

You can count how many seeds are in the apple, but not how many apples are in the seed.

— Ken Kesey

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## Neighbors rally to stop Granville Greenway

BY RONALD ROENIGK

This year trouble seems to follow Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] around. Perhaps 2024 is not turning out as she had hoped as she finds herself again at odds with her ward over a new bike greenway proposed for Granville Ave. in Edgewater.

This year ward residents have lost faith in her administration through a variety of new issues, including approval of a new six-story high density development on the west side of Broadway St.; for trying to force a new liquor store into a storefront on Broadway that was voted dry by the community, and by participating in a scheme to create a fake Park Advisory Council intended to trick city bureaucrats into allowing a new package liquor license on Bryn Mawr Ave. next to a kiddie park.

There is a growing concern in Edgewater that she and her staff are making these decisions without consulting the community. And when neighbors confront her and her staff with their concerns, the neighbors say the Alderman's staff responds with name-calling and charges of xenophobia.

There was much grumbling Sept. 9 by the 60 people attending the Edgewater Glen Assoc. [EGA] meeting at St. Gertrude's Community Hall over ongoing negotiations between the Alderman and the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] to allow a new greenway to metastasize on Granville running from Kedzie to the Lake.

Under a greenway, residential



If city officials get their way, the intersection of Granville and Sheridan Rd. [above] will be the eastern terminus of a proposed Granville Greenway running both ways from the Chicago River to the Lakefront.

streets can become an alternative to arterial roadways. Priority is given to scooters and cyclists by creating traffic obstacles and barriers for motor vehicles, while creating signage, special pavement markings, and sometimes adding two-way bike travel on these streets.

"We are very much opposed to this," said Marjorie Fritz-Birch, who lives on Norwood St., is Vice President of EGA, a board member of the Edgewater Historical Society, and was one of the grumblers at the meeting in the church basement. No resident at the meeting spoke in favor of the proposed greenway. "The overflow traffic will head to other side streets and they can't handle it," she said. "I'm a bike rider, and I know the traffic on Norwood will be horrible."

The neighbors think that their Alderman and CDOT officials are not taking into account the amount of traffic now using Granville Ave., which is being

boosted by pass-through commuter traffic... and by the four local schools that abut Granville Ave., and the daily traffic jams created by congestion spilling over from nearby Ridge, Peterson and Western avenues, Sheridan Rd. and Clark St.

Sacred Heart, at Granville Ave. and Sheridan Rd., Northside Catholic Academy, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave., Stephan K. Hayt, 1518 W. Granville Ave., and Stone Scholastic Academy, 6239 N. Leavitt St., all create simultaneous east and west traffic gridlock during school pick up and drop off times.

Also adding traffic to Granville Ave. are the row of high-rises along Sheridan Rd. north of Hollywood Ave., which now suffers daily blockages due to online delivery and service vehicles double parking on Sheridan Rd. at all hours (think Amazon, UPS, FedEx and USPS). People fleeing

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## No decision yet on proposed Sheridan/Juneway high density development

A proposal to win a zoning change on a controversial high density, low-parking housing project on the northeastern corner of Rogers Park has been delayed, as Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] has called for at least one more meeting on the subject.

The building would be situated at the southwest corner of Sheridan Rd. and Juneway Terrace, an area of East Rogers Park that is boxed-in by Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Lake Michigan, a narrow Juneway Terrace and high traffic Sheridan Rd.

In her weekly newsletter she said there were "major concerns regarding the density of units on-site, the parking provided and possible congestion, the setbacks of the building, and its contextualization within the neighborhood." Ald. Hadden then requested a follow-up meeting with the applicant to address these concerns prior to issuing a decision.

On July 23, the Alderman held a community meeting regarding the proposed zoning change for 7728 N. Sheridan Rd., now an empty corner lot that once held a single family home. The applicant, 5035 Land Owner, LLC, now hopes to jam 52 units on the lot but provide only nine off-street parking spots in one of the most congested parts of the Car North Side.

