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More lives swallowed up by Lake Michigan

(L) Emergency rescue workers leave Pratt Pier empty-handed when rescue efforts turned to recovery. (R) At least a dozen emergency vehicles lined Pratt Ave. as rescuers searched the water. North Side neighbors are calling on the Chicago Park District to finally install life rings at public beaches.

'The lake always wins'

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY FELICIA DECHTER

Another life was swallowed up by Lake Michigan early last Sunday morning, after a man in his 30s apparently jumped into the water from the end of Pratt Pier in Rogers Park. Witnesses said he jumped in, went underwater, and did not emerge.

It's something that happens in my neighborhood just about every year. There's a sickening feeling in the pit of my stomach each time the dozen or so rescue vehicles have come racing down my street over the last four decades.

Those who've resided here long enough know the horribly gut-wrenching, familiar scene. The wailing sirens of the ambulances, fire trucks and police. The roaring blade slaps of the chopper. The Coast Guard boat, piloting about, searching. The solemn looks of the rescue teams and onlookers.

Each has the same mission of working together to find and rescue a drowning person. Last weekend I watched as they diligently searched for about an hour-and-a-half before rescue efforts turned to recovery.

The neighbors all come out, anxiety and profound sadness on their faces because they know what this means. Everyone who lives around the beach knows. Because we've seen this type of tragedy occur time and time again.

"The lake always wins," said nearby resident Dan DiCesare, who swims practically every morning at the Tobey Prinz Beach at Pratt Ave. "Most times it seems calm but on the pier, it's deceiving."

"It's a very dangerous pier," said a Pratt Ave. neighbor named James. "The sign is great but just not in the right spot -- they should go to the end of the pier. Some states report the drowning incidents in their signs."

There is one lone sign that stands at the beginning edge of the pier. It warns people not to swim there and the danger that comes with it. Yet it currently is tagged with graffiti and also hard to see because it's semi-hidden among the overgrown brush that has gotten taller this summer.

Come on, Chicago Park District. Get on that please. Trim the brush, get the graffiti off or replace the sign, and jeez, do it while there is still swimming happening. Don't sit on your butts here, because soon the lifeguards will be leaving for the season, leaving the area all the more dangerous.

"We are well-aware and have alerted parks," Halle Quezada, co-founder of the Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety, said of the signage issues. "Also, that sign was too far away from the water."

Quezada said that Maureen Hickey, who was a member of the 49th Ward Participatory Budget Committee, worked diligently to successfully get increased, bilingual signage passed during the 49th Ward's 2020/2021 participatory budget voting. Hickey assembled a team of Quezada, lifeguards, park advisory councils and scuba dive team members and they walked the beach to identify spots. The new signage will be erected by all piers, beach access points and known high drowning incident areas, Quezada said.

The lone sign that is currently on the pier was installed after

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A new $35 million development is going in at 3179 N. Clark St., including approximately 59,000 square feet of rentable commercial space and a single level of underground parking. Departing is the classic Ivar Viehe-Naess-designed bank building built in 1921.

The 100-year old former Lakeview State Bank building about to be demolished

Perhaps the most iconic-looking bank building in Lakeview is about to be demolished.

Located at 3179 N. Clark St., the century-old bank building at the corners of Clark, Belmont, and Halsted in Lakeview will soon be knocked down for a new two-story commercial development from the Hubbard Street Group.

Not yet named a local landmark, the site's existing limestone-clad building was designed in the neoclassical style by architect Ivar Viehe-Naess in 1921.

It originally served as Lakeview State Bank (later the Belmont National and Corus banks), and most recently housed a Fifth Third branch. An online petition to save the building collected more than 2,000 signatures, but since the property is not a protected Chicago landmark, it was recently issued a demolition permit.

The new $35 million development will include approximately 59,000 square feet of rentable commercial space and a single level of underground parking accessed from Clark St. It is being built "as-of-right," which means it complies with the site's existing zoning, and does not need permission from the local alderman or City Hall to proceed. Hubbard Street Group said they won't reveal its tenant(s) to the public until this fall, but suggested it may be a retail grocer.

Turns out there is a real exit for Exit

Chicago's most well-known and authentic punk / heavy metal dive bar has been closed.

Founded 40 years ago in Old Town, Exit, 1315 W. North Ave., has fallen out of favor with City Hall, which shut it down due to dangerous and hazardous conditions inside the brick two-story building.

Exit, the bar that defined Chicago's punk, alternative, goth, industrial and new wave scenes throughout the 1980s, 90s and 2000s, was shut down for being exactly what their customers have always wanted and expected it to be: a filthy, chaotic, scary head-banging mess.

The Chicago Dept. of Buildings' Strategic Task Force inspected the property on Aug. 6 and shut it down immediately, using an emergency closure order.

The building violations stated that the bar's interior space had improperly stored gas tanks, obstructed ingress and egress, expired fire extinguishers, lack of fire resistant materials in certain areas, exposed wiring and unsanitary conditions throughout the property.

Which is just the way most Exit fans remember it and like it.

A June 2021 Yelp review by John O. explains a recent visit: "A beautiful young lady next to me slid off her bar stool and collapsed on the floor. The barkeep and bouncer reacted so blase, they did nothing as she lay there. I had my girlfriend call 911 and I carried her outside until [an] ambulance showed up."

While Maja B. explains why she's a regular who liked the place: "Cuz it's nasty and full of drug addicts and prostitutes and it's just a total meat market. Ahhhh. I call that character."

Maja B. says that the first thing you will notice when entering, "is the filth. Filthy ages-old bras and panties hang over [a] 10-foot diameter medieval chandelier, but I don't think they are meant for lighting. The next thing you'd notice is probably the punk rock black and red interior. More filth and grime up ahead, a stripper pole. And if you've been to this joint as many times as I and seen as many things as I, you probably wouldn't touch it. I highly doubt they ever clean it. The upstairs carries the same grime/creepy interior style but with black lights, yeah! And if you really want to freak yourself out, use the upstairs bathroom."

The Dept. of Buildings says Exit will remain closed until all violations are remedied. The club management promises online that the property will be remodeled.

Exit opened in Lincoln Park on Wells St. in 1981. In 1995, after Old Town neighbors grew tired of the trouble associated with the bar, they were forced to move to their current location on North Ave.

But many of the bars' old time enthusiasts would offer that Exit used to be a better punk scene when it was in Old Town at 1653 N. Wells St.

Exit, 1315 W. North Ave.
Photo by Brule Laker

America needs to take back Chicago

By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Break down the hate for more hope and trust. These are the essential ingredients to dispel fear and violence.

Hatred comes in many shapes and sizes. For many, it can be overwhelming. Misjudgment is a big part of urban hatred. It is no longer political.

Stretch your survival skills to include more tolerance. It's a moral issue we will never escape.

A key is to recognize when one might need some kind of intervention. Some who suffer with hatred may benefit from outside help to avoid chronic suffering.

You don't have to be Thomas Aquinas to make sense out of life's mysteries. Suffering is optional.

Fifteen hundred years after the deaths of Plato and Aristotle, when virtually no human could recall the impact of the Greeks' reason and intelligence, Aquinas suggested that using their philosophical approach or thought processes would make some ponderous ideas more understandable.

Aquinas started with the search for God. He used the ancient Greeks' concepts and notions to more emphatically come to know "the unmoved mover." It was one of his more well-known concepts for the Supreme being.

He revitalized human thought with the application of a philosophical language with which most classical Greek smarty-pants were at home. It gave bright thinkers, like theologians and philosophers, a common language with which to speak about God to each other.

And Creation. The universe. Man's role in the whole process and what it was all about.

In the age of Google and Apple, that might not seem like much. But it did, kind of, reinvent the world back then. Or at least human knowledge.

That alone tells us a lot about of what the human mind is capable. How it functions and the limits of its versatility.

Aquinas' rediscovery of the philosophy of the Greeks opened a door on the mind of humanity that has never closed. Although it's come close at times. He did that in the 13th century. People still didn't have soap then. Antiseptics, electricity, plumbing, bottled beer or ice cream.

Life was all work then… drudge work for survival.

Heat meant wood for burning and cooking. That meant gathering and cutting wood. You were always cold. Always hungry. Life's focus was survival. Making it through life day by day. Food was meagre and basic, keeping you alive, when you could find it.

Most people did not have time to answer the great ponderous questions of life. They learned of life by what surrounded them. Hurt them. Challenged them.

Limping public policies and poorly fashioned public solutions to disorder are destroying Chicago's network of past successes.

Irv Kupcinet

Looking for God was a rich man's search.

It was hard to ask the great questions when your family dwindled by sickness and disease. When families were the victims of the plots, intrigues and cruelties of monarchs and madmen, and their henchmen busy keeping themselves warm and well-fed.

Mystics and monks were among the few with the will or the wit to ponder the ultimate mysteries of the universe. Most people were just glad to have fire.

Yet amid the carnage and casualties some wrote poetry. Composed music, sang songs, wrote dirges, made bread, stews and pies, and pledged their heart to another. Set sail for new lands. Thought of more savory ways to live, improving the conditions of the cold and the hungry.

Amazingly in the darkest of times, there were people who attempted to make the earth more livable. More compatible to human beings.

We no longer ponder such notions often. When we do, we may be by witnessing the loss of what we have gained over the centuries.

Of course we're warmer and better fed. We luxuriate in the nearness of science's cradling our ability to survive plague and pestilence and disease. It's radically altered the way in which we engage the world. Our confidence in conquering threats to human life emboldens our habitation of earth.

We are no longer its victims for the most part. But we are often crippled at our inability to embrace any sense of real humanism to rescue the expanding social and cultural dilemmas surrounding us. Rescue there seems fatal.

I say that not so much to acknowledge the growing gloom of human abilities, but to express the fearful loss of opportunities to rescue ourselves from impending cultural brokenness, in America and around our planet.

But most assuredly right now in Chicago. Our hatreds are being broadcast daily on the national news.

Humanity has learned to rescue itself from the hardship of human living over the millennia. From subsistence living, as we grappled for food and safe shelter, all the way to indulging a privileged humanity of plenty, comfort and advantage.

Nothing concretizes that disparity more emotionally than the present mayhem and murder on Chicago streets. Nothing crystallizes the shocking disorder of the city's political leadership more than the on-going disintegration of urban order. And our plunge into the chaos of municipal failure and fatigue.

