years at the helm.

Born Feb. 23, 1931, in Chicago, she passed away peacefully at home at Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

She grew up in a family rooted in deep faith and service, which led her to join the Sisters of Mercy when she was just 18 years old.

As a child, Connelly attended Chicago parochial schools and taught in several Archdiocesan schools while continuing her studies. Connelly was awarded the University of Notre Dame's 2023 Laetare Medal, considered the oldest and most prestigious honor given to an American Catholic. She also received numerous honorary degrees, awards and honors throughout her life.

As a Sister of Mercy, Connelly found religious life a source of support and challenge as she lived the motto she chose to have inscribed in her profession ring: "Love Serves Joyfully," concepts that drove an ever-widening understanding of community were the roots of her work as a teacher, social worker, and then – for 56 years – administrator of Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

Connelly credited the Sisters of Mercy for providing the education that shaped her work and for her sisters' steady love and active support as Misericordia grew and found ever-expanding and creative ways to respect the dignity of each resident and foster lives worth living.

In 1969, when Connelly was appointed to the role of administrator at Misericordia Heart of Mercy on Chicago's South Side, there were no services for children with disabilities. So she started a vari-



Sister Rosemary Connelly was a visionary who devoted her life to the community that has become the Misericordia of today.

ety of programs designed to help the children achieve the highest level of independence possible.

In 1976, Connelly, 39 children and 35 dedicated staff members moved to the former site of Angel Guardian Orphanage on the North Side of Chicago at 6300 N. Ridge. Today, Misericordia serves more than 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For more than 50 years, Connelly guided Misericordia through enormous growth, touching and ultimately changing the lives of thousands of children, families and supporters in the process.

She was a visionary who devoted her life to the community that has become the Misericordia of today, creating an environment that provides a full continuum of care and life-enriching programs for individuals from diverse racial, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds with a wide range of abilities.

She was instrumental in developing a compassionate and holistic approach to caring for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and set the tone for Misericordia, believing in the potential of each and every individual and in their right to life and one worth living.

What she stated is now considered a benchmark in compassionate care for individuals

with disabilities, offering a wide range of vocational training and educational, social, recreational, medical and therapy opportuni-

Sister Rosemary Connelly was instrumental in developing a compassionate and holistic approach to caring for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and set the tone for Misericordia

ties. She oversaw a far-reaching program that has become one of the nation's leading communities for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and includes not only its 600 residents of Misericordia, but also an Outreach Program, 1,200 employees and thousands of volunteers both on- and off-campus.

Always humble, Connelly credited her great staff and the residents themselves for making Misericordia an extraordinary place, providing exceptional programs for those who need its services, giving peace of mind to families and sharing its mission with supporters across the country.

Services were held June 23 and 24.

Black Ensemble Theater expansion may get \$5M in TIF funding support

The Black Ensemble Theater would add a 150-seat studio theater and rehearsal room to its Uptown performance complex through \$2.4 million in Tax Increment Financing [TIF] support proposed to City Council June 18.

The \$5 million project at 4450 N. Clark St. would enable the nearly 50-year-old nonprofit

organization to increase its small theater productions from four to eight annually. The improvements would replace vacant second-floor space.

Black Ensemble Theater has operated in Uptown since 1976. The organization opened its current location in 2011 with support from a City TIF grant.

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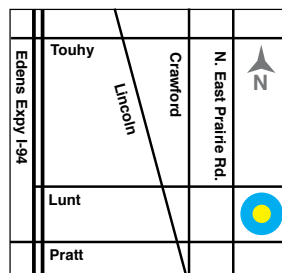


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Where's the Master Plan for Bryn Mawr redevelopment?

The seemingly endless construction of the CTA's Red/Purple Line Modernization Project is finally reaching completion of its current phase. After years of major disruption, the Edgewater community is looking forward to a return to normalcy.

In Edgewater, the most significant disruption has occurred in the area between Bryn Mawr and Hollywood, including the Bryn Mawr National Historic District. Over the past several years, CTA has used three different sites in this area to stage construction. As a result of the construction activity, the number of retail customers has greatly declined, many restaurants and stores have closed, and others are struggling to survive.

This is Edgewater's historic downtown, and it needs help.

With the CTA finishing construction, we have a unique opportunity to rebuild

our city center. We should build a multi-purpose mixed-use development extending from Bryn Mawr to Hollywood, from the new El tracks to Broadway. The

southern end of the development should be designed to preserve, enhance, and strengthen the heritage buildings that contribute to the Bryn Mawr National Historic District.

The east side, including the land under the El, should integrate with the new Bryn Mawr station.

The Broadway facing portion of the site can provide commercial destination services and activities (such as a state-of-the-art multiplex movie theatre or entertainment center) combined with hundreds of units of mixed-income housing.

This is a concept that could excite and coalesce the Edgewater community. Having access to such a large piece of land in such an ideal location is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. But it requires political leadership to develop and implement this vision.

"Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood," said Daniel Burnham. Incredibly, there is no master plan driving the Bryn Mawr/Hollywood redevelopment.

Instead of leading a comprehensive plan-

ning effort to rebuild Edgewater's downtown, Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] is spending her time promoting an unpopular and poorly conceived, blanket

upzoning of all of Broadway, an idea that threatens the affordability and viability of scores of longtime businesses.

Rather than pursuing a comprehensive, unified vision for Bryn Mawr/Hollywood/Broadway, it now looks like the CTA and/or the City will issue three independent Requests for Proposals for the three publicly owned sites that will be available. Supposedly, Mayor Johnson's concept of Green Social Housing will be utilized on at least one of the sites. (It should be noted that Green Social Housing is primarily a financing mechanism for a particular building; it is not a redevelopment plan.)

Whatever the outcome of this disjointed, small-thinking approach, it will be less than what could have been achieved with a unified vision for the redevelopment of Edgewater's downtown—a squandered opportunity.

At this time, the City and CTA should not issue RFPs for the redevelopment of the three individual sites. Instead, the City and Manaa-Hoppenworth should accept the challenge of this unique opportunity and should lead a community process to create a master plan for the redevelopment of our Bryn Mawr/Hollywood/Broadway community center.