Before the onslaught of the new Transit Oriented Development [TOD] zoning classification, Chi-

cago's code would have required a project like this to provide an addition of 52-off-street parking spots.

What neighbors find out after these TOD properties get built is that new tenants who own cars, and cannot secure off-street parking, end up competing with existing area residents for a limited supply of street parking spots. And Northeast Rogers Park is an area with severely limited residential street parking.

Even TOD building tenants who do not own cars will add congestion through a high demand for ride-share and delivery vehicles to bring food and products to them (think City of Chicago trucks, Uber, Amazon, UPS and Fed Ex). All Chicago residents now suffer equally from traffic tie-ups created by these vehicles when they illegally double park with impunity on area streets.

The developers want a zoning change from RT-4 to B2-5 to build a six-story, 68-foot tall building on the vacant lot. There will be no retail component to this development. The proposed project would increase the density at that corner by 500%.

A community survey undertaken by the 49th Ward office on this request received 537 responses. Of those responses, 30.9% were in favor of the development or

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## Rogue e-scooter menace subject of Sept. 25 meeting

Vanessa Serrano, General Manager of the Great Lakes Region at Lime, will join the NE Levy Center Village, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave., for their next virtual meeting via Zoom, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, a.m., to discuss senior concerns about electronic e-scooters on sidewalks and answer questions.

Sidewalk riding of e-scooters in Chicago has become a major issue, as some of these unlicensed vehicles can travel over 30 MPH. It is forbidden to ride electric scooters and peddle bikes on sidewalks, except for brief moments when parking or starting your ride.

Some foreign cities like Madrid, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Paris, Melbourne, and U.S. cities such as New York City, Denver, Honolulu and San Antonio have tackled the e-scooter menace and enacted a spectrum of limitations or outright bans on them on their streets. Three states—Delaware, Idaho, and Pennsylvania—have banned electric scooters from using streets entirely.

Some cities have introduced rules where scooters can be used on the sidewalk if no bike lane is available.

Micromobility companies Lime and

Bird also say they ban sidewalk riding and have introduced technology to warn riders, but that technology does not disable the scooters when they are detected riding on sidewalks.

Even in these instances, pedestrians still have the right of way over motorized scooters and bikes.

The rules of the scooter road are that riders must push an e-scooter into the street rather than ride it on the sidewalk before starting it up.

The current city of Chicago ordinances governing e-scooter use were signed on June 14, 2023, but they primarily focus on shared electric scooters. Private electric scooters exist in a gray area with no specific mentions in city ordinances.

On a state level, little has been done to regulate or license e-scooters. Right now, one does not need a license to ride an e-scooter in Chicago.

But there are age limits. The minimum age to ride an e-scooter in Chicago is 16 years. And 16 and 17 year olds will need parental or guardian consent to ride a shared electric scooter. So, realistically, the minimum age to ride without jumping

through hoops is 18.

Chicago's electric scooter problems have been in focus ever since the pilot program to integrate e-scooters into its landscape kicked off in 2019. They have been a transportation aide and a menace at the same time. In today's political climate that sees

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non-stop caterwauling about safetyism, it's odd that Chicago's political leadership has done so little to address the issue.

Right now there is a network of over 420 miles of protected bike lanes on city streets, and it is on that network where e-scooters are supposed to travel. But Chicago's most popular bike path is supposed to be free of scooters.

In fact, Chicago's entire lakefront park system is in an e-scooter exclusion zone.

The e-scooter has been banned from the Lakefront Trail, but with no enforcement

mechanism, the problems come down to 'you and what army.' And right now the army of e-scooters greatly outnumber those who wish to protect pedestrians and vehicle drivers from the reckless actions of some scooter-users.

There is clear proof that e-scooters are providing valuable transportation service, although the riders pay no road taxes or licensing fees to help underwrite the network's infrastructure, and may also be taking some fare-paying rides away from the CTA.

From May 2022 to present, the city estimates that there have been some 4 million scooter trips, and that's just for shared scooters. That estimate does not include the countless private rides that have likely occurred during the same period.