Of course we all feel the strange climate of distrust and atmosphere of fear that has descended on America's most vibrant metropolis. It is and should be cause for alarm. It is an eerie syndrome as ripe as COVID. Plaguing our self-confidence and willingness to trust our fellow Chicagoans. Coming at a time when even major league baseball, once the glue of Chicago citizenship, is racked by unsettling confusion due to pandemic and civic unrest.

Brendan Daley

People, devout and faithful, who never missed a Sunday Mass or Sabbath service find themselves lost without the comfort of liturgy or public prayer. Funerals go by the wayside. Grief is less shared. School appears without the logic of past confidences. And Chicago Police stand at the breaking point. Crushed, not championed, by leaders of limited abilities. And worse, the influence of false social teachings that wreak havoc on public order and a justice system that no longer protects us from violence and fatal criminal betrayal.

Limping public policies and poorly fashioned public solutions to disorder are destroying the network of past successes in Chicago civil rule.

As Americans we have the right to petition the federal government to intervene. Lay down a strategy of municipal rescue. Appoint a day-to-day system of leadership conservation to stop the disintegration of public order. We need outside overseers to bring an immediate end to the murder and mayhem. To second guess the intentions, motives and goals of our mendacious local politicians.

America needs to take back Chicago. Free Chicagoans from the despair of present municipal chaos. Bring change to our streets and institutions. Let human reason and intelligence return. Lift us from the low life into which we have been carried. Bring the foolishness to an end. Let there be poetry and baseball and ice cream again.

AT RANDOM: Irv Kupcinet's daily "Kup's Column" was launched in 1943 and remained a fixture in Chicago celebrity headlines for decades. In 1982 Kup was elected to Chicago's journalism hall of fame, publishing an autobiography in 1988, "Kup: A Man, An Era and A City." Chicago writer **Joey Majumdar** first met Kup when he was very young, later directing his 90th birthday and 60th anniversary with Sun-Times. Joey just produced a short film tribute his mentor Irv Kupcinet (with the help of **Douglas Ekman** and **Irene Michaels**). A wonderful documentary.

NEW MAN AT THE ZOO: Lincoln Park Zoo announced the appointment of **Brendan Daley** to the zoo's executive management team as Vice President of Operations. Daley oversees day-to-day operations of the zoo including sustainability, safety, transportation, and guest services.

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS: Morton Salt, the 173-year-old Chicago company recently purchased by a California investment firm, laid off 120

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North Side tax hikes are mild, but wait until next year

First of two articles on property taxes.

For many North Side Chicago homeowners, the second installment of the 2020 property tax bill reflects the "COVID-19 assessment adjustment," so the bite isn't as bad as earlier years.

The Home Front

By Don DeBat

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi determined that the pandemic caused a "significant economic downturn, and lower property values" depending on the property's type and location.

In Chicago, the COVID-19 assessment-value reductions average 10%. They range from about 7.5% in Lincoln Park, Lakeview and Uptown, and nearly 8% in the Loop, River North, Old Town, South Loop and Bronzeville. The reductions are about 9.5% in Rogers Park and West Ridge, and range as high as 12% on Chicago's South Side.

In Chicago, tax bills vary widely from neighborhood to neighborhood, according to an analysis of nearly 1.8 million bills by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas' office.

The county will collect more than $16.1 billion in property taxes this year. That's an increase of $534 million, or more than 3.4%, from last year. Second installment bills were posted online on Aug. 12 and will be mailed to taxpayers this week. The bills will be due on Oct. 1.

About 84% of business property owners, compared with half of homeowners, are being billed more than last year, the Pappas analysis reported. The median residential tax bill is $3,341, down by $1.63, or .05%. The median commercial tax bill is $9,659, an increase of $761, or 8.6%.

The Home Front column compiled the following 2020 tax bill analysis, which reflects the COVID-19 assessment reduction:

- **Old Town:** The investor-owner of a 4-flat Victorian brownstone building in the Old Town Historic District paid a bill of $25,331, down 3.7% from $26,285 in 2019.
- **Lincoln Park:** The resident-owner of a brownstone 6-flat received a bill of $21,652, a slight decline from $21,701 in 2019.

Property tax assessment-value reductions average from about 7.5% in Lincoln Park

- **Logan Square:** The resident-owner of a graystone 4-flat north of Logan Boulevard paid $12,144, a slight decline from $12,318 in 2019.
- **North Lincoln Square:** The investor-owner of a yellow-brick 4-flat building received a bill of $7,643, down 3.6% from $7,923 in 2019.
- **West Ridge:** The resident owner of a 2-bedroom condominium in a 19-unit walk-up building paid a bill of $1,102, down 2.2% from $1,127 in 2019.
- **Irving Park:** The owner of a stucco bungalow in the Villa Historic District received a bill of $10,145, up a hefty 7.3% from $9,447 in 2019. Close analysis showed the increase likely was due to lost Homeowner and Senior Exemptions.

Crystal-ball gazing into the outlook for the expected 2021 property-tax hike, payable in 2022, is cloudy, experts say. The city of Chicago is under-going triennial reassessment this year (this newspaper will be publishing those lists), and hefty tax

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2020 property tax analysis shows North Side still getting a break

A heavier burden for businesses, Black and Latino suburban property owners

North Side property owners may not realize it, but according to new data, they're still getting a property tax break.

Businesses in Cook County and Black and Latino suburban property owners are bearing the brunt of 2020's property tax increases, according to a first-of-its-kind analysis of nearly 1.8 million bills by Treasurer Maria Pappas' office.

The county will collect more than $16.1 billion in property taxes this year. That's an increase of $534 million, or more than 3.4%, from last year.

Second Installment bills were posted online Aug. 12 and will be mailed to taxpayers later this month.

The analysis, along with more than 100 pages of detailed tables on suburbs, townships and Chicago, is available at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Key findings include:

• Commercial and industrial property owners in Cook County – in its suburbs and in Chicago – are carrying a heavier share of the increased tax burden. Businesses are being billed more than $7 billion, an increase of $410 million, or 6.2%. Homeowners are being billed $8.9 billion, an increase of $114 million, or 1.3%.

• Property tax increases are hitting majority Black and Latino communities – both their homeowners and businesses – the hardest. These communities make up six of the top 10 areas with the largest tax increases for homeowners and seven of the top 10 increase for commercial properties.

• In the south suburbs, where taxes are already greater than in other parts of Cook County, some property owners are paying three to five times as much in taxes as the owner of an equally valued property in Chicago.

"Our research shows that inequities in the property tax system persist, particularly for businesses and Black and Latino property owners, and especially in the south suburbs. The 2020 property tax increases are exacerbating financial stresses in these communities and thwarting economic progress and generational wealth-building," Pappas said.

Not all property owners will see their bills increase because a number of factors determine property taxes. For 2020, several items affected the tax bills.

As scheduled, the Cook County Assessor's Office last year revalued all properties in the suburbs south of North Ave. The Assessor's Office lowered the assessed values of many properties elsewhere in Cook County, citing the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The value of all residential properties was reduced by about 10%. Not all commercial properties received COVID reductions. Elected leaders in several suburbs increased the overall amount taxed, meaning property owners in those communities will see much higher bills.

The analysis found commercial and industrial property owners generally will see bigger increases in their bills than homeowners, as the overall tax burden continues to shift to them. The higher taxes come as many businesses continue to struggle with a loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, business properties in the south and southwest suburbs took on another 1.5% of the tax burden, compared with a 1.1% shift from residential to commercial in the north and northwest suburbs and a 1.3% shift from residential to commercial in Chicago. The shift in the tax burden in the south and southwest suburbs is striking, particularly for commercial property owners.

In Rich Township, the median business property tax bill rose by $3,895, or 13%, to $33,075. The median bill for homeown-

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Illinois lawmakers schedule Aug. 31 session to redraw legislative maps in light of census data

Republicans say the matter should go to a bipartisan commission

BY JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

Lawmakers will head back to the Capitol on Tuesday, Aug. 31, to consider changes to the legislative maps that Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law earlier this year.

Those maps – which set the new boundaries for the 118 state House and 59 state Senate districts for the next decade – were passed based on survey data in May, as the full U.S. Census block-level numbers were not made available until Aug. 12. The release of that data, however, appears to show population deviations far exceeding the 10% threshold allowed under Supreme Court precedent, so some changes are necessary to put the maps in compliance.

The remap effort, which occurs every 10 years after the census, is a theme for Republicans who say the Democrats have gerrymandered the boundaries.

In the run-up to the legislative maps passing, GOP leaders warned that using survey data as opposed to the full census results would lead to the exact problem the maps now face.

But if Democrats would have waited on the census data, they would have missed a key deadline in the Illinois Constitution that would have put mapmaking in the hands of a bipartisan commission and possibly given Republicans a 50-50 shot at mapmaking control.

Republicans have filed a lawsuit asking a federal panel to send the matter to a commission as described in the constitution. On Aug. 21, the GOP filed a motion for summary judgement in light of the census data, an effort to send the matter to a commission and void the current version of the legislative maps.

But Democrats filed a motion on Thursday to dismiss the Republicans' amended complaint seeking to halt the process until Sept. 1, after the one-day session.

In their court filing to dismiss, lawyers for the Democrats called the GOP effort to send the maps to a commission one "to exploit exigencies resulting from a global pandemic, which were out of the legislature's control, for political gain."

The matter is otherwise set for trial at the end of September.

On Aug. 21 Senate Minority Leader Dan McConchie characterized Democrats as trying to "pull a fast one" and acting "pure and simple for power."

"We are going to be pressing the federal court to do what the Illinois Constitution says, and that is to send it to the bipartisan commission, where it should have gone in the first place, and have that be the decision maker to actually draw the maps going forward," he said.

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, and Senate President Don Harmon, issued a joint statement Aug. 22 confirming the Aug. 31 one-day session.

"With census data now available, we will take any necessary legislative action with that same goal in mind, said Harmon. "

The Democrats appeared to indicate the session would focus on only state, not congressional mapmaking.

Per the census, Illinois will drop from 18 to 17 congressional districts, and Democrats are expected to draw the maps in a way that would make it difficult for Republicans to maintain the five seats they have now.

How that map is drawn is expected to play a major role in how the statewide Republican field will shape up ahead of 2022's June 28 primary, which was postponed from March due to the census delays.