*Jack Markowski
Edgewater Resident
Former Commissioner,
Chicago Dept. of Housing*

Commentary

Tax incentive approved, \$19.4M tax break for Harris Bank

The former Harris Trust & Savings Bank complex at 111 W. Monroe St. in the Loop was designated as an official Chicago landmark by City Council on June 18.

Comprised of a Classical Revival building constructed in 1911 and a modern east tower added in 1960 and designed by architect Walter Netsch, the complex reflects the Loop's growth as a financial center during the 20th century.

The landmark designation protects all exterior elevations of the property, as well as the bas relief bronze lion sculptures on the facade of the 1911 building.

In conjunction with the designation, City Council also approved a Cook County Class L property tax incentive for the building valued at \$19.4 million over the next 12 years.

City Council previously approved a planned \$179.2 million adaptive reuse project for 111 W. Monroe that will convert 315,000 square feet of office space as 345 mixed-income residences, part of a City initiative to repurpose underutilized high-rises on the LaSalle corridor.



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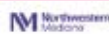


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Tuesday, July 8, 8:15 pm or Dusk



American Girl

Join us for a fun afternoon in Seneca Park! American Girl Place will be hosting a table with stickers and coloring pages based on some of your favorite dolls. We can't wait to see you there!

Tuesday, July 8, 3pm-4pm
Tuesday, July 22, 3pm-4pm



Circus in the Parks at Lake Shore

Step right up for CircEsteem's "Circus in the Parks", an exhilarating outdoor show bringing the thrill of the circus right to your neighborhood! Watch in awe as our talented performers soar, balance, and dazzle with jaw-dropping feats.

Thursday, July 10, 6pm-7pm

JULY



Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

Age Group: Parents, Adults, Families

Join Lurie Children's FAN Program for fun sessions on healthy eating and staying active with the 5-4-3-2-1 Go! message. Enjoy games, trivia, activities, and prizes—come ready to shop, learn, and play!

Tuesday, July 15, 11am-1pm



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Sunday, July 20, 6pm - 7:30pm



CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD Movie in the Park

Sam Wilson, as the new Captain America, faces political challenges and a global plot that tests his trust and the world's future

Tuesday, July 22, 8:15 pm or Dusk



Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

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

Thursday, July 24, 11am - 1pm



HUBBARD STREET DANCE CHICAGO

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

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

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AUGUST



WICKED Movie in the Park

"Wicked" reveals how friendship, society, and choices shape the destinies of the Wicked Witch and Glinda before and after Dorothy's arrival in Oz.

Monday, August 4
8:15 pm or Dusk



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



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Tuesday, August 5, 3pm-4pm
Tuesday, August 19, 3pm-4pm



The Happiness Club

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Thursday, August 7, 6pm



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Tuesday, August 12, 11am-1pm



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Tuesday, August 12, 11am - 1pm



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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

Join us for the 38th Annual Streeterville Doggy & Kitty Halloween on Saturday, October 25th. Registration will open September 1st with a \$10 suggested donation to PAWS Chicago.



Police Beat...

Man shot during fight outside River North pizzeria

A man is recovering after another man shot him during a fight outside a River North pizzeria on June 20.

Chicago police said the 36-year-old got into a fight on the sidewalk in the 400 block of N. Wells around 7:05 p.m. The other man pulled out a gun and fired shots, striking the victim in the left forearm. CPD said he is in good condition.

The shooting occurred outside a Lou Malnati's location, which was busy with diners kicking off the summery weekend.

Officers at the scene described the gunman as a Black male wearing a khaki t-shirt and a red backpack who fled toward the Loop on a black E-bike.

So far this year, 13 people have been shot on the Near North Side. That's up from 11 at this point last year.

Unidentified man found badly beaten in Edgewater alley

A man was found badly beaten in an Edgewater alley on June 19. Chicago police said he was in critical condition.

Shortly after 10 p.m., a 911 caller reported hearing someone scream, "I'm going to kill you," and the sound of a motorcycle speeding away from an alley in the 5800 block of N. Kenmore. A passerby found the victim and, believing he had been shot, placed a second 911 call that brought an ambulance to the scene.

Medical personnel determined that the man had not been shot but had been beaten in the head with a blunt object, according to the Chicago Police Dept. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital. He did not have any identification with him and remains unidentified.

Shooting suspect detained while running through CPD parking lot on Near North Side

A person of interest is in custody after running through a Chicago Police Dept. station parking lot moments after a man was shot about a half-block away.

The shooting occurred at 11:27 p.m. June 19 in the 500 block of W. Hobbie St., steps from the Near North 18th District station parking lot at 1160 N. Larrabee St.

CPD reported that an 18-year-old man was walking on the sidewalk with a group of friends when an assailant fired shots, striking him in the back and arm. The gunman fled the scene.

Officers outside the police station observed and detained a man running through the station parking lot immediately after hearing gunfire. Detectives are investigating to determine if he was involved in the shooting.

Police recovered several shell casings, a backpack containing suspected narcotics, and another firearm at the shooting scene. They also found an additional firearm in the 1100 block of N. Larrabee St., directly across from the CPD lot.

The shooting victim was reported in good condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

So far this year, 12 people have been shot on the Near North Side. That's up from 11 at this point last year.

We include accidental self-inflicted gunshot injuries, shootings by police, and shootings carried out in self-defense in its tally.

Red Line passenger attacked with razor blade in Uptown

A man was seriously injured when another man attacked him with a razor during a fight aboard a Red Line train in Uptown June 17.

Chicago police said two men got into a fight while riding the train around 3:30 a.m. The altercation escalated when one of the men pulled out a "sharp object" and cut the other man several times, according to a police statement. A first responder at the scene said the victim appeared to have been cut with a razor blade.

The 36-year-old victim was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition, according to CPD.

Meanwhile, the assailant exited the station and fled in an unknown direction. He was described as a Black male in his 40s, weighing 150 to 160 lbs. He had braids and was wearing a red jacket and a blue backpack.

Two stabbing victims disarmed assailant and attacked him with his own knife in Grant Park

Three men sustained knife wounds during a fight at the Grant Park skate park in the Loop on June 17, according to Chicago police. Charges are pending against one of the men.

The group began arguing around 5:15 p.m., but the situation escalated when one of them pulled out a "sharp object" and stabbed the other two men, according to a CPD statement. An officer at the scene said evidence technicians were recovering a "machete" from the skate park.