The downside to e-scooters are all the reckless drivers. Data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety [IIHS] shows that nearly three out of five e-scooter riders were injured riding on the sidewalk.

Additionally, of those injured on an e-scooter, IIHS reports that nearly 40% were

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By Thomas J. O'Gorman

My sister, Mary Regina, and I, always looked forward to our daily lunches while attending Visitation Grammar School. Our home was a quick walk, we lived two blocks away, the other side of Garfield Blvd.

My mother was most handy and inventive in the kitchen. She rarely provided boring lunches. Sometimes they were really special. Like when she would order Chinese food for us. We'd lunch on egg rolls, Sub Gum Chow Mein, and sip green tea. Then laugh hysterically at the predictions of the fortune cookies.

No peanut butter for us, lunch could get exotic. But Mom made sure we returned to school on time.

We loved sharing the news of our special lunches from Jim Lum's Chinese take away on Halsted St. When we were really young I used to make up stories about growing up in China and how nostalgic it was to feast like that at lunchtime.

My love of exotic foreign foods got an early jump-start and only continued to grow over the years. I still crave Asian cuisine. But I've expanded my tastes, and Italian and Spanish are high on my list still. But at the very top is Greek food. It's definitely food with a deep spiritual connect.

Over the years I have been a faithful devotee of Greek Islands, 200 S. Halsted St., where Chicago's best Greek meals are made at the corner of Halsted and Adams streets. Over the decades I even studied the Greek language. Enough to read the elegant alphabet and speak enough to make sure my loin lamb chops are always rare.

I've also met some remarkable people there over the years. No one more delightful and enterprising than General Manager Stefanos Naoum. Now he's announced he's ready to retire and return to Athens. I'm not sure what we're going to do without him.

There's always been a great healthy rhythm to his life, and not just because he was once a professional drummer as a young man. That's when he made stretched skin move people's feet and hearts.

It was the music of the drum that first brought him to Chicago, from his native Greece 50 years ago. He'd already perfected his ability to pound out the beat. And as those rhythms still remain in motion for him, he has allowed himself to be lured back to the land of Plato and Aristotle. The journey of the heart is long overdue.

Stefanos first came to Chicago for an undetermined length of time, but that grew into a long

# Stefanos perfected ability to pound out the beat

commitment to Chicago and the cuisine and hospitality of Greek culture. Still richly abiding around the neighborhoods of Chicago, nowhere better than on Halsted St.

Stefanos has been the familiar face of Greek Islands Restaurant for decades. There his executive leadership remains old-fashioned and filled with vestiges of Grecian-style character, always looking for a way to lift the employee or customer. Always in a thoughtful manner that is encouraging, sustaining. Restaurant workers feel a special bond. They say it's because he is a charming personality. A helpful soul.

Over the years he has been a Greek-town favorite along that quaint Halsted St. Hellenic thoroughfare. Many Chicagoans would also know him from Pegasus Restaurant years ago.

Greek Islands has been a busy home away-from-home for countless Chicagoans. Serving Greek-town's most authentic and savory vittles. As a hard-working, hands-on manager,

Stefanos is always prominent at the restaurant's central hub desk. Menus in hand, scanning one of the many dining rooms or bar, consulting with staff continuously, observing the carry-out packaging for pick up and even discussing the price of produce with knowledgeable foodie VIPs.

As Greek music fills the air and flaming Saganaki lights the atmosphere, Stefanos has managed to be a happy part of every table and celebration. Recommending a favorite Greek wine or a special savory lamb item on the menu. His roots verify his singular talent in the tastes and flavors of his Greek hometown, Larisa.

The easy hum of seascape Greece has equipped Stefanos with gentlemanly skills, perfect for overseeing the repeat crowds and tastes of regular customers. They feel like family thanks to the ancient natural talents for hospitality among the Greeks like him. They remain ripe and youthful with Stefanos who found a perfect pairing with Greek Islands founder, Konstantinos Koutsogeorgas.

The hard-working ownership found a worthy renaissance twin in Stefanos, who is at home with the details and duties of Chicago dining. Helping patrons feel at ease amid the complex traditions of the old country.