That's largely because U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis is holding out his decision on what to do next until he sees the congressional maps drawn by Democrats.

"My job is to serve the constituents of the 13th District right now," Davis said. "My ability to continue to do that job is going to depend upon the supermajority Democrats who run the House and the Senate here in the Statehouse, and also Gov. Pritzker who has broken his promise already to the voters of Illinois, that he would not sign legislatively drawn maps."

While Davis waits to see if continuing his congressional career can remain viable amid a new map, he's considering a run for governor.

The gubernatorial field as it stands includes Darren Bailey, a state senator from Xenia who was a Pritzker antagonist throughout the pandemic, challenging the governor's executive orders; Gary Rabine, a suburban paving business owner; and Paul Schimpf, a former state senator and 2014 GOP candidate for attorney general.

Davis' presence in the race could affect other potential statewide candidates as well, including state Rep. Tom Demmer, who said "nothing's off the table right now" as he considers a statewide run, although he specifically mentioned the secretary of state's office.

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increases are expected when the second installment of the bill arrives in August of 2022.

"The property-tax bill is determined by four factors: the assessment, the equalization factor, or 'multiplier,' the tax rate and the exemptions," said Michael Griffin, a Chicago real estate tax appeal attorney.

Homeowners should review their exemptions because they can reduce their tax bill if they have the proper exemptions applied to the bill, Griffin noted.

The three primary exemptions are the Homeowner's, Senior Citizen, and Senior Freeze. The Homeowner's exemption recently was increased to $10,000 from $7,000, and the Senior Exemption was hiked to $8,000 from $5,000.

Those amounts are deducted from the equalized assessed value of a home to which tax rates are applied in order to determine the individual tax bill.

Also, more seniors can qualify for the Senior Freeze because the Illinois Legislature recently increased the maximum annual income to receive the freeze to less than $65,000 from less than $55,000.

"Every homeowner should review their tax bill to see if they received the proper exemptions and contact the assessor if the exemptions are incorrect," Griffin advised.

However, predicting a hefty property tax increase when the 2021 bill arrives in 2022 really centers on two wild cards—the tax rate and the state equalization factor, which can't be challenged by taxpayers.

The equalization factor, or "multiplier," is established each year for Cook County to bring property tax assessments in line with other parts of Illinois. The factor is determined by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue.

The main engine that drives up property-tax bills is the amount of money spent by local government. For example, homeowners who read their 2020 tax bills will see the continued increased spending for schools and police, firefighter and teacher pensions. (Our generous state pensions and benefits now eat up most of all collected property taxes.)

Property owners who think they are over assessed should appeal now, Griffin advises.

Visit the assessor's website: www.cookcountyassessor.com, or call 312-443-7550 to find comparable properties or start the appeal process.

The Assessor is now working through the appeals process for 2020. For 2020, all of Chicago is being reassessed.

A taxpayer can file with the Cook County Board of Review (312-603-5542) or www.cookcountyboardofreview.com and later with the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board (217-785-6076), or www.ptab.illinois.gov. Or, call Michael Griffin, an expert tax-assessment lawyer, at 312-943-1789.

NEXT WEEK: Two Chicago homeowners' tax exemptions mysteriously disappear and their bills skyrocket.

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ers declined by $114, or 2%, to $5,518. In Bloom Township, the median 2020 tax bill for commercial and industrial properties is $12,563, an increase of $1,459, or 13%, from a year earlier. The median residential bill declined by $117, or 3%, to $3,321. In Calumet Township, the median business property tax bill rose by $1,712, or 17%, to $11,508. The median bill for homeowners declined by $380, or 13%, to $2,652.

The 18 highest Cook County tax rates, which are multiplied by a property's assessed value to determine how much a property owner pays, are not downtown or on the North Side, but in the south suburbs, which have tax rates that are three or more times higher than on Chicago's North Side.

In the western suburbs, property owners are not immune to higher bills because tax levies rose and properties were reassessed. As a result, those homeowners will see significantly higher 2020 bills.

In the north and northwest suburbs, the median residential tax bill this year is $6,015, a decrease of $26, or 0.4%. The median commercial tax bill is $27,651, an increase of $2,026 or 7.9%. More than 80% of business property owners, and about half of homeowners, received higher bills than they did last year.

In Chicago, tax bills vary widely from ward to ward. About 84% of business property owners, compared with half of homeowners, are being billed more than last year. The median residential tax bill is $3,341, down by $1.63, or .05%. The median commercial tax bill is $9,659, an increase of $761, or 8.6%.

Mom-and-pop landlords want an end to eviction moratorium

BY BRETT ROWLAND
AND JONATHON BILYK

Chicago's mom-and-pop landlords say the end of the eviction moratorium that was put in place to protect people who lost their jobs or got sick during the COVID pandemic can't come soon enough.

Too many property owners are struggling with tenants who have racked up thousands of dollars in back rent balances, said Paul Arena, director of legislative affairs for the Illinois Rental Property Owners Assoc. [IPOA].

The moratorium does not waive rent due, so residents must make up those unpaid rents or they can seek out rental assistance, either way, the past due rent is still owed to the landlord.

Illinois landlords are the latest group to go to court to challenge the authority of federal health officials to use the COVID-19 pandemic to justify an order barring rental property owners from removing tenants who refuse to pay rent.

On Aug. 12, attorney Daniel Suhr, of the Chicago-based Liberty Justice Center, filed suit in Chicago federal court on behalf of rental property owners, asserting the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] overstepped their authority in issuing a new nationwide moratorium on evictions.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of landlords Syed Rahman and Mark Weyermuller, and the IPOA. The IPOA is a lobbying organization that claims to represent the interests of more than 1,000 rental property owners in Illinois.

The complaint notes that the CDC order came despite previous losses in court, in which federal judges ruled the CDC had exceeded its authority by imposing such a moratorium at all.

"Everyone is extremely upset by the moratorium and the philosophy that housing providers should bear the burden of this," said Arena. "Many landlords are owed thousands of dollars in back rent and they have little hope of ever getting their money."

One report by the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing [LCBH] and Loyola Univ. Chicago's Center for Urban Research and Learning shows that up to 21,000 formal evictions could take place in the first month after the moratorium is lifted, according to the Chicago Evictions Data Portal. They cannot take place as long as the moratorium is in place.

Since March 2020, Gov. Pritkzer has used emergency powers he claimed under Illinois law to impose and repeatedly extend a statewide moratorium on nearly all evictions, even in instances in which tenants simply refuse to pay rent. The statewide evictions moratorium is scheduled to expire on Aug. 31. Pritzker earlier this summer said he did not believe it necessary to again bar evictions.

"Gov. Pritzker is making a prudent decision in phasing out the eviction moratorium as restrictions are lifted and our economy gets back on track," said Michael Mini, executive vice president of the Chicagoland Apartment Assoc. "Landlords and tenants have both faced unprecedented financial pressures since the spring of 2020. Property owners have been working with tenants to set-up specialized payments plans, waive late fees, and extend grace periods to help those who were financially impacted, finding workable solutions to keep people in their homes. Rent relief and additional protections adopted by the courts and state and local governments will help housing providers and residents alike."

Still many small landlords think that the government - through the moratorium - have seized their properties as a way to provide housing for the indigent, a function they think is the responsibility of government, not individual private property owners.

Property owners found to be in violation of the ban could face fines of up to $100,000 and potential imprisonment for up to one year.

"There seems to be this misconception that it is going to be OK because all this rent is going to get paid, and that is just not true," Arena said. "Our goal is for the court to find that the governor exceeded his statutory and constitutional authority in imposing the eviction moratorium. We do intend to continue the lawsuit until we get a ruling on the appeal."

Illinois has paid $185 million in emergency rental relief payments to 22,000 families during the pandemic. Arena said the problem is that many tenants who were out of work during the COVID shutdown do not meet income guidelines for government assistance.

And many small property owners who may rent out only one or even a few units, do not have the capital reserves, and financial wherewithal to ride out extended periods of no rent collections.

Community groups throughout the city have organized the new Chicago Flats Initiative, a door-to-door outreach program connecting two-, three- and four-flat owners (that is, mom-and pop landlords) and renters to rental assistance programs.

Historically, those types of buildings have provided affordable housing accord-

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Those in need of housing assistance may access free resources at these sources:

Northside Community Resources
773-338-7722
www.northsidecommunityresources.org

The Rentervention Hotline
312-347-7600 rentervention.com

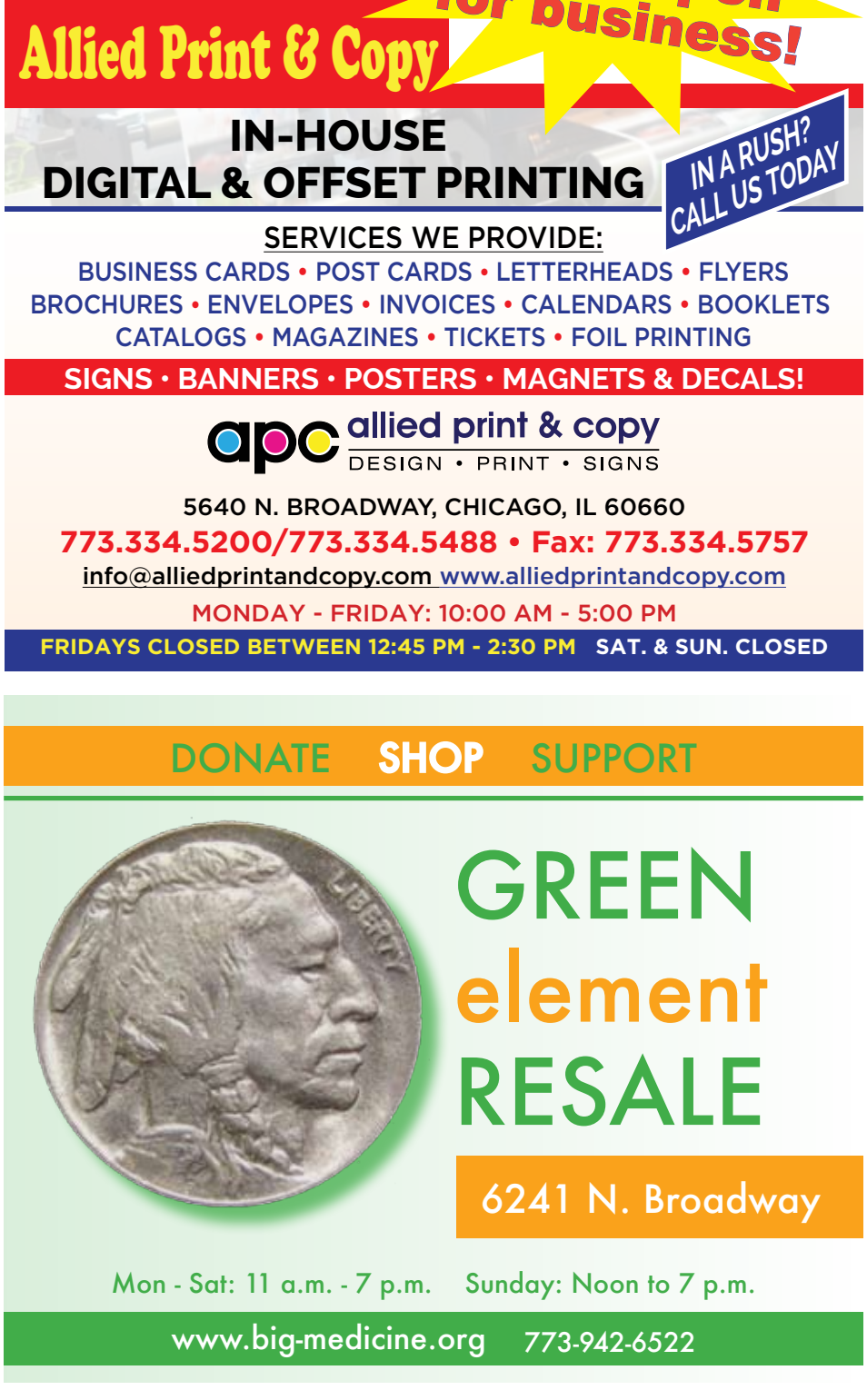
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing
312-347-7600 Email: intake@lcbh.org
www.lcbh.org/