A 38-year-old man, who suffered multiple stab wounds to his chest, flank, and buttocks, was listed in critical condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The second victim, a 28-year-old man turning 29 this week, refused medical treatment for an arm laceration, according to police.

The two victims disarmed the third man and stabbed him repeatedly in the leg, arm, and head, police said. The 30-year-old suspect, who has a significant arrest history primarily for retail theft, was in critical condition under police guard at Stroger Hospital, police said. Officials have not yet identified him publicly.

Violent incidents are not unusual for the skate park. Last year, a man received a 25-year sentence for murdering a homeless man who was sleeping near a sculpture next to the park.

In June 2023, prosecutors charged a man with stabbing and critically injuring a woman at the skate park. Joshua Shaw remains in the Cook County jail on an attempted murder charge in that case.

A robbery pattern involving an armed man who targeted people at and near the skate park went unsolved in the summer of 2022. Earlier in 2022, five juveniles were charged with attacking and robbing a man at the skate park.

A 26-year-old man was shot during an altercation at the skate park in Sept. 2021. The summer before that, a 15-year-old boy suffered a graze wound to his head at the facility.

Robbers fired shots at worker who saw them stealing tools from his work vehicle

A gang of armed thieves in a stolen car fired shots at a contractor who caught them raiding his work vehicle in West Rogers Park on June 16.

Chicago police suspect the brazen robbery is part of a growing wave of thefts targeting construction workers and contractors citywide.

The robbery unfolded around 5:46 a.m. in the 6800 block of N. Seeley when the worker spotted three men pilfering tools from his work vehicle, according to a Chicago police report.

When the crooks noticed the man, at least one pulled out a gun and fired shots in his direction, a CPD spokesperson said. No one was hurt by the gunfire.

The robbers, dressed in dark cloth-

ing with face masks, matched the description of crews that have been involved in at least a dozen similar crimes over the past month.

Video showed them fleeing in a black Infiniti, which police may have recovered shortly after the crime. Witnesses told cops they saw four males ditch the stolen Infiniti and hop into another getaway car.

The crew was described as Black males in their mid- to late teens, wearing ski masks and dark clothing—except for the gunman, who wore a blue hoodie, according to a witness.

Last week, a social media video showed a crew of masked and armed thieves targeting a work truck in Portage Park. And the week before that, we reported on two robberies of construction crews, one in Lincoln Park and the other in Logan Square. Victims were robbed at gunpoint in both of those incidents.

CPD has also issued a series of community alerts about similar robberies at work sites.

Migrant gets 3-year sentence for mugging woman near Goose Island

A Venezuelan migrant has been given a three-year prison sentence for robbing a woman near the Clybourn Corridor in Sept. 2020. But, this being Illinois, he will actually be out of prison less than a year after the crime occurred.

Anthony Laya-Alvarado, also known as Elvis Laya, pleaded guilty to robbery in exchange for the sentence from Judge Anjana Hansen, court records show.

Laya-Alvarado targeted a 37-year-old Streeterville woman who was walking in the 900 block of W. Weed at around 10:50 a.m. Sept. 21, prosecutors said. He snatched her necklace and jumped on a motorized bike that another man was operating.

A Chicago police officer, aware that the robbery offenders were both riding the same motorized bike, tried to detain Laya-Alvarado and another man as they rode a motorized bike near Marcy Court and Cortland around 11 a.m., a CPD report said.

Both men pulled away from the officer, and the driver managed to escape. But they caught Laya-Alvarado, who had possession of the woman's yellow necklace with an "R" pendant.

The robbery was one of at least seven similar crimes that occurred within days of each other, mainly in the Loop and on the lakefront.

By law, Laya-Alvarado's sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior. The remaining year-and-a-half will be offset by 393 days of credit that Laya-Alvarado earned by being in jail and participating in programs while awaiting trial. According to the Illinois Dept. of Corrections, he is scheduled to be released on Sept. 19, two days before the first anniversary of the robbery.

COVID testing lab owner sentenced to seven years over \$14M testing fraud scheme

The owner of a Norwood Park laboratory was sentenced June 18 to seven years in federal prison for his role in a COVID-19 testing fraud scheme.

Zishan Alvi, 46, owned and operated a laboratory that performed testing for COVID-19. In 2021 and 2022, Alvi caused tens of thousands of claims to be submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services' Health Resources [HRSA] and Services Administration for COVID-19 tests that were not performed as billed.

As part of the scheme, the laboratory released negative test results to patients, even though the laboratory either had not tested the specimens or the results were inconclusive because Alvi diluted the tests to save on costs



Brendan Siddall (inset) and surveillance images of the vehicle.

Police identify vehicle that struck and killed pedestrian in Lakeview

Chicago police have released surveillance images of a vehicle linked to a hit-and-run driver who killed a pedestrian in Lakeview early on June 21.

Brendan Siddall, 26, a beloved member of the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, was struck and killed in the northbound lanes of Lake Shore Dr. near Addison around 3:34 a.m., according to Chicago police and Siddall's friends.

Chicago police investigators identified the hit-and-run vehicle as a white 2019 Honda Accord with license plate FH49505. The driver continued north on Lake Shore Dr. without stopping, according to CPD. Siddall, who resided in the 4200 block of N. Sheridan, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Although determining the vehicle's owner is straightforward, detectives must prove who was driving at the time of the crash to file charges.

The CPD's Major Accident Investigation Unit is handling the case. They

can be reached at 312-745-4521 regarding case number JJ302688.

Fellow chorus members remembered Siddall as an "indispensable" part of the group and "an incredible presence."

"They embodied what it means to be authentically yourself, a quality I deeply admire and constantly strive for. Their passion, dedication, and genuine spirit were infectious. Brendan, we love you. We will miss you dearly," wrote Reggie Owens on Facebook.

Chris Paulus also shared thoughts online: "Their light shone so bright in everything they did, from incredible performances to the leadership shown as our Membership Council President. Not to mention the kindness they showed to those around them, the power of their authenticity, and the joy it was to be in their presence."



Chicago police officers form a line to contain a group of beachgoers that made its way to the 1500 block of N. Wells. Photo courtesy Citizen

Cops from 6 districts brought in to handle large crowd leaving North Avenue Beach; 5 arrests

Chicago police arrested five people, including three juveniles, as a large crowd leaving North Avenue Beach moved through Old Town and Lincoln Park on June 17, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Police commanders deployed two saturation teams and tactical units from six of the city's 22 CPD districts to manage the crowd, a source reported.