Popular treats inspire patrons from Greek salads and choice moussaka, pastitsio, skordalia, Tzatziki, gyros and sesame bread to creamy desserts and famous Greek wines, Maliatis red and white, finishing with thick coffees.

There's a long list of celebrated Chicagoans who cherish the Greek cuisine. No one more so than former Secretary of State Jesse White, who I've often engaged in food chatter during his visits. The discerning Maria Pap-

pas has her favorites near at hand. The Countess Bottega and Petros love it. I've run into Rev. Jesse Jackson there. It's even easy to rub elbows with wise judges from the Circuit to the Supreme Courts. They know their succulent items. Top cops, easy to spot, along with the clergy and the titans of Chicago commerce.

No one is more faithful to things Greek than the faculty of nearby UIC. Also a great mix of tables of Chicago art dealers, Aldermen and diners on their way to the Lyric Opera or the Chicago Symphony.

I love to see the Greek Orthodox clergy in their ancient robes of office, replete with ancient veiled bonnet. A great cross section of Chicago life. All hungry. Thirsty. And made comfortable by the friendly welcome from Stefanos.

Stefanos loves Chicago. He says that he was encouraged to make Chicago his home by his wife's father, the first doctor of Greek origins on the staff of Swedish Covenant Hospital, near the former

Greektown in Lincoln Square. Greek culture has had a remarkable impact on Chicago. The pattern of Greek immigration and subsequent settlement in the city has been vibrant and powerful. Greeks stayed close to each other. Reached out in a strong harmony of both work and education.

They established a very positive network of investment that offered support to new business ventures and careers. Stefanos is



Stefanos Naoum.  
Courtesy Chicago Greek Press

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# Old Town high-rise battle shifts gears into the fast lane



The Home Front  
by Don DeBat

First of two articles on the challenges of high-rise development in the Old Town neighborhood.

The battle against a planned 44-story skyscraper on the northeast corner of North Ave. and LaSalle St. in the Old Town neighborhood has shifted gears and moved into the fast lane.

“As we continue our community-engagement process, we are pleased to provide an update on our plans to address one of the main concerns we’ve heard from neighbors and residents—traffic,” chirped a press release authored by developer Nick Anderson, president of Fern Hill Co.

“Traffic and congestion have always been top-of-mind for us, and we have remained committed to ensuring our proposal does not negatively impact traffic patterns in the neighborhood,” Anderson said.

According to Anderson, that’s why Fern Hill “recruited one of the nation’s leading traffic-engineering firms, Kenig, Lindgren, O’Hara, Aboona, Inc.,” to develop a comprehensive traffic-improvement plan based on an independent traffic study of the area.

The complicated “traffic-improvement” plan—outlined in the adjoining sidebar story—includes demolishing both the Shell and BP Gas Stations on LaSalle, eliminating 12 curb cuts along the LaSalle and North Ave. Corridor, installing 18 curb “bump outs” along the corridor across five separate intersections, and installing a dedicated protected right turn lane from LaSalle to North Ave. to “reduce queuing time,” according to Fern Hill.

Timothy J. Carew, a concerned Old Town resident and retired banking and real estate professional, blasted Fern Hill’s plan as an



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“audacious proposal to block manage” the traffic area surrounding their proposed mega high-rise development in Old Town as the latest in developer overreach.

“This is a blatant example of carving up the public right-of-way to serve private commercial interests,” Carew said. “No amount of gimmickry traffic-bump-out sidewalks will decrease traffic on the street or make it move faster and safer.”

Under Fern Hill’s neighborhood-take-over plan for the Old Town Canvass development, pedestrians will get less time and less room on the sidewalks to freely move through the historic neighborhood, or gain access to Lincoln Park, Carew insists.

“Their bunched-up street modifications fail on all fronts. It fails to provide pedestrian safety. It further crowds sidewalks. It

fails to recognize reality,” Carew said.