Illinois Legal Aid Online
www.illinoislegalaid.org/contact-us

Metropolitan Tenants Organization
773-292-4988
www.tenants-rights.org/

Illinois 2-1-1
Call: 2-1-1 www.illinois211.org/

Tenants Rights Hotline
773-292-4988 Monday-Friday, 1-5pm



CORRECTION

Art Fest is on!

In the August 18 edition of this newspaper we published an item in Thomas O'Gorman's column that said that the Lakeview East Festival of the Arts was cancelled due to pandemic concerns. That is not true.

The Festival of the Arts is on and we hope all our readers head over to Lakeview East to enjoy it the weekend of Sept. 11 and 12.

The Festival showcases more than 150 juried artists featuring paintings, sculpture, photography, furniture, jewelry and more. These original pieces are for sale in a wide range of price ranges. In addition to the art, the Festival has become a center of activity for the weekend with live demonstrations, entertainment stages, family activities and a garden oasis.

This newspaper apologizes for the mistake.

Rich Daniels

Heather Miller and Tobias Bechtloff.

Phil Ponce with grandson Theo Ponce on the big screen at the White Sox.

Ruthie Weisbach, Gloria and Alan Kaufman, Linda and Richard Robin, and Hanna and Gene Golub.

Krutika Desai with Matt Kiley and their families.

Back to School Ice Cream Social with CirquesExperience

Edgewater's CirqueExperience is hosting a Back To School Ice Cream Social 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at 5944 N. Magnolia (Magnolia and Thorndale).

The free end-of-summer social will entertain visitors with a few circus tricks along with the ice cream.

CirqueExperience offers basic instruction in modern circus arts through which children and adults can find creative ways to connect, perform and shine through gymnastics, acrobatics, fitness and low impact gymnastic sport for every age.

They offer wheel weekend retreats, workshops, fun affairs and clinics for everyone who is eager to experience Cyr or Gym Wheel with some of the worlds' best coaches in both disciplines.

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employees at its downtown headquarters this week, slashing its office staff by 40%.

LAKESHORE CAFE: Loyola Beach House has reopened as "Ropa Cabana." **Heather Miller** and **Tobias Bechtloff** are serving lattes and more at 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave. Huge outdoor space post-pandemic.

SHOP EARLY: Tip for all you Kmart shoppers, container ships are stacked up, and stalled world wide, so get the Christmas shopping done early before we run out of 'stuff.' Just like having no PPE on hand in a pandemic, this is one of the downfalls of offshoring all our manufacturing.

ON STAGE: Chicago actor **Nate Beuscher**, soon to be in Lincoln Park High's theater arts school, is proud to be named one of six child "artivists" in Chicago. He will be touring all year spreading his message through dance, focusing on celebrating people's differences and inspiring people to treat everyone equally.

Myra Reilly, Lisa Schekler and Bobbi Panter.

Thad Wong and friend.

Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM

EYES OF LOVE: Krutika Desai with **Matt Kiley** celebrating in traditional Indian cultural splendor their engagement. Surrounded by the fab families. Bravo and congrats.

CHICAGO TV: Rich Daniels working with production partner **Jeff Morrow** on Season One. Looks like a terrific show starring **Jimmy Wolk**. Tune in this fall.

GRILLIN': Lucia Adams, **Cynthia Olson** and this writer, lunching at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill and meeting column fans **Pam Santoro Capitanini** and **Tanner Chap Branson,** back from Palm Beach. No room for the shy, **Julie Harron, Friley Saucier**, **Laura Peery**, **Lisa Rooks Morris** and **Sherry Hoke** nearby, networking.

STAR TALENT: Don't miss **Barb Bailey** at Le Piano on Aug. 30 at 6970 N. Glenwood. Hosted by **Chad Willetts**. Doors open at 6 p.m, show at 7 p.m. Cover $25.

WHO'S WHERE: Best wishes to **Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM**, Loyola Basketball Team Chaplain who turned 102 year old… **Kristine Ferra, Eileen Howard-Weinberg, Libby McCarten Andrews, Maria Lampros, Maria Brightly, Kiki Furla** and **Julie Karagianis** enjoying macarons and sangria at the Chicago Yacht Club... The Art Institute's **Nora Gainer Doherty** and Farmhouse boss **Ferdia Doherty** at Cable Lake, MI, with enough scrumptious vittles to open a fine dining restaurant… **Thad Wong** caught a fly ball at the Sox/Oakland game for the first time in his life… **Tracy Tarantino DiBuono** and hubby, **Joe DiBuono** dancing the night away at a Pfister Hotel Milwaukee wedding… **Flavia Magdalin** RL's VIP gal did golf cart bar duty for a family event… artist **Rosemary Fanti** lunching with her lovely mother, **Dolores**, at Hillgrove Tap in Western Springs… **Rich Barrett** at El Milagro Tortilla in Pilsen… **Sally Jo Morris Pfaff** and **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** watching the White Sox in town from front row seats… **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** and hubby, **Greg Hines**, celebrating their great granddaughter's first birthday, Mazel Tov… **Windy Lawlor Augustine** started her new job as Social Media Manager just in time for Metro's 40th… White Sox recognizing the distinguished career of WTTW's retiring **Phil Ponce**, placing a tribute on the big screen along with grandson **Theo Ponce**… **Sheree Schimmer Valukas** and **Bonnie Burkart Bartman** in Mendota at the Sweet Corn Parade… **Ruthie Weisbach**, **Gloria** and **Alan Kaufman**, **Linda** and **Richard Robin**, and **Hanna** and **Gene Golub** grabbing a bite and playing canasta on a summer's eve… **Cynthia Olson** and **Brian White** at Adalina on State (try the scallops) then up to the Baton for the Show of Shows with dear friend **Miss Chili Pepper**… remembering **Sister Blanche Delaney, OP,** who was post mistress for her Dominican Order in Sinsinawa, WI, from 1883 to 1939, 56 years. The US Postal Service could use her today… **John** and **Myra Reilly** hosted Service Club night, screening "Grease," the American classic. No wonder there were so many "Pink Ladies," like **Sherrill Bodine**, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, Whitney Reynolds**, **Paula Borg**, **Julia Jacobs**, **Bethany Florek**, **Leah Chavie**, **Kevin Sullivan**, **Heather Spyra**, **Lisa Traverso Huber** and **Ann Schwartz Sherrill**, **Bobbi Panter** and **Lisa Schlenker**.

Fear is such a powerful emotion for humans that when we allow it to take us over, it drives compassion right out of our hearts. -- *Thomas Aquinas*

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The 31st Taste of Greektown festival returns this weekend starting Friday, and is said to be the city's largest celebration of Hellenic cuisine.

Taste of Greektown spokesperson, Greektown Chamber of Commerce secretary Irene Koumi said attendees can expect to see all their favorite dishes.

There's also a great lineup of entertainment including music by Hellas 2000 Greek band as well as local bands and DJs. The 4th Annual Gyros Eating Contest will happen at 6 p.m. Saturday. Interested participants can sign up on-site at the festival at 4 p.m.

There'll also be authentic Greek vendor's participating, including Greektown's own 100-year-old Athenian Candle Company as well as Greek Key Jewelry, said Koumi.

"People can expect the famous Greek hospitality called filoxenia -- friends to strangers -- which our Greektown businesses are known for," said Koumi.

New multi-media project launches Aug. 29 at 50 sites across city

Music Lives Here [MLH], a multi-media project by graphic art studio Sonnenzimmer and Maya Bird-Murphy of Chicago Mobile Makers, pays tribute to the spaces, places and people that have shaped Chicago's music landscape, past and present.

Launching on Aug. 29, MLH will take the form of unique graphic sidewalk markers installed at 50 sites across Chicago, an accompanying website to provide a further window into the background of each site, a print publication and pop-up performances.

This series has been restructured in response to the needs of the creative community. It aims to support free programs that increase access to training, education and opportunities for emerging artists and small businesses. In 2021, grants were awarded to 23 professional development providers. During the Chicago In Tune festival, workshops for musicians and other artists will be presented by South Side Jazz Coalition, Lora Branch, Next Showcase Chicago and 2112/Center for Creative Entrepreneurship.

Chicago has unveiled its first ever music brand, "Music in the Key of Chicago," and Choose Chicago is now launching a regional and national marketing campaign. DCASE and the local music industry are developing a local awareness campaign.