Approximately 200 people, most appearing to be in their teens or early 20s, began leaving the beach via LaSalle Dr. and the North Ave. pedestrian underpass shortly before 10 p.m. Minutes later, a CPD supervisor requested additional patrol cars to help with the crowd at North Ave. and Clark St., leading to two swift arrests.

Officers formed lines to guide the crowd west along North Ave. Video posted on the Citizen app captured several dozen individuals walking in traffic lanes, trailed by police. Cops also contained a portion of the crowd that reached the 1500 block of N. Wells, an area lined with restaurants and bars. However, an 18th District police supervisor instructed officers to refrain from using loudspeakers

while making them unreliable. Alvi knew that the laboratory was releasing negative results for COVID-19 tests that were not performed or were inconclusive, but still caused the laboratory to submit claims to HRSA for those tests.

Alvi also lied to laboratory directors

or sirens to avoid disturbing nearby residents.

According to a CPD spokesperson, three juveniles were detained during the incident: two boys, ages 16 and 17, were charged with battery and resisting a peace officer, while another 17-year-old boy was cited for possessing alcohol on park property.

Two adults were also charged, the spokesperson said: Honest Williams, 19, faces charges of misdemeanor reckless conduct and resisting a peace officer and Devon Mitchell, 19, was charged with two counts of resisting a peace officer and one count of reckless conduct.

A similar incident involving large crowds leaving the beach occurred in the same area in May 2022.

The arrests occurred hours before the City Council was to consider a proposed "snap curfew" ordinance, which would authorize the police superintendent to impose a curfew at any location with 30 minutes' notice. Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] is leading efforts to pass the ordinance as a tool to help police manage "large groups" or "teen trend" incidents.

to conceal his fraud. HRSA paid the laboratory more than \$14 million because of the fraudulent claims that Alvi caused to be submitted.

Alvi pleaded guilty last year to one count of wire fraud. U.S. Dis-

City looking at new rules for scooters

Some of the worst public scoff-laws in Chicago these days are scooter drivers, due in large part to an overall lack of concern over compliance with traffic laws, daredevil maneuvers in traffic, double-riding and for ignoring parking regulations.

Making matters worse for most non scooter-users, is the city's overall lack of enforcement of their own rules.

But that may be changing. The city is now updating its laws about scooter sharing to make sure everyone can use this amenity without harming others. For scooter users, that starts by remembering that scooters may not be operated on the sidewalk.

Scooters must follow the same rules of the road as all motorized vehicles, and must stick to riding in bicycle lanes and on roadways.

Chicago's licensed scooter rental companies (Divvy and Lyft) are now required to utilize technology that detects when renters are riding on the sidewalk and audibly alerts them to exit the sidewalk.

Multiple infractions will result in the suspension of the user's account.

New rules are also in effect to actively monitor scooter parking and make sure customers do not park scooters in a way that blocks the sidewalk or the public way.



Shareable electric scooters are frequently abandoned on North Side neighborhood streets.

Image courtesy Antonio Cantu and Patch Chicago

To end a trip, customers must lock scooters to a fixed physical object, such as a bike rack, retired meter, street sign, or light pole. Sadly, the common practice now is to just drop and abandon scooters in the public way. Under the new rules, they must now take a photo of the properly parked scooter and submit it to the scooter-sharing company. Multiple violations of the parking rules will also result in suspension of the user's account.

Because scooters can travel 15 to 30 mph, there has also been a steady uptick in injuries ranging

from cuts and bruises to severe traumatic brain injuries in scooter riders who generally don't wear helmets.

While Chicago has not yet considered stopping rogue e-scooter users, bans are now in place in New York City, San Francisco, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Honolulu, Paris, Montreal, Barcelona and Madrid. And London, Copenhagen, Barcelona, Montreal, and Singapore have all adopted strict rules on where and how e-scooters can be used.

Don't want to head downtown for fireworks, try Uptown

With youth wildings, teen trends and crime troubles, many people are avoiding downtown these days, yet many people still may want to enjoy fireworks on the lakefront. On the North Side, you second best option is the well-known and beloved fireworks display given every year at Foster and the Lakefront.

The Saddle & Cycle Club will be holding its annual fireworks show at dusk (sometime between 8:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.) on Friday, July 4.

While only members of the club and their guests may view the show from inside the club grounds, the fireworks can easily be seen from the surrounding areas.

Some of the good viewing spots include nearby rooftops of your friends' homes and condos. Or try Kathy Osterman Beach, Foster Ave. Beach, Margate Park.

Navy Pier will also be holding fireworks shows 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 2 and Saturday, July 5 at 10 p.m.

For the second year in a row, the party poppers are snuffing out the famous rogue fireworks that used to be held at Winnemac Park. The park just west of Damen will host an official "Fourth of July" celebration, but the catch is that there won't be any fireworks.

It comes after years of illegal, rogue fireworks shows that have drawn crowds and turned off some neighbors. Police were

on hand last year to enforce the city's fireworks ban, and they will likely be a part of the plan this year too.

The event was a longstanding Fourth of July tradition at Winnemac Park: a spontaneous yet unofficial and very illegal fireworks show where amateur pyrotechnics put on a show well into the night. But Illinois got the nationwide reputation as a "Sparkler State" for a reason. Illinois is one of only three states that ban most consumer fireworks. The only permitted 'fireworks' in Chicago are glowworms, smoke bombs, party poppers, and yes, sparklers.

Four new CTA Red Line stations to open July 20

On June 18 the CTA announced that four fully reconstructed Red Line stations in Edgewater and Uptown will open on Sunday, July 20, as part of the CTA's historic \$2.1 billion Red and Purple Modernization [RPM] Phase One Project.

RPM has rebuilt Red Line stations that were more than a century old into new, fully accessible and modern stations with elevators and escalators. The project has also included full reconstruction of the Red and Purple Line Express track structure and the installation of a new signal system that combined will provide smoother, quieter and more reliable rides for CTA customers.