“The reality is that their assemblage of sites does not give them an entitled right to build massive towers,” Carew said. “We do not need to accommodate Fern Hill’s economic interests by trading away or abandoning the public right-of-way interests currently granted in Old Town by its long-honored street layout and residential historical building usage.”

Carew has a good view of the North and LaSalle corner from his condominium

unit. “Bikes, scooters, motorcycles, packs of runners from running clubs and schools, drag racers, mini-bike and Harley bikers, are constantly on the roll. Some on street, others on sidewalks. It is almost Second-City comical material,” he said.

Carew noted that a few months ago Walgreens started off-loading its trucks on North Ave. “They clearly wanted to wean their delivery trucks off the enclosed North Ave. entrance, which required cross lane maneuvering. So, now those trucks have joined the beer trucks.”

There is no need to clear the way for developer ambitions, Carew believes. “They have alternate scale developments available to them but simply refuse to listen to community opposition,” he said.

“Access via Illinois state highways 41, Lake Shore Dr. and Illinois route 64 (North Ave.) into and through Old Town must be preserved and not altered to accommodate high-rises. The existing small businesses need foot traffic, not faster and denser street traffic,” Carew said.

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“The proposed traffic-management plan is an affront to our constitutional rights to own property and protect us from public nuisances. These are actions of those seeking to usurp public right-of-way land dedicated to interstate commerce and to serve the neighborhood,” Carew said.

“The proposed traffic-management plan

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## Edgewater home tour Sept. 22

Nosy poke's won't have to peek through the shutters, now that there is a guided tour through some of the antique homes in Edgewater.

The Edgewater Historical Society has been offering at least one Home Tour every year since 1989. The next one is on Sunday,

Sept. 22, (rain or shine), featuring the West Edgewater neighborhood where guests will receive a guided tour through several of its historic homes.

The cost of the tour is \$25 per person, and tourists will also receive a souvenir Tour Booklet containing a map of the neighborhood and descriptions of each home on the tour.

At each home, a volunteer docent will greet you and tell you something about the exterior of the house. You will then be escorted with others in a group to tour the inside of the house, where another volunteer docent will highlight some of the features of the interior.

Reservations are not required, and guests can register at the Rosehill Cemetery West Gate Entrance, at 5800 N. Ravenswood between noon and 4 p.m. The homes are on Rosehill, Edgewater, Hollywood and Bryn Mawr, and will be open from noon until 5 p.m.

To visit all featured homes involves walking approximately one mile (starting at the registration table).



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## Chicago off the hook for big payout for red light ticket refunds

BY SCOTT HOLLAND  
*Cook County Record*

A state appeals panel has determined the city of Chicago doesn't have to pay refunds for red light camera tickets despite an earlier finding it didn't follow state law when collecting the fines.

In the underlying lawsuit, Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel, of Chicago and Media, PA, sued on behalf of named plaintiffs Fred Hampton and Glenn Williams, and a potential class of hundreds of thousands of additional plaintiffs whose red-light tickets predated 2010. Collectively the city collected more than \$235 million in fines from those tickets.

The litigation dates to 2019, less than a year after City Hall settled a different class action over legally defective red-light and speeding camera tickets sent from 2010-2015.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge David Atkins repeatedly denied the city's motion to dismiss the lawsuit, in which the plaintiffs alleged the city violated its own municipal code by failing to fulfill its obligation to issue second notices to vehicle owners accused of running red lights, instead proceeding to determination of liability.

In arguing for dismissal, the city insisted that although there was no limitation on when a plaintiff could seek a determination they weren't liable for the traffic violation, the law still limits their ability to pursue a refund for any fines they may have paid, even if the courts determine they shouldn't have been forced to pay it.

When Atkins denied the motion a second time, the city asked the Illinois First District Ap-

ellate Court to weigh in on the question.

Justice Carl Walker wrote the panel's opinion, filed Aug. 23; Justices Sharen Oden Johnson and Sanjay Tailor concurred.

The panel opened its analysis by calling overly broad the city's submitted question: "May a party seek return of fines paid to a government entity pursuant to void judgments at any time, notwithstanding the applicability of any relevant statute of limitations or other public policy considerations?"