The Year of Chicago Music is co-chaired by Cmsr. Mark Kelly alongside Margaret Murphy-Webb, Juan Díes, Juan Teague and Che "Rhymefest" Smith. The effort is led by over 200 individuals who have volunteered, representing more than 150 music organizations, entrepreneurs and individual artists. City Hall has supported over 80 music organizations granting more than $1 million in general operating and project support to 130 artists in 2020 and 2021.

Chicago Presents now underway

Despite all the dire warnings, Chicago 2021 is a great place to go see live music, so grab your masks and take in a show.

Last week City Hall announced more details for their "Chicago in Tune" music festival, as 36 more City-supported "Chicago Presents" neighborhood events are now underway.

They include the new Blues Community Concerts in the Bronzeville and Austin neighborhoods, on historic Record Row and in music clubs across the city.

Chicago In Tune, and Chicago Presents are new citywide festivals running through Oct. 19 that celebrates the city's legendary music scene, with almost 600 free and ticketed shows at more than 55 venues.

The festival is part of "Open Culture" — one component of the Mayor's "Open Chicago" initiatives.

The city hopes this wide variety of music will breathe new life into the city "I want to thank every musician, venue owner and music industry leader for participating in this timeless festival, remaining resilient in the face of this pandemic and partnering with us to safely Open Chicago," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Upcoming events include:

- **Broadway in your Backyard** presented by Porchlight Music Theatre (Aug. 28, porchlightmusictheatre.org)
- **Feeling Groovy: A Celebration of Independent Record Labels in Chicago** presented by The Hideout (Aug. 26 and 28, Sept. 15 and 22, hideoutchicago.com)
- **4th Annual Nu Jazz Pop Festival** presented by Live the Spirit Residency (Aug. 30, englewoodjazzfest.org)
- **29th Ward 7th Annual Free Blues Fest** presented by Isaac S. Carothers Youth and Senior Foundation (Sept. 3)
- **Rockwell Blues & Jazz Street Stroll** presented by Delmark Records & Rockwell Business & Residents Association (Sept. 4, delmark.com)
- **PLUGGED-IN** presented by Beverly Area Arts Alliance (Sept. 4, beverlyarts.org)
- **Argyle Night Music** presented by Uptown United (Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30, exploreuptown.org)
- **Dance Down by the River** presented by Open the Circle (Sept. 10, otcprojects.org)
- **Englewood Music Fest** presented by Englewood Arts Collective (Sept. 18, englewoodartscollective.org)
- **100 Years of Chicago Cabaret** presented by Chicago Cabaret Professionals (Sept. 19 and Oct. 3, chicagocabaret.org)
- **ARC Music Festival** in Union Park (Sept. 4 and 5)
- **Pitchfork Music Festival Chicago** in Union Park (Sept. 10–12)
- **Ear Taxi Festival** (Sept. 15–29)
- **Riot Fest** in Douglass Park (Sept. 17–19)

The Jay Pritzker Pavilion will honor music born and innovated in Chicago: Gospel music (Sept.3), Jazz (Sept. 4), House (Sept. 11) and Blues (Sept. 18) — all at 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Other neighborhood events include:

- **Hyde Park Jazz Festival 2021** (Sept. 25 and 26, hydeparkjazzfestival.org)
- **Live from Haven Studios: Humanity is the Genre Festival** presented by Guitars Over Guns' Haven Studio (Sept. 25, guitarsoverguns.org)
- **120 Project** (Sept. 26 and Oct. 7, story7inc.com)
- **Mid Autumn Moon Festival: A light and sound journey through Argyle St.** (Oct. 2, haibayo.com)
- **Pullman Arts & Culture Festival** (Oct. 16 and 17, pullmanarts.org)
- **Unbound Sound at Comfort Station** (Oct. 23, fullspectrumfeatures.com).

The city is also hosting Blues Community Concerts (ChicagoBluesFestival.us) in the Bronzeville and Austin neighborhoods, on historic Record Row and in music venues across the city. Highlights include:

- **Bronzeville Blues** (Aug. 29, 12–6:30 p.m.) presented with Bronzeville Blues Collaborative in the neighborhood that is the cradle of classic Chicago Blues features live music at The Forum, 318-324 E. 43rd St.; The Checkerboard, 423 E. 43rd St. (original location); and Park 43, 540 E. 43rd St. Visit chicagobluesrevival.org.
- **Music Lives Here: Record Row Series** (Aug. 29 and Sept. 5, 12 and 19) at Chess Records Willie Dixon's Blue Heaven Foundation, 2120 S. Michigan Ave., will offer tours (12–4 p.m.) and performances in the Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Garden (6–8:30 p.m.). Visit bluesheaven.com.
- **Chicago Blues Club City Tour** (Sept. 1 – Sept. 6) offering a free citywide blues club tour with 20 shows in 11 venues. Visit civlchicago.com.
- **Soul City Blues**, (Sept. 12, 12–8 p.m.) at Chicago and Mayfield, celebrating the living legacy of Chicago Blues on the city's West Side and The Soul City Corridor (Chicago Ave. in

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Edgewater Arts Festival this weekend

The art and culture of Edgewater

The community of Edgewater will be on display during the 8th Annual Edgewater Arts Festival, Aug.28- 29 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Hosted by Edgewater Artists in Motion, the Festival takes place at 1030-1140 W. Granville Ave., between Broadway St. and Sheridan Rd. The event includes art, family activities, live music, cold beers, and food from neighborhood restaurants.

The family-oriented event showcases the wide cultural diversity and artistic talent that make up the Edgewater neighborhood. Admission is a suggested donation of $5.

Over 75 artist booths will be open, selected by juried process, which will exhibit original works in painting, drawing, photography, hand-made jewelry, glasswork, illustration, pottery, mixed media and functional/wearable art. Featured artists include: Paintings by Steve Connell, Rahmon Olugunna, Anita Brett and sculptures by Kathy Gemperle.

The family area features rocking performances by School of Rock students, Rhythm Revolution interactive drum/percussion circle, an Instrument Petting Zoo along with a craft area and more.

Live Music at the Beer Garden Stage at Broadway will feature Great Moments in Vinyl, featuring Tom Petty's greatest hits album on Saturday; Phil Angotti and Band performs Paul McCartney Greatest hits on Sunday; The Decades Band will play hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s on Saturday, and on Sunday – hits from 90s, 00s, 10s in chronological order.

The Beer Garden will feature selections from Empirical Brewery, and local spots Beard & Belly and Rewired Pizza Cafe.

For more information visit www.edgewaterartists.com and https://www.facebook.com/edgewaterartistsinmotion.

Police Beat...

Man attacked, robbed woman inside Lakeview apartment building days after getting an I-Bond for similar attack nearby

A man who allegedly followed a woman into her Lakeview apartment building and battered her last week — and was released on a recognizance bond four hours later — was charged Aug. 17 with attacking and robbing another woman he followed into a different Lakeview apartment building four days later.

Deangelo Coleman

Around 10:15 a.m. Aug. 11, a man followed a 31-year-old woman into her building on the 600 block of W. Stratford and began striking her in the body, Officer Anthony Spicuzza said.

Police searched the area and found Deangelo Coleman, 25, on the 2800 block of N. Broadway wearing distinctive clothing that the woman allegedly described. Cops arrested him after the woman confirmed that he was the man who jumped her.

He was charged with misdemeanor battery and walked out of the 19th District police station four hours later on a signature bond.

Then, on Aug. 15, a 24-year-old woman walked into her apartment building on the 400 block of W. Aldine and noticed that a man followed her inside. According to Assistant State's Attorney Darryl Auguste, the doors were propped open by another tenant who was moving.

The man followed her onto the elevator, said he was going to the third floor, and then lunged at her when the doors closed, according to Auguste. He demanded the woman's purse, and she gave him her phone, watch, and bag.

Auguste said the man followed the woman off the elevator on the fifth floor and told her he would hurt her if she screamed. The woman ran down a stairwell and out the front door where she told bystanders what happened, Auguste said. When Coleman walked out of the building, the woman told the bystanders that he was the man who attacked her, Auguste said.

Police came to the woman's home, and one of her friends tracked her phone to the Addison Red Line station. Cops went there and found Coleman on the platform. According to Auguste, he had the woman's phone, watch, ID, and two credit cards bearing the woman's name in his pants.

Video from the woman's building lobby shows Coleman following her in and fleeing a few minutes later, Auguste said. He is charged with felony robbery.

Coleman's public defender said he lives with his mother and takes medications for mental health conditions.

Judge David Navarro set his bail at $250,000. Coleman will need to post 10% of that amount to get out of jail before trial.

In 2016, Coleman was charged with stealing a 22-year-old woman's cellphone at the Belmont Red Line CTA station. He pleaded guilty to theft in that case.

In Sept. 2015, a Schaumburg man walked into the nearby 19th district police station to report that someone had just snatched a tablet from his hand and the offender may have run into a nearby church.

Officers found Coleman sitting on the steps of the church with the victim's tablet in his hand, according to a police report. Police say Coleman claimed to have found the tablet lying in the grass after someone named "Maleek" stole it.

Coleman was charged with theft of lost or mislaid property, but the charges were dropped when the victim failed to appear in court.

Teen charged with three carjackings

A male 16 year old was arrested Aug. 18 and has been charged with two felony counts of Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated - Firearm, and one felony count of Vehicular Hijacking – Aggravated of a Handicapped individual.

The youth was arrested in the 2100 block of W. Howard St. after he was identified as the offender in three separate vehicular hijackings: one on July 6, in the 2800 block of W. Fargo Ave. of a 66-year-old female victim and a 73-year-old male victim; again on July 10, in the 6200 block of N. Whipple St., with a 29-year-old male victim, and on July 19, in the 3000 block of W. Hood Ave., of a 76-year-old female victim.

Teen robbed Lakeview woman with stolen gun

Police said a 15-year-old boy attacked and robbed a woman with a stolen firearm in Lakeview on Aug. 16 evening. But the woman's screams for help alerted neighbors who called 911, drawing a quick response from police who arrested the offender nearby.

The teenager pushed a 24-year-old woman to the ground on the 1000 block of W. George at 9:34 p.m. and demanded her phone, CPD spokesperson Karie James said. He also pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the woman, James said. But he ran away without getting anything from the victim.

Police found the teenager, who allegedly matched descriptions provided by witnesses, in a nearby alley. Police recovered a stolen handgun from him and found a discarded ski mask in the area, according to a CPD report.