Major project construction will be completed this year. The stations are located at: 1120 W. Lawrence Ave.; 1118 W. Argyle St.; 1119 W. Berwyn St.; 1116 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., and the Bryn Mawr station - Hollywood entrance at 1119 W. Hollywood Ave.

Temporary CTA Argyle and

Bryn Mawr stations currently serving customers during construction will close when the new stations open.

"The Red Line is the backbone of our City and is critical to our economic vibrancy, which is why I am proud to support the RPM," said Mayor Brandon Johnson.

The opening of four new contiguous stations marks the first time that this many stations have opened simultaneously since the

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KEN NORGAN RIP: The death last week of **Ken Norgan** stopped many Chicagoans in their tracks. He was first and foremost a grand Chicago gent of the highest order. An erudite and sophisticated man of the arts, a face at the Lyric Opera as familiar as the tenors in LaBoheme, or as fa-

miliar in his seat at the Chicago Symphony as its First Violinist.

Chicago theaters and great restaurants were his bailiwick, hosting friends to abundance. His elegant, thoughtful Chicago citizenry made him a significant supporter of culture with generosity and wide tastes. His business acumen and personal success suggest a treasured Chicago investment in the quality of local life. From the Salzburger Festspiele to the warm waters of Florida, to even the bow-tied penguins at North Avenue Beach or the grand Museo Soumaya in Mexico City, Norgan left a trail of endless learning, renaissance curiosity and expansive heart. PAX TIBI.

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Jim Corti

the 2025 'We Dream in Color' Humanitarian and Unity Celebration on Sat., July 19 at the DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center.

KNIGHTHOODS: Former England football captain **David Beckham**, Oscar-winning actor **Gary Oldman** and The Who front man **Roger Daltrey** were among the prominent figures awarded knighthoods for **King Charles III's** birthday.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE: **Sherry Lea Fox, Elizabeth A. Bertucci, Bobbi Panter, Kathy O'Malley Piccone, Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Bunny Frum** and **Myra Reilly** tossed a very special surprise birthday party for Chicago's sweetest friend, **Candace**

Jordan. At Tre Dita in the St. Regis. Life is beautiful, especially with hand-held Candace fans.

MANGE, MANGE: At Lucia's Gourmet Italian Cuisine it was Happy Birthday **Deb and Lezley.** A lovely night of friendship and laughter. **Julia Jacobs, Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, Bobbi Panter, Paula Borg, Wynnis Mackie, Denise Tomasello, Sherill Bodine, Sally Jo Morris Pfaff, Tina Gravel, Patricia Marx** and **Belvon Walker.**

WHO'S WHERE: **Princess Anne** arrived at JFK Airport, carrying her own two bags after completing her tour in New York... Myra Reilly's first batch of homegrown organic radishes in Lake Forest, this is why she's such a stunning chef... **Maria Pappas** was in the heart of Lincoln Square for music, dancing, and joy, a beautiful celebration of German-American heritage... Belated birthday wishes to **Jolanta Ruede**, our Polish princess... Tina Gravel and Lauren Lein Cavanaugh at Carnival Restaurant dancing the night away and meeting the project's art director- what a wonderful 35th Anniversary of the Chicago Human Rhythm Project and the Mayfair Arts Center... Congrats to **Jason Knowles** celebrating 21 years at ABC 7 Chicago... **Terri Engelman Rhodes** and **Shauna Montgom-**



Ken Norgan



Rev. Jesse Jackson with Chuy Garcia and Jonathan Jackson.

Photo by Colin Boyle

ery did a stunning job chairing The Chicago Lighthouse's gala, a beautiful event with **Shelley MacArthur** performing... **Whitney Reynolds** had the most beautiful Candlelight concert experience at the Tribute to **Taylor Swift** celebrating the start of summer... **Jeff and Stephanie Leese Emrich** had a bumper crop of garden strawberries, a harvest of one singular sensational strawberry whose name is "Ludwig," as in **Mies van der Rohe**, because "less is more." Perhaps more siblings for strawberry shortcake by summer's end?... Denise Tomasello, was the big bidder at the Service Club Hat Luncheon (congrats to co-chairs, **Sherry Holson, Paula Borg, Kathleen Haines-Finley** for a great idea) afterwards stopped by Gibson's Steakhouse for a few minutes to get the 'behind the scenes scoop', **Sherrill Bodine** can see a book coming... Happy 26th birthday to **Will McNulty**, having dinner with mom, **Penny McNulty**, at Andros Taverna... **Sherry Lea Fox, Randy Fifield, Pascual Imbui** and **Jordan Heller** at Maple & Ash "Out n About" with Chicago Friends... **Dr. Cristina Serediak**, a medical doctor in Argentina and a master in the Ukrainian art of decorating Easter eggs, has been invited to do presentations in many countries, including the U.S. and is a dear friend of Chicagoan Marta Farion... "No Kings Day" activities brought out the patriotic veteran media pro **Catherine Johns**... Word is the Bears rookies have taken Wrigley by storm... **Jim Corti** Day in Aurora, theater critic **Hedy Weiss** says his Paramount Theater operation there has brought the city of Aurora to life... Service Clubs' **Kimberly Filan** doing Sunday dinner with husband, **Bill**, and super bright son, **Liam**, now officially a DePaul Academy senior, at Il Girasole.... also at Il Girasole, **Mindy Nedwick** and daughter, **Matty Nedwick**, also a new high school senior, and a budding painter herself.

CAP & GOWN: At the Univ. of Chicago more than 25,000 chairs were set up across campus in preparation for the 2025 Graduate Convocation.

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But he said he inherited a closure moratorium and worked with school boards that had no appetite for closing or merging schools. “Our footprint is too large,” said Martinez. “Every time somebody wants to address this issue, you see at all levels of politics, nobody wants to do it.”

He said he hopes a fully elected school board that will take over in 2027 will tackle the issue head-on, working closely with the communities it serves.

In a statement, the district noted its building utilization formula is “just one measure,” and it could overestimate available space.

The mayor’s office did not respond to requests for comment.

With public school enrollment declining across the country, a growing number of cities — Milwaukee; Denver; Flint, MI; Boston; San Francisco; Philadelphia — are grappling with the issue of under-enrollment. Some plan to close schools.

But Chicago, the country’s fourth-largest district, operates on a larger scale: It has more students and more buildings than most other cities. The city’s school-age population, meanwhile, is on a downward trajectory, federal COVID-19 aid ran out this year, and the district faces a budget deficit of more than \$500 million.