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Walker said the panel was cautious of an answer that might implicate things such as fines issued in criminal prosecution and also wouldn't address the question's public policy aspects. Instead, it rephrased the question to reference a 2001 Illinois Supreme Court opinion, *Sundance Homes v. DuPage County*, allowing it to address whether a void judgment rule exception applies "only to refund claims predicated on void statutes, or does the exception

also apply to refund claims predicated on void agency actions?"

Whereas *Sundance Homes* applied to a law eventually determined to be unconstitutional, the pre-2010 red-light class action is only about how the city applied its own municipal core ordinances.

"The court did not expressly consider the tension this ruling had with the void judgment rule in general, but that tension cannot be ignored, nor can the fact the court resolved that tension in favor of applying the time-bar," Walker wrote. "The only justification we could use to restrict the *Sundance Homes* exception from application to the type of void judgments in question here would be to identify a substantive distinction between the void judgments at issue in *Sundance Homes* and void agency determinations."

Ultimately, the panel determined the concept of a "void" action applies equally to both scenarios, along with a court order later ruled to be void for something like a lack of jurisdiction. It further said the *Sundance Homes* court stated a preference for uniformly applying statutes for "simple" refund cases in line with legislative intent.

Walker said the red-light plaintiffs made no showing as to why their citations are materially different from something like the development impact fees at issue in *Sundance Homes* while also distinguishing between the ability, without time limits, to have an action erased and the cap on pursuing financial redress.

The city is represented by attorneys from the Chicago Dept. of Law. The department declined to comment on the decision, saying the case remains active litigation.

**BATTLE** from p. 3 should be rejected out of hand and challenged at the highest level. It is time to say no to Fern Hill," Carew concluded.

Anderson asks concerned Old Town residents and business owners to submit feedback and questions regarding traffic to the company's feedback tab, or email Fern Hill directly at [oldtown@fernhillcompany.com](mailto:oldtown@fernhillcompany.com).

Concerned Old Town residents have a couple of questions to ask Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd]:

- Where is the long-awaited official City of Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] traffic study for the LaSalle and North Ave. corridor?
- When will the next public community meeting on the Old Town Canvas be scheduled with CDOT professionals in attendance?

**NEXT WEEK:** *How Old Town residents fought proposed high-rise development at Piper's Alley in 1971. The grassroots movement led to down-zoning of the area for the past five decades.*

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### Fern Hill's plan to mitigate traffic

Fern Hill's proposal to mitigate traffic concerns and reimagine the LaSalle and North Corridor would demolish both the Shell and BP Gas Stations on LaSalle; Eliminate 12 existing curb cuts along the LaSalle and North Corridor, and remove all current North Ave. obstructions, including the Walgreens trash and loading dock.

They would install 18 curb bump-outs along the LaSalle and North Corridor across five separate intersections; Create a new Wells St. Divvy Bike station south of North Ave., and install a dedicated lead/protected right turn lane from LaSalle to North to reduce traffic-queuing time.

The plan also calls for updating major intersections (North and LaSalle, plus North and Wells) with new bump-outs to each intersection corner, bike-lane and bus striping.

They would re-optimize signal timings to increase coordination between intersections; Dedicate and signalize right-turn-only lanes; Widened sidewalks to increase consistency

on LaSalle; Install new fish-eye camera system with cellular modem; Reduce pedestrian-crossing times across five intersections, and 18 unique pedestrian walkways; Increase vehicular turning and throughput capacity, and consolidate loading zones to utilize a very large, dedicated off-street loading area.

When implemented, Fern Hill says the above massive traffic changes will result in statistically verified reductions to traffic as a direct result of their project, which is currently under review and verification by CDOT including:

- 30-35% reduction to south-bound right-turn delays from LaSalle to North.
- 25-30% reduction in east-bound left-turn delays from North to LaSalle.
- 25% reduction to pedestrian-crossing distances at North and LaSalle.
- 36% reduction to pedestrian-crossing distances at North and Wells.
- 15-20% reduction to west-bound traffic queues on North.