The boy is charged with felony counts of armed robbery with a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, and unlawful possession of a handgun. No further information was available about the teen because he is a juvenile.

Other Lakeview robberies

Aug. 16's hold-up was the latest in a series of recent robberies in Lakeview:

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BEST KEPT SECRET
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8 BAY SELF-SERVICE
2 TOUCHLESS AUTOMATIC
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• At 2:38 a.m. Aug. 15, a 26-year-old man was robbed at gunpoint by an offender who approached him as he walked in an alley behind the 3700 block of N. Kenmore, Officer Steve Rusanov said. A woman who was with the man reportedly hid near a garbage can and called 911 as the robbery unfolded, but police were unable to find the offenders.

• Another woman was reportedly robbed of her purse by a man who approached her inside a residential building on the 400 block of W. Aldine around 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15. Police arrested a suspect at the Addison Red Line station and charges were still pending as of Monday night.

Man attacking CTA riders with a hammer

Last month we first reported on a man who was randomly attacking people with a hammer in Lakeview and along the Boystown entertainment strip, after the Chicago Police Dept. issued a warning about the suspect. At least four more attacks have happened since we first reported the story.

In a community alert issued Aug. 18, police said the man "is known to utilize a hammer" to attack people. The alert is limited to attacks on the city's transit system, but a source said the offender is the same man who was attacking people in Lakeview last month.

Most recently, the attacker struck a man in the head with a hammer on the Addison Red Line CTA station platform at 2:07 a.m. Aug. 18, the alert said.

Detectives linked the man to similar attacks on a CTA bus in the 3500 block of W. Addison at 3:27 p.m. July 21, on the Ashland Green Line platform at 11:10 a.m. on Aug. 6, and on the Monroe Red Line CTA platform at midnight on August 13.

The alert encouraged anyone with information about the man to call CPD's public transportation unit at 312-745-4443. Callers should refer to alert "HammerCTA."

Police released surveillance images of the suspect wearing a black do-rag and red shoes on different dates. Not coincidentally, we reported on July 21 that police were looking for a man who wore a black do-rag and red shoes for a series of hammer attacks in Lakeview.

Shortly before 9 p.m. July 14, the man chased after a CTA customer while wielding a hammer on the Belmont station's northbound platform, 945 W. Belmont. He threw the victim's backpack and other property onto the tracks and fled with the man's phone, according to information provided to this reporter last month by a source. Witnesses saw the man running down the station's stairs with a hammer. Officers drove that victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

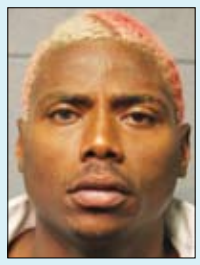
According to dispatch records, about four hours after that incident, 911 callers reported that a man was trying to attack people with a hammer along the 3400 block of N. Halsted in Boystown.

The next evening, a passenger was battered while sitting on a CTA bus on the 3700 block of N. Broadway. The offender ran toward Halsted St., and the victim refused to cooperate with police, officers at the scene said. Officers who reviewed surveillance images of the attacker said he was the same person responsible for the Belmont station attack.

Last month the CPD's strategic support center distributed a bulletin about the man to officers, but CPD did not share that information with the public. According to CPD's internal bulletin, he was suspected of committing other crimes, including robberies, in the area, a source said.

Man charged with arson, aggravated assault with motor vehicle

Timothy Barfield, 27, has been charged with three felony charges after being arrested 11:09 p.m. Aug. 17, in the 100 block of N. State St.


Timothy Barfield

Barfield was identified as the offender who struck a 42-year-old male security guard with a vehicle near a parking garage in the 0-100 block of E. Randolph on Aug. 17.

While driving a black Cadillac SUV, he told the onsite garage security officer that he did not have any money to pay for the parking ticket. When the officer stepped in front of the car in order to manually lift the gate, Barfield allegedly sped through with his vehicle, nearly hitting the officer.

Barfield then drove to the 100 block of N. State St. where he set the vehicle on fire. Garfield was found by police on the CTA Red Line platform and taken into custody.

Men armed with 'possible submachine gun' rob woman in Streeterville

Three men robbed a woman at gunpoint outside a Streeterville high-rise building Aug. 21, and one of the men may have been armed with a submachine gun, according to police.

The 28-year-old victim was standing on a sidewalk next to a residential building on the 400 block of N. McClurg when three men pulled up in a gray Buick sedan around 1:30 a.m., Officer Ronald Westbrooks said.

"One exited the car and approached her displaying a possible submachine gun [and] demanding her belongings," Westbrooks said. The offender fled in the sedan after taking her phone and purse.

The suspects are three Black males in a Buick bearing a license plate that begins with CX53, a CPD report said.

Saturday's robbery was the second in 12 hours on McClurg Ct.

Around 2:15 p.m., a woman beat and robbed an employee inside a dry cleaning store on the 500 block of N. McClurg. Officers who reviewed video footage of the incident said the offender is a Black female in her early- to mid-20s who wore a black jacket with pink stripes on the arms, a pink medical mask, and bright pink shoes. Her hair was pulled into a bun that she wrapped with a pink multicolor headband.

No arrests have been made in either incident.

Violent offender charged with attempted murder in Lincoln Park

Kenyate Jackson, 26, of the 6200 block N. Whipple St., has been charged with one felony count of Aggravated Battery Victim 60+, and one felony count of attempted First Degree Murder, for an unprovoked attack on a woman Aug. 10, in the 2700 block of N. Clark St. He was identified as the offender who choked and battered a 61-year-old woman. The offender was placed into custody without incident and charged accordingly.

Kenyante Jackson is the 34th person accused of killing, trying to kill, or shooting someone in Chicago this year while free on felony bond.

Prosecutors said the victim was attacked randomly, and had never seen or met Jackson before in her life. The attack, which was recorded by surveillance cameras, lasted eight minutes, prosecutors said. A witness eventually pried Jackson's arms and legs from around the woman, allowing her to escape, according to the allegations. The witness then held Jackson down until police arrived.

In May, Jackson was charged with misdemeanor battery after he allegedly kicked down an apartment door in Rogers Park and battered the person who lives inside. Prosecutors subsequently dropped the case. Last September, Jackson posted a $200 deposit to get out of jail after prosecutors charged him with driving a car that had been stolen from a woman at a West Loop hotel, records show. A war- rant was issued for his arrest in May after he stopped showing up for court in the case. He has two previous adult felony convictions for robbery and a juvenile conviction for burglary, prosecutors said.

Man on parole for his 3rd robbery is charged with robbing woman near Loyola Red Line

Prosecutors say a man who's on parole for his third robbery conviction robbed a woman near the Loyola Red Line CTA station last week.

Michael Fisher

"But I never robbed nobody. That's the crazy thing about it," Michael Fisher, 42, told Judge David Navarro during a bond court hearing Aug 20.

"OK. Then, that's what trials are for," Navarro replied.

A woman reportedly told police that a man confronted her on the street after she withdrew three $20 bills from an ATM on the 6500 block of N. Sheridan around 9 p.m. Aug. 15.

The man put his arm up to block her path and, when she denied having any money, the man "specifically demanded the three 20s," Assistant State's Attorney John Gnilka said. The woman gave him the cash.

She noticed that he had a distinct limp as he walked away and jumped a fence to get into the Loyola CTA. Surveillance videos show the offender walking behind the woman and later walking around the train station.

Loyal University police officers reviewed images from those videos and recognized Fisher from previous contacts with him, Gnilka said. On Thursday, Loyola officers were on patrol when they spotted Fisher walking near campus and took him into custody after a short foot pursuit. Gnilka said Fisher was wearing the same distinctive pair of jogging pants as the robber when he was arrested.

The victim could not pick Fisher out of a photo line-up, but she did eliminate all five of the other photos that detectives presented to her, Gnilka said.

Fisher is charged with robbery and misdemeanor resisting.

Records show he was paroled on June 30 after serving half of a six-year sentence for robbery that he received in 2018. CPD records indicate he was arrested at the Howard Red Line station that time. He previously received two two-year sen-

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Man faces felony gun charge less than 48 hours after having gun case dropped in "restorative justice" court

BY CWBCHICAGO

Aug. 20 was a big day for Armando Rodriguez, 21. Prosecutors wiped his slate clean by dropping four felony gun charges he was facing in "restorative justice" court.

Less than 36 hours later, police allegedly found an intoxicated Rodriguez sitting in a car with a gun on his lap at a Near North Side gas station. Prosecutors on Sunday charged him with a fresh felony gun charge.

When Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans announced the Avondale Restorative Justice Community Court last summer, he said the court would resolve conflicts through "restorative conferences and peace circles" instead of typical criminal court procedures.

"We have recognized for a long time that young people need a second chance," Evans said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Rodriguez, who would become one of the court's first participants, may have blown that second chance in record time.

On Nov. 15, police who responded to calls of shots fired from a newer model SUV on the 3600 block of W. Leland spotted a vehicle matching that description nearby and saw it crash into another car, prosecutors said at a bond hearing the next day. Rodriguez climbed out of the car, ran a short distance, returned to the car, grabbed a handgun from the passenger side, and then ran away again.

Cops ran after him and took him into custody. He was carrying a glass jar containing about an ounce of marijuana and officers found a loaded handgun along the pursuit path, according to the allegations. The SUV that he ran from was stolen, but police weren't sure if he was the passenger or the driver when it crashed, prosecutors said.

Armando Rodriguez

Rodriguez was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, criminal trespass to a vehicle, and possession of cannabis and Judge John Lyke sent him home on electronic monitoring on $2,000 bail. A grand jury returned a true bill charging Rodriguez with four felony counts of unlawful use of a weapon a few weeks later, records show.

Another judge took him off of electronic monitoring when his case was transferred to restorative justice court in March, records show. On Aug. 20, after Rodriguez agreed to a "repair of harm agreement," prosecutors dropped all charges before the court's "circle keeper," Judge Beatrix Santiago.

Everything went great for almost a day and a half.

Early Sunday, police responded to a service station on the 300 block of W. Chicago after an employee called 911 about a man in a car who refused to leave the lot, prosecutors said. Cops arrived and allegedly found Rodriguez asleep in the car with a loaded pistol sitting on his lap.

"I'm sorry," Judge Mary Marubio asked after being told about Rodriguez's restorative justice experience, "he just got a case dismissed on the 20th?"