And yet, Chicago “doesn’t seem to be having an honest conversation about the challenges it’s facing,” said Carrie Hahnel, a school finance researcher with the non-profit Bellwether.

‘A lack of political courage’

The 2013 closings of 49 Chicago elementary schools and one small high school were more than controversial. Families there felt that their communities were being torn apart as the city moved to shutter schools with long and rich histories. After protests and angry meetings, students were displaced to schools that were farther away from home. Neighborhood hubs were mothballed.

Deep distrust of CPS after the mass closures lingers, especially in Black neighborhoods like DuSable’s Bronzeville. Univ. of Chicago research showed those closures set students back academically, though a small number who moved to high-performing campuses fared better. Some community groups and the teachers union in Chicago see schools as a public good; shuttering them is another mark of disinvestment.

That was the backdrop when a group of DuSable High School alumni grew concerned about dwindling enrollment at their beloved school and worried the district might target the building for closure. They approached CPS just before the pandemic with an alternative idea: Consolidate the two tiny schools at DuSable and focus classes on STEM careers.

The Bronzeville Scholastic Institute and the Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine would unite and revert to the name DuSable.

The alumni had no illusions that they could fully restore DuSable to what is once was. Compared to the school’s heyday, a much smaller number of school-age children live in Bronzeville today. But the alumni wanted more for the school.

The group met repeatedly with school and district leaders in DuSable’s wood-paneled social room, where trophies mark decades of athletic and musical excellence.

Officials told the group to get more input from current families at both schools — a daunting task given that the district would not provide their names or contact information. The plan fizzled out.

Hal Woods, now a policy director with the parent advocacy nonprofit Kids First Chicago, worked as the district’s school development director at the time and sat in on those meetings. He said the bottom line was that the plan smacked too much of a closure.

“We didn’t want to be seen with our fin-

gerprints on this,” he said.

Former school board President Jianan Shi, a Johnson appointee who served from 2023 to 2024, said rebuilding trust and planning for schools’ future with local communities at the helm takes time; it must begin now.

But, he said, “There’s a lack of political courage to have this conversation, and yet it’s often weaponized.”

Amid the uproar over the 2013 closings, Chicago’s then-mayor, Rahm Emanuel, vowed that his appointed school board would not close schools for five years. The state legislature then imposed a 2021 moratorium on closing Chicago schools until January of this year, part of a bill that changed the Chicago Board of Education to an elected, rather than mayor-appointed, body.

Today, Chicago has 634 schools, including 119 charter and contract schools run by outside entities, and a teachers union ally holds the mayor’s office. Last September, amid a power struggle between Johnson and Martinez, the Chicago Teachers Union [CTU] publicized a facilities analysis that the district had done in late 2023, which included hypothetical scenarios for consolidating 75 schools, including Williams and Bronzeville. The union argued that even entertaining that idea was cause to fire Martinez immediately.

As the CTU pounced, Martinez pushed back, saying the district had concluded that no school would be closed while he was in charge — which he now says was really the school board’s decision. At the next school board meeting, he presented a new resolution that got unanimous support: CPS would not close any schools until 2027.

But the city’s demographic realities are not on hold. About 325,000 students enrolled this year, a drop of more than 70,000 from a decade ago. District officials project that three school years from now, there could be as few as 300,000 or, in a best-case scenario, as many as 334,000 students. Those estimates are based in part on the city’s sharply falling birth rates. Citywide, from 2011 to 2021, the number of births dropped by more than 43%.

Still, CTU leaders insist that the city is actually poised for a population turnaround. During President Donald Trump’s second administration, Chicago under Johnson can bill itself as a progressive refuge — a place that protects immigrants, abortion care, LGBTQ+ rights, and access to gender-affirming care for transgender youth and adults, said Jackson Potter, vice president of the CTU.

“We are going to need to be a citadel of protection,” he said, adding that the last thing the city wants is to shutter some of its schools, then see families arriving in these neighborhoods en masse only to find limited classroom seats.

The union’s real issue with school closures, Potter said, is that Chicago has done them without enough educator and community input and has rushed them, destabilizing other nearby schools.

An influx of immigrant families allowed CPS to stabilize its enrollment and the city to notch modest population increases in the past two years after a lengthy decline. But some demographers think the Trump administration’s immigration crackdown might mean these gains are short-lived.

Jim Lewis, a senior researcher at the Great Cities Institute, a research hub at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago, is skeptical about the possibility of an influx of school-age children in areas with shrinking schools. Some gentrifying Chicago neighborhoods have drawn new residents, but they tend to be higher earners who generally have fewer kids.

Lewis cautions that people tend to overestimate the power of schools to attract residents. Studies have shown that crumbling schools can deter families, he said. But research also suggests new programs and attractive campuses can only do so much to draw them — unless those schools come with a complete package of job op-

portunities, safe neighborhoods, affordable housing, and more.

“I’m all for beautiful new schools,” Lewis said. “Do I think by itself it changes the demography of a place? I don’t think so.”

What to do about underenrolled schools and Chicago’s diminished school-age population is a decision for Chicago’s school board. Currently, 10 members are elected and 11 are appointed by the mayor. Next year, all will be up for election.

Some members, who said they could only speak candidly if they aren’t named, said the board must discuss solutions for tiny schools, including consolidation. But being branded “school closers” is a concern ahead of elections. Others said they’re open to discussing alternatives to school closings, including bringing health clinics or other family services into vacant parts of under-enrolled schools.

“I think we have to talk about small schools as a result of historic racism, underfunding, neglect, and inequity,” said member Debby Pope, a former CTU employee. A conversation is going to be essential, she said, but with a moratorium on closings in place and the possibility that the board could extend it, “I don’t think this is the moment for that conversation.”

Small enrollment, limited opportunities

About 5 miles southeast of DuSable is Hirsch High School, which was one of the district’s largest school building projects when it opened in the 1920s and once dealt with severe overcrowding. It’s gotten so small now that M’Kya Craig had taken all the electives the school offered by her junior year.

She was one of roughly 100 students at Hirsch, which could enroll 1,000. She browsed the school’s limited courses and decided to take yearbook for a second time. She was bracing to take the course a third time her senior year, but Hirsch added an African American literature class.