# Aldermen, residents continue fight to keep gunshot-detection system

BY JIM TALAMNTI  
The Center Square

Chicago City Council members are pushing to keep a gunshot-detection system before the mayor shuts it down.

Mayor Brandon Johnson announced in February that ShotSpotter would be decommissioned on Sept. 22, which is exactly one month after the Democratic National Convention ended.

Ald. Anthony Beale [9th] said the 15th Police District is Mayor Johnson's home district, and it is also the worst in Chicago for gunshots.

"Luckily, he's in a bubble, because he's got 116 people protecting him. You know what, we don't have that luxury," Beale said.

Beale spoke at a special meeting of the city council's Committee on Public Safety.

"We're spending hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars on migrants, OK, people who are just coming here. But we can't spend \$8 million on technology that saves lives?" Beale asked.

The city spent \$8.6 million in taxpayer funds to keep ShotSpotter from February to September of this year.

About a month before Mayor Brandon Johnson said he would pull the plug on ShotSpotter, the gunfire detection system aided police in finding shooting victims that no one called 911 about. Police arrived at shooting scenes faster than if they had to wait for witnesses to call.

That night, a man was shot and killed in an alley behind 4845 W. West End in Austin. Chicago Police said that the 33-year-old had been shot multiple times in the face and arms. He did not survive.

But the only reason Chicago police of-

ficers knew about the shooting was because they received a pin-point, accurate notification from ShotSpotter. Nobody called 911 about the shooting before police arrived, according to a source familiar with the case. Police dispatch records appear to confirm that information.

***At one point are we just going to throw our hands up and turn it over to the criminals and say, 'You know what? The city's yours,'" Ald. Raymond Lopez said.***

In May, the city council voted 34-14 in favor of 17th Ward Ald. David Moore's ordinance, which ordered that the council would vote on ShotSpotter before funding for the technology could be taken away.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Brian Hopkins [2nd] said the council would be dealing with the order in the coming days.

Ald. Raymond Lopez [15th] asked which technology might be taken out next.

"Are we going to take out license plate readers next? Are we going to take out the cameras next? At one point are we just going to throw our hands up and turn it over to the criminals and say, 'You know what? The city's yours,'" Lopez said.

Pastor and activist Donovan Price advised aldermen that ShotSpotter technology is necessary.

"And this is not done from a campaign promise. This is not done from an opinion from someone who lives on the other side of town. This is from someone who stands over the bodies," Price said.

## Lawsuit claims confirmation bias, political motives are fueling faulty investigations at Chicago's police oversight agency

BY CWBCHICAGO

Matthew Haynam, recently fired from his high-ranking position at the Civilian Office of Police Accountability [COPA], filed a scorching lawsuit on Sept. 13, claiming he was terminated for speaking out about an anti-police bias that he believes is tainting investigations at the agency.

Haynam's lawsuit repeatedly alleges that COPA, charged with investigating serious allegations of wrongdoing by Chicago police officers, suffers from "confirmation bias."

In another blockbuster allegation regarding the fatal police shooting of Dexter Reed earlier this year, Haynam says COPA chief Andrea Kersten knowingly made false statements that questioned the involved officers' honesty even though there was nothing in the record to support her claims.

And Haynam cites a pattern of "mischaracterization of evidence [and a] failure to interview key witnesses motivated, in whole or part, by improper political considerations."

Haynam also explains that it is "critically essential" for COPA investigators to understand how the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] trains its officers so they can determine if accused cops acted "reasonably."

"Astonishingly," the lawsuit states, "COPA Investigators have historically failed to acquire from the CPD relevant training materials." Haynam claims Kersten "has known about this systemic issue for years, but has chosen to ignore when COPA staff, including [Haynam], frequently brought this to the attention of Kersten and members of her senior staff."

Haynam alleges the decision not to learn about CPD's training practices is intentional, saying Kersten used the lack of training materials to "improperly second-guess the conduct of police officers and attempt to manipulate investigatory findings."