"Yes," the prosecutor confirmed, "at the RJCC," using the initials of the Restorative Justice Community Court.

Rodriguez's public defender said he didn't refuse to leave the parking lot. Rather, she argued, "he was intoxicated in his car." She said Rodriguez is a Lakeview High School graduate. Other than his freshly-dismissed felony gun case, he has no criminal background.

Judge Marubio set bail at $4,000 and ordered him to observe a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew. He'll be required to wear a monitoring band to enforce the curfew after he posts a $400 bond to get out of jail, she said.

By the way, Beatrix Santiago, the "circle keeper" judge who oversaw Rodriguez's case in restorative justice court knows a thing or two about forgiveness. Four years ago, the state's Court Commission, which hears allegations of judicial misconduct found she knowingly deceived a mortgage lender.

Increase in Legionnaires' Disease cases in July

COVID-19 and its Delta variants are not the only problem in town. The Chicago Dept. of Public Health [CDPH] last week reported an increase in cases of Legionnaires' disease in the city in July.

In the first three weeks of July, 49 cases of Legionnaires' disease were reported in Chicago, which is about a three-fold increase in cases compared to the same period in 2020 (16 cases) and 2019 (13). Among the 49 people with Legionnaires' disease to date in 2021, 15 (31%) were admitted to the ICU and two individuals died.

CDPH issued an alert on July 9 reporting this increase in cases. A similar increase in illness has also been reported in Michigan. CDPH is investigating to find any common geographic or facility exposures. To date, no common sources of infection have been identified.

Legionnaires' disease follows a seasonal pattern in Chicago, with an increased number of cases reported from June to October each year. The disease is caused by Legionella bacteria which live naturally in fresh-water. People can get it when they breathe in water droplets containing the bacteria. It is not typically spread person-to-person.

Symptoms of the illness include cough, shortness of breath, fever, muscle aches, and headaches. Most healthy people exposed to Legionella bacteria do not get sick, but people over 50-years-old, current or former smokers and people with chronic lung disease or weakened immune systems are at increased risk of Legionnaires' disease.

Prolonged building shutdowns or periods of limited use, as seen with COVID-19, can allow Legionella bacteria to grow and multiply in water systems. Those bacteria are found naturally in freshwater lakes and streams but can also be found in man-made water systems. Warm water, stagnation, and low disinfectant levels can support growth in these water systems. Potable water systems, cooling towers, whirlpool spas and decorative fountains should be cleaned and maintained properly to prevent bacterial growth and spread.

Weather patterns including temperature, humidity, and precipitation have been shown to be associated with increased Legionnaires' disease. Healthcare providers should remain vigilant and send sputum for culture and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing in addition to the urine antigen test for diagnosis and treatment appropriately.

Letter to the Editor

Reinstate Illinois' Death Penalty

That's right. Bring back the death penalty. ASAP.

Remember when Barack Obama was elected President?

Before he was even inaugurated he ordered Illinois to get rid of the death penalty, and Illinois' progressives complied. Well the experiment failed.

Chicago has the toughest gun laws in the country. And the most senseless killings. Why?

Is a rapist, child molester or murderer gonna change in prison? They either weren't taught at an early age not to harm others, or they don't care.

Didn't their parents or anyone at churches or schools think of teaching them right from wrong?

We should try something new, because Mayor Lightfoot, Cook County Board President Preckwinkle, States Attorney Kim Foxx and Chief Judge Evans don't have the answers. They just keep letting predators walk free, emasculating the police, and empowering and releasing criminals to rob, shoot and kill again. That is their plan. These 'ideals' don't work.

They didn't work for seven-year-old Jaslyn Adams, who was shot and killed in a McDonald's drive-thru.

They didn't work for 22-month-old Jayden Swann who was shot on Lake Shore Dr.

They didn't work for Chicago Police officer Ella French who was assassinated in cold blood during a routine traffic stop, nor her partner who was crippled.

They didn't work for six-year-old Aubrey, who is fighting for her life, and seven-year-old Serenity who was killed. All the Boughton children did was climb into their family car to go home.

And the progressive ideals didn't work for 70-year-old Yvonne Ruzich who was just waiting for the grocery store she worked at to open.

Where is the outrage? Where are the marches? Nothing for these angels?

Or are our protest marches only for career criminals who resist arrest?

Where is Antifa? Where is the Chicago Teachers Union? AFSCME and SEIU unions?

I guess you can't demand Hope and Change from individual criminals, since they have no power or money to make the effort worthwhile.

Obama hasn't lived in Chicago for 13 years, but his damage is still being felt. Bring back the Death Penalty. Before any more innocent angels get a Death Sentence.

Mike Sullivan

POLICE BEAT *from p. 8*

tences for attempted robberies in 2016.

Assistant Public Defender Susan Farber said Fisher is homeless and suffers from depression.

Man sexually assaults unconscious woman in Loop

A Lawndale man who encountered a highly intoxicated woman on the Magnificent Mile led her to the underbelly of Lower Michigan Ave. and sexually assaulted her early Friday, prosecutors said. When a Chicago police sergeant interrupted the alleged attack and pulled him off the unconscious victim, 26-year-old Anthony Brown allegedly told the cop he was "just trying to get some p****."

Judge Mary Marubio ordered Brown held without bail and told him her no-bail order was the only way she could protect "every single woman walking in the city of Chicago that you would happen to encounter."

Prosecutors said the victim, a 20-year-old woman, was at North Avenue Beach earlier in the evening and then went to Tavern on Rush with her boyfriend. She left the bar and made her way to Michigan Ave. after getting into an argument with him, according to prosecutors.

Anthony Brown

Brown allegedly encountered the woman somewhere along the Mag Mile. While the woman could not remember how she crossed paths with Brown, CPD surveillance video shows him putting his arm around her as they walked south at Ohio St.

The woman appeared highly intoxicated, and she almost walked into the window of a building as Brown continuously tried to hold on to her, prosecutors said, citing various video recordings. Around 1 a.m., Brown allegedly led the woman down a staircase to Lower Michigan Ave. at Wacker Dr.

There, Brown allegedly wrapped his arms around the woman's waist and tried to drag her toward a nearby Jeep. They fell, and the woman became trapped, prosecutors said. When a passing car stopped and an occupant asked the woman if she was OK, she said she was and began running toward the Jeep, prosecutors said. The car left the scene.

A short time later, the Jeep's owner walked down to Lower Michigan and found Brown lying face down on top of the apparently unconscious woman, prosecutors said. She called 911.

A CPD sergeant arrived and allegedly found the victim unconscious on her back with her pants and underwear below her knees. Prosecutors said that Brown's pants and underwear were down to his ankles. The sergeant also allegedly saw Brown thrusting his pelvis near the woman's private area.

The woman reportedly provided "nonsensical" answers to questions when the sergeant awakened her. She later told investigators that she did not feel like she had been sexually penetrated, prosecutors said. A DNA test is pending.

Brown's public defender said he has lived in Chicago for about a year, and he works for a valet parking company. He has a 3-year-old child. Prosecutors charged him with aggravated criminal sexual assault and attempt kidnapping by force.

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MULTI-MEDIA *from p. 7*

the Austin neighborhood).

Free and ticketed events will include:

- Goodman Theatre presents **Sones de México Ensemble's "Zulema"** in Chicago parks (Sept. 2)
- **Bluegrass Brunch** at Beat Kitchen (Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11 and 18)
- **Ohmme with Ganser** at Thalia Hall (Aug. 26)
- **Kid A** Performing 'OK Computer' in its entirety at Subterranean (Aug. 28)
- **Porchlight Music Theatre** presents "Broadway in your Backyard" at CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center (Aug. 28)
- **NEA Jazz Master Herbie Hancock** opens the Symphony Center Presents Jazz series at Symphony Center (Sept. 2)
- **2021 Esteemed Artist Award Winner** Billy Branch and the Sons of Blues, Joey J. Saye Trio at Reggies (Sept. 3)
- **Lyric Opera of Chicago** presents Verdi's "Macbeth" at Lyric Opera House (Sept. 17 and additional dates)

Four evenings at Jay Pritzker Pavilion will honor music born and innovated in Chicago, presented by the Millennium Park Foundation: **Gospel music** (Sept.3), **Jazz** (Sept. 4), **House** (Sept. 11) and **Blues** (Sept. 18) — all at 5:30–8:30 p.m., MillenniumPark.org.

Millennium Park programming at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion as part of the Summer Music Series (MillenniumPark.org) includes Chicago Sinfonietta Presents: Afrodjia Social Club + Proximity (Aug. 30); Zulema featuring Sones de México Ensemble (Sept. 2); Contemporary Indigenous Voices featuring Leonard Sumner, Lyla June and Tall Paul (Sept. 6); CIVL Summer Concert featuring Neal Francis and band with special guest headliner TBA (Sept. 9); Angel Meléndez & the 911 Mambo Orchestra — Homenaje a la Salsa Boricua de Chicago (Sept. 13).

"Sunday in the Park with Lyric's Rising Stars" (Aug. 29 at 6–8 p.m., lyricopera.org), and "Baroque in the Park" presented by Music of the Baroque (Sept. 10 at 6:30–8 p.m., baroque.org).

"Sonic Pavilion Festival" (Aug. 31, Sept. 7 and 14) is a series of 30-channel sound installations commissioned by Experimental Sound Studio for the overhead trellis loudspeaker array at Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

"Sounds of the Riverwalk" featuring musicians from the Chicago Band Roster perform every Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Confluence, located between Lake St. and Franklin St. on the Chicago Riverwalk (ChicagoRiverwalk.us).

Also on the Chicago Riverwalk, **Art on theMART** (ArtontheMART.com) continues to project its summer program nightly at 9 and 9:30 p.m. including three new commissions.

EVICTION *from p. 5*

ing to a DePaul Univ. study that also shows that such structures are "vanishing" on Chicago's North Side. The study shows that in gentrifying neighborhoods, those homes are being replaced by single-family residences.

Two-, three- and four-flats make up about 45% of all housing units in majority Latino neighborhoods, almost 30% in majority Black neighborhoods, and only 15% in majority-White areas.

Meanwhile, the LCBH report found that eviction filings rates were five times higher in majority Black areas than in majority White areas, while rates in Latino neighbors were twice as high as those in White areas.