Craig appreciated that staff at the small school got to know her well, including a counselor who helped her get into Chicago State Univ. But she often felt frustrated by the school’s slim course offerings and scarce extracurriculars over the years.

“We lost a lot over the years due to being a small school,” she said.

Most of the district’s under-enrolled schools serve students who do not participate in Chicago’s expansive system of school choice, where high-performing students test into selective schools ranked the best in the state, and other students find their way to magnets, charters, or strong neighborhood schools, often in wealthier parts of Chicago.

Many of the district’s small schools serve Chicago’s highest-needs students.

At the Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine, one of the schools inside DuSable, junior Georgia Deaye was drawn to the school’s medical career program and loves the close-knit feel.

“The connection with teachers is way deeper than if I was at another school,” she said.

She participated in a summer internship program that Williams accesses through one of the larger district high schools and recently got her CPR certification. The most recent graduation rate at Williams was 93%, among the highest in the district. The graduating class was 14 students. There are a total of 70 students enrolled there, at a cost of \$54,000 per student.

“Small schools are not always painted in a positive light,” said Williams Principal Leonetta Sanders, but the smaller environment is ideal for some students. In part because of its size, the campus hasn’t had to deal with gang problems or violence, she said.

“Safety,” she said, “is always money well spent.”

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Some research has suggested that students tend to do better in smaller schools, notes Bruce Fuller, an expert at the Univ. of California, Berkeley. But those findings apply to small-by-design campuses with healthy enrollments, not schools that have shrunk dramatically as families have fled.

Fuller doesn't think that student outcomes at those under-enrolled schools have been studied rigorously because it would be too hard to control for factors such as

the high needs of the students they tend to serve. "There's consistent evidence that smaller can be better," Fuller said. "But small in this life cycle of decline is a totally different story."

In Chicago's tiny schools, the limitations, even at a high per-student cost, are substantial. Bronzeville Scholastic Institute, the other school inside DuSable, used to be able to teach Spanish and French but now offers Spanish only. The school once offered Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses but realized it

could not continue to offer both; it kept the IB program.

The schools have tried to make up for the limited course offerings by encouraging students to take online courses and dual-enrollment classes that local community colleges offer to high school students.

"You've got 12 kids in a class. The board is not going to pay for a calculus teacher," Grace Dawson, who leads DuSable's robust alumni group, said of the school district. Students are being "robbed" of opportunity, said Dawson, a former Chicago school principal.

Flush with federal COVID aid, the district added more than 7,500 new positions over the past four years even as enrollment kept declining. It also recently started guaranteeing a certain number of staff, including 10 teachers, at each school regardless of enrollment. Williams and Bronzeville, which used to share an assistant principal and a gym teacher, each hired their own. Douglass High School on the city's West Side now has 27 employees for 28 students.

That includes six regular education teachers, six special education teachers, a school counselor, a college and career coach, a conflict resolution specialist, a restorative justice coordinator, and an assistant principal and principal. The cost to run the school is \$93,000 per student.

"Is a Douglass student getting a \$93,000-a-year experience? No," said Woods of Kids First Chicago. "We can confidently say that. CPS pumps extra dollars into these schools so they can offer the bare minimum."

The district, which handles requests for

comment about individual schools, did not dispute the high per-pupil price tag at Douglass. It has said its new budgeting approach gives all schools a fiscal boost regardless of size.

David Narain, who was principal at Hirsch until 2023, said the school's smaller size allowed his staff to focus intensely on a highly mobile student body, where many students came in reading at the third or fourth grade level. But it was challenging to build a school culture on a campus with so few students.

"You try to have a homecoming, but there's no football team," he said. "There's nothing to come home to."

And Narain understands the financial tension the district faces. "The writing is on the wall," he said. "You can't continue to run these schools and give them all of these resources."

Old buildings, big expenses

In a district with a \$10 billion budget, the overall spending on staff and programs at small schools can seem negligible. But keeping aging campuses running is costly no matter how many students are there. The average Chicago school building is 85 years old; dozens of them were built before 1900.

Our analysis of capital spending data found that since 2017, the district's 47 severely under-enrolled schools — ones that sit more than two-thirds empty — have cost more than \$213 million to maintain and renovate.

The emptiest buildings account for \$400

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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<p>252525 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- JOHN HERNANDEZ, EL LAGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 24 CH 08064 6157 N SHERIDAN RD. APT. 4F CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 14, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 16, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6157 N SHERIDAN RD. APT. 4F, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-211-024-1022 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$253,190.12. 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William St. DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754</p>	<p>E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 2018693 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 24 CH 08064 TJSC#: 45-1075 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 24 CH 08064 13268190</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- PAUL W. GOODRICH, VALERIE D. GOODRICH, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/B/M TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, ROSEMARIE M. SHIRK, JOSEPH B. SHIRK, ROSEMARIE M. SHIRK, TRUSTEE, OR THE SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, UNDER THE ROSEMARIE M. SHIRK LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 19, 1997, DATED JUNE 3, 1997, JOSEPH B. SHIRK, TRUSTEE, OR THE SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, UNDER THE ROSEMARIE M. 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MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 CHICAGO IL 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMPSP@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 25-007370 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2024 CH 07533 TJSC#: 45-1098 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2024 CH 07533 8277-954729</p>	<p>181818 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff -v- DOUANGDY XEUNXON A/K/A DOUANGDY XEUNXOM; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT</p>	<p>OF REVENUE; UNJ/NOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 23 CH 5068 CALENDAR 58 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on July 21, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-07-423-063-1001. Commonly known as 1625 W. Ainslie St., Unit BE, Chicago, IL 60640. The real estate is: condominium residence. 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trict Judge John J. Tharp, Jr. imposed the prison sentence during a hearing in federal court in Chicago. Tharp also ordered Alvi to pay more than \$14.1 million in restitution and forfeit more than \$8 million in cash, a 2021 Range Rover HSE, a 2022 Tesla X, and a 2021 Mercedes-Benz GLB250W4, all of which were previously seized by law enforcement.

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Orange Line in 1993. "By opening these four stations that will be accessible to customers with disabilities, we move closer to our goal of having all of our CTA stations fully accessible," said CTA Acting President Nora Leerhsen.