There is a gap in who is protected from eviction and who is eligible for government funds to cover back rental payments, and it is hurting the littlest of little guy mom and pop operators.

The federal government has extended the eviction moratorium through Oct. 3 for renters making less than $99,000 [$198,000 for married couple], when an eviction would result in homelessness or shared housing.

After Congress declined to pass legislation explicitly authorizing a moratorium, the CDC, under President Joe Biden, issued another evictions ban, applicable to regions of the U.S. that are documented to face "substantial" or "high" rates of "community transmission of COVID-19."

The complaint notes that designation could now apply to nearly the entire country. In Illinois, the order applies to 97 of the state's 102 counties, as of Aug. 12, including Cook County.

The Illinois tenant declaration form is substantially similar to the federal declaration form, but to ensure their protection, tenants should provide their landlord with a signed version of the federal form if they can attest they cannot pay their full rent and meet the other requirements of being a covered person.

"The eviction moratorium covers anyone making $99,000 a year or less, but the assistance is only available for people making 80% of the area median income or less," Arena said. In Chicago, he cut-off for eligibility for rental assistance is about $39,000 in annual income. Tenants who make more than $39,000 a year are not eligible to apply.

During the government-enforced COVID economic shutdown, many tenants fell months behind in their rent payments. Even though many tenants are now back at work, many are not able to - or choose not to - make up the thousands of dollars in missed payments that they owe.

And due to the moratorium, landlords are forbidden to evict them from their properties.

"We have property owners who are on the brink of bankruptcy because they can't pay their bills and they can't afford this anymore,"Arena said. He referred to a building owner who was out $60,000 in unpaid rents. Some of the tenants had vacated their apartments, and "the owner was dealing with the reality that he was not going to be compensated for those. He and his wife had been using their savings. They had been to the bank to borrow money to make ends meet. There was a great deal of concern."

The eviction moratorium was scheduled to end July 1, but the CDC dodged a U.S. Supreme Court ruling by slightly adjusting it and extending it to Oct. 3.

The Biden administration is now scrambling to find a way to limit the damage from the huge backlog of potential evictions that has built up due to the moratorium, perhaps through the use of federal aid.

The Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program offers mediation in order for landlords and tenants to avoid eviction. The program also offers free counseling, case management, and connections to resources for housing and debt issues. Landlords and tenants alike can apply for up to $25,000 per case for unpaid rent.

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO ALL PERMITTED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-BC2
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARGARET GARNER, AKA MARGARET D. GARNER;
WATERFORD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION; HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
17 CH 10885
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ECAPITAL LOAN FUND II LP, A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Plaintiff,
-v.-
NAVIGANT DEVELOPMENT, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 1419 NORTH WELLS, LLC, ANTHONY J. TOMASKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR LESSEES, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2020 CH 07195
1419-1423 N. WELLS STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60610
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 12, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 15, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
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For information, John Lipinsky, CLINGEN CALLOW & MCLEAN, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2300 CABOT DRIVE, STE 500, Lisle, IL, 60532 (630) 871-2600.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
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Plaintiff,
-v.-
GREGORY MERDINGER
Defendants
20 CH 01974
2 EAST ERIE STREET, GARAGE UNIT G-416
CHICAGO, IL 60611
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Commonly known as 2 EAST ERIE STREET, GARAGE UNIT G-416, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-107-018-1349
The real estate is improved with a parking space.
The judgment amount was $15,850.38.
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Companies involved include DanceWorks Chicago, Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, The Joffrey Ballet, The Movement Revolution Dance Crew, PARA.MAR Dance Theatre, South Chicago Dance Theatre, The Trinity Irish Dance Company and Visceral Dance Chicago.

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Bump-n-run carjacking crew working North Side, West Loop, reports say

BY CWBCHICAGO

A "bump-n-run" carjacking and auto theft crew has struck at least three times on the North Side and once in the West Loop since Aug. 22, according to CPD reports. But a source said the thieves are suspected of committing many more similar crimes across the city. Any driver who is tapped from behind by another car should exercise caution before getting out to exchange information.

Here's how the crimes have been unfolding: The crew, using a stolen car, intentionally hits the back end of another car and then pulls over to exchange information. Between one and three men get out of the stolen car, and one of them may appear to hold "insurance information" to share with the other driver. But there will be no exchange of information. One or two of the thieves jumps into the victim's car and drive away while the others leave in the vehicle they arrived in.

At 6:30 a.m. Aug. 22, the men were driving a white BMW when they bumped into a woman's black Nissan on the 2000 block of W. Montrose. When the woman got out to look at the damage, a man jumped from the BMW and drove south on Wolcott with her car, according to a CPD report.

Around 9:20 Sunday night, a woman was waiting to turn north on Lake Shore Dr. at Belmont when a gray Chevy tapped the back end of her gray 2019 Audi A4, according to her husband.

"She got out to check damage and the offender sprinted past her and jumped in the car," the man said in an email. The Chevy veered around her and both cars headed south on the drive.

"She was returning from a weekend trip with her sister, so in addition to her iPhone, her MacBook, AirPods, and luggage were in the car. Luckily she wasn't hurt. Most concerning was her driver's license and house keys were in the car, so it was a long night. Currently awaiting locksmith to arrive," the man said.

The crew struck two more times on Monday morning, according to preliminary information provided to this reporter.

Around 10:45 a.m., a woman was bumped from behind by a stolen black Mercedes SUV as she traveled north on Pine Grove at Irving Park Rd. in Lakeview. She successfully fought off the man who tried to steal her car, a report said. He was last seen heading toward the drive with two accomplices in the stolen SUV.

CPD license plate readers tracked the car through the Gold Coast and onto the expressway. And at 11:18 a.m., they struck again in the West Loop.

According to an initial report, a woman told police a black Mercedes bumped her white Land Rover from behind at Lake and Sangamon. When she got out, one of the occupants of the Mercedes pretended to have insurance information. The crew pushed her out of the way and drove away with her SUV, the report said. GPS tracking reportedly placed the stolen Land Rover in Englewood by 11:45 a.m.

Surveillance video shows the offenders in Monday's Lakeview incident were three Black males: a driver who wore a surgical mask, a front passenger who wore all black, and a rear passenger who wore a red hat and black clothing. At least one of them has long dreadlocks. The victims have consistently said the men appear to be in their late teens to mid-20s.

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the 2018 drowning of 13-year-old Darihanne Torres, said Quezada, who was on the beach the day Darihanne died. (Her death prompted Quezada to co-found the Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety).

"The sign that is there came after Darihanne's drowning when I was pushing parks for it and they put up what you see and washed their hands of it," said Quezada. "Disgraceful really."

She said currently, signs being used are ones already in circulation throughout the Great Lakes for uniformity in messaging. "But I wonder if we shouldn't have some sort of living memorial to the lives lost at that pier to remind people of the risk," said Quezada, who has and still is pushing hard for life safety rings to be installed on the lakefront, which is something that Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] also believes in, and so do I.

Quezada said she is angry, because the fight for life safety rings is so difficult and because there's just not enough being done and people keep dying. I'm with her. Perhaps if there had been one or two safety rings on the pier last weekend, the young man who drowned might still be alive. And the same goes for our lovable neighborhood legend Croslene Kettle, who my family called "Jamaica," due to his native roots. Sadly, Jamaica drowned in 2019 after swimming off the same pier.

Life rings on the pier and more signage is what neighbor Melissa G., would like to see. "It's a no- brainer," she said.

"It's just a rough lake," said Katherine Southworth, who lives down the block. "It wouldn't hurt to have life safety rings."

One issue that should be taken into consideration is the diversity of those who come to swim, said neighbor Dove Brown. Some people with a language barrier might not understand signage, she said.

A Coast Guard chopper circles Pratt Pier in search of a man who drowned.

Brown suggested painting huge circles with a line across them showing people not to dive in and not to swim. She has an excellent point. It's a long pier, and along the way there needs to be several warnings, not just one.

Do not swim alone, suggested Carmen Earsery, who just moved to the neighborhood from Aurora. "I wouldn't go without somebody with you," she said. Yet another excellent point.

Fifty-seven people drowned in 2020 in Lake Michigan, setting a record for year's drowning deaths that hadn't been that high in more than a decade. Lake Michigan is said to consistently be the deadliest of the five Great Lakes. According to the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, as of Aug. 11, 24 out of this year's thus far 56 Great Lakes drownings have been in Lake Michigan.

"With these kinds of waves, there's no good last scene," said an exhausted-looking rescue worker. "These waters are treacherous," said another. "It's becoming an every day thing."

There'll be no lifeguards in a couple of weeks, and people will flock to the lakefront for their last bit of summer sun and fun. We all know that swimming is much more enjoyable when there are no lifeguards around telling us what to do. But as much as we all love that special time of Lake Michigan freedom, curb your enthusiasm, please. Because although our lake is very alluring, it is also deceptively perilous. It will eat you up.

A Coast Guard boat skims the water, searching for a man who drowned last weekend.

Along with the man who drowned last weekend, three others lost their lives that day in Lake Michigan… people in Waukegan, in Racine WI, and in Holland, MI. May all the families find peace and comfort somehow.

Our guy -- who at press time had not yet been identified -- whose body was removed from the beach at around 1:30 p.m. I had been on the beach that morning, early, and had waited around there until recovery became rescue. When I walked back by later and asked at the lifeguard stand, I was told the body had just been taken away.

I live practically spitting distance from the lake, yet no matter how many times I've seen this happen in the last 40 years, it always sickens me when I hear the rescue vehicles and the chopper come to call.

There have been times when people are saved, and every one of our city's rescue team members should be patted on the back. They're the ones who save people, but they're also the ones who are there when the news is not good and there's a body to pluck out.

I love swimming in the lake. Once upon a time I swam every morning, before the lifeguards came. Would I do that today? Nope. I'd like to think that I'm older and wiser. Besides, I don't want to become a Lake Michigan statistic.

I don't want you to become one either. Please be careful if you're taking a dip and stay away from structures like the pier and breakwater because they say the currents can be deadlier there.

And to those at the park district who did not advocate for life safety rings on the lakefront when you had the chance last spring, perhaps you should think again. Yes, there would be plenty of logistics to work out, but I and others believe it can be done.

It's frustrating that a world-class city on the lake cannot be a trend-setting model for water safety. We have the opportunity to show others what we can do, and save lives in the process. We can do and be better than what we already are.