The CTA plans to develop 10 blocks of open space located under the tracks between Lawrence and Ardmore avenues based on input from the community.

The open space design plans include a pedestrian trail, dog parks, playground, fitness area, benches, and flexible-use plaza space for community events. Construction is expected to begin in 2026 and be completed in 2027.

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million of the district's estimated \$3.1 billion in needed critical repairs. The DuSable building alone needs \$21 million in urgent repairs.

Adding to the financial uncertainty at CPS is the Trump administration's threat to withhold federal funding from districts such as Chicago that have maintained their diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Education policy researcher Chad Aldeman, the former policy director of the Edunomics Lab at Georgetown Univ., said some closures or consolidations seem inevitable on the heels of Chicago's massive enrollment losses. If the district doesn't make a plan now — with community input and help to ease the transition for students — it could find itself scrambling later to reorganize in crisis mode.

"A lot of places that are closing schools are in financial distress," Aldeman said. "They are trying to save money

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rather than thinking holistically."

Closing schools can also carry steep costs. In 2013, the district spent big to add staff at schools that took in students, spruce up those schools, and move furniture out of the closed buildings.

Then there's what to do with vacant buildings. The district is still trying to sell 20 vacant schools from the 2013 closures, which it pays to maintain.

CTU leaders, who pushed to add thousands of new school staff positions in recent contract talks, have long advocated spending more to breathe new life into under-enrolled schools — an invest-and-they'll-come theory.

Potter, the CTU vice president, holds up Dyett High School — which the district closed but later reopened after a CTU-supported hunger strike in protest — as an example of a "phoenix rising from the ashes." Its basketball team won a state title this year. Though the school is still at 58% capacity, enrollment has stabilized at roughly 500 students, a benchmark CPS has used to weigh whether a high school is big enough.

"Why would you start with a question about consolidations when you can start with a question about support?" he said.

But recent years have tested the power of added investments to boost enrollment.

In 2018, the district and teachers union jointly launched an initiative to target 20 high-poverty campuses, including Dyett, with an additional \$500,000 a year. They've used the money to partner with a local nonprofit to offer more services for students and families.

Some of these schools have since reported parent and student engagement gains. But with a few exceptions, they have steadily lost enrollment since then, in some cases dramatically.



Care for Real Executive Director Gregory Gross, center, officially opened the new facility at 5840 N. Broadway on June 22. Next to him are State Rep. Kelly Cassidy [14th], and State Sen. Mike Simmons [7th], with Care for Real board members, staff and volunteers.

Photo by Joanne Kitsos

Care for Real's new facility offers more space, services

BY BOB KITSOS

"It's a shared dream realized," said Blair Harvey, board chair of Care for Real; she and other officials marked the official opening of the new facility on June 22. Care for Real, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping vulnerable neighbors overcome food insecurity with dignity, is now located at 5840 N. Broadway.

The facility, a former commercial office property with over 13,000 square feet, is a two-story building that is more than twice the size of its former facility at 5339 N. Sheridan Rd.

The new location features flexible space, larger storage areas and pantry space, and safer conditions for volunteers, clients and staff foot traffic. In addition, there are expanded storage areas for clothing, food and personal care items as well as increased capacity to store refrigerated and frozen foods, ready-to-eat items and fresh produce.

The approximate \$3 million building re-

hab includes designated gathering spaces for programming for clients, group volunteer opportunities, pre- and post-distribution meetings and volunteer training. Other additions are private meeting spaces for individualized client support, board and staff meetings and client meetings with partner agencies.

A dedicated parking lot on the south side of the building means Care for Real will be able to keep its delivery vans on-site and drive right up to the building to unload, according to Executive Director Gregory Gross. Clients also will be able to line up in the parking lot for distribution days rather than congregating on the sidewalk off a major road, as was necessary at its previous site on Sheridan Rd.

"We're just really excited about what this will mean for our community, for Edgewater and for those we serve to have a permanent home for Care for Real right in the heart of the neighborhood that will be accessible," Gross said. "We can serve even more folks with dignity and compassion.

Man charged with shooting at acquaintance in Rogers Park was convicted of similar crime in 2016

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 31-year-old North Side man, previously convicted of shooting at people on the street in Rogers Park, faces new charges after allegedly firing two shots at a man exiting his apartment building, also in Rogers Park. No injuries were reported in either incident.

The latest shooting, captured on a doorbell camera, has led to his detention pending trial for what a judge called a "volatile, violent act."

Prosecutors said it occurred at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 7000 block of N. Wolcott. A 35-year-old man, about to leave his apartment, saw a masked gunman point a handgun at him and fire two rounds, which missed.

The gunman then lowered his mask, revealing his face to the victim, who allegedly recognized him as Erik Varvodic, a man he had known for eight years. Varvodic fled the scene, but the victim's doorbell camera recorded the incident, providing key evidence that led to Varvodic's recent arrest.

Judge Shauna Boliker detained Varvodic, describing the act as "meant to horribly injure or kill" the victim.

This is not Varvodic's first encounter

with such charges.

In Sept. 2016, Chicago police officers patrolling the 1300 block of W. Morse heard a gunshot and saw two 20-year-old women shouting that they had been shot at. The women described the shooter and pointed officers toward his escape route.

Officers found Varvodic nearby and allegedly saw a handgun sliding down the inside of his right pants leg as he ran. They caught Varvodic, recovered an unloaded .38 Special from his pants leg, and found bullets and a shell casing in his pocket, according to a CPD report.

Varvodic allegedly admitted to shooting at the women, saying they "were messing with me," and later claimed the shot was meant for a man who was with the women.

He also allegedly asked an officer, "Would it have been worse if I shot at them more than once?"

Varvodic ultimately pleaded guilty to aggravated discharge of a firearm toward an occupied vehicle, receiving 24 months of probation, which court records note he completed "unsatisfactorily."

He is now charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm toward an occupied building.

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The location near public transit and its inclusion of family-sized units hope to attract families to the area.

The project also includes 5,062 square feet of ground-floor retail space, with efforts to retain existing businesses and provide a boost to the area's struggling economy.

"This project helps development without

displacing long-term residents by addressing the increasing demand for family-sized affordable units," said Ald. Maria Hadden [40th]. "It not only addresses the need for affordable housing but also acts as a catalyst for economic development in a part of the ward that has seen historical disinvestment."

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