"In many instances, officers were being punished, or being

recommended for punishment," even though COPA did not have enough information to know if the cops acted contrary to their training, said the lawsuit.

"Kersten did not want the truth to get in the way of her agenda of punishing officers whose conduct violated [her] subjective opinion about their conduct, without regard for the objective facts and in the absence of knowing and understanding the officer's actual training," claims Haynam.

He asserts that Kersten's "agenda" was front and center when she went on a media tour as COPA released video and other materials related to the Dexter Reed shooting earlier this year. Reed was killed by Chicago police officers after he shot one of them during a traffic stop on March 21.

Kersten used the shooting to "seize the media spotlight" where she "publicly announced her narrative that the officers involved in the shooting should be relieved of their police powers because of Kersten's belief that the officers lied about why they stopped

Dexter Reed," Haynam claims.

Specifically, Kersten questioned the truthfulness of the involved officers who said they stopped Reed for not wearing a seatbelt.

***Matthew Haynam cites a pattern of "mischaracterization of evidence [and a] failure to interview key witnesses motivated, in whole or part, by improper political considerations."***

Haynam says Kersten's "public narrative" was "reckless.. because there is no documented evidence in the investigatory file attributing any statements to the officers about why they commenced the traffic stop of Dexter Reed." He further alleges that Kersten knew her comments were reckless when she made them.

Kersten's bias was on display

again in COPA's report about the erroneous police raid of Anjanette Young's home. Among the recommendations made in the report was a three-day suspension for CPD Officer Ella French, who had been murdered in the line of duty before the final report was released.

Kersten was the lead investigator in that case, Haynam states, noting that Young felt French, who showed up after the raid was mostly over and opted not to activate her body camera because Young was naked, was the only police officer who showed her "dignity or respect" that night.

"Kersten has never publicly explained how it was even possible for a police officer claim[ed] in the line of duty could actually serve a suspension, much less, a suspension that many felt was never warranted," the lawsuit states.

Haynam claims Kersten fired him on Aug. 30 after the Community Commission for Pub-

lic Safety and Accountability referred complaints about COPA's investigatory bias to the city's inspector general. Haynam was one of multiple COPA employees complaining about the investigatory process.

Haynam's lawsuit also details allegations regarding the agency's investigation of a false rumor that an underage migrant living at a Chicago police station had been impregnated by an officer.

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# Police Beat...

## Woman slipped drugs or murder defendant during jailhouse visit

Officials are accusing a woman of slipping drug-soaked papers into a murder defendant's shirt when they hugged goodbye at the end of a visit at the Cook County jail.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office released video of the hug on Sept. 12, showing a jail corrections officer standing just a couple of feet away as Jada



Jada Henry

Henry, 27, hugged the 23-year-old inmate goodbye on April 25.

An arrest report filed this week said the correctional officer saw Henry slide something down the inmate's uniform shirt. The officer notified a sergeant, and officers escorted the inmate and Henry to separate locations.

Jail workers saw a plastic bag containing an orange substance drop out of the inmate's shirt. The orange materials turned out to be pieces of paper, which were sent out for testing. They recently came back positive for the presence of buprenorphine, a synthetic opioid, officials said.

Henry is charged with bringing contraband into a penal institution. Judge Ankur Srivastava released her on Tuesday to await trial. She has no previous arrests in Cook County.

Officials did not publicly identify the inmate, who has not been charged in connection with the alleged drug handoff. Court records show he is a 23-year-old man being held without bail while awaiting trial for two cases: being a felon in possession of a firearm and murder.

The sheriff's office said Henry is the 39th person charged with possessing or smuggling drug-soaked papers into the jail this year. Officials redoubled their efforts to keep drug-infused materials out of the facility when 12 inmates died in the last five months of 2023. According to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, six of those fatalities resulted from accidental drug overdoses.

Only two drug-related deaths occurred at the jail between June 1 and the end of the year.

There have only been two inmate deaths at the jail this year. The medical examiner has not concluded its investigations of those deaths.

## Robbers steal \$100K+ during West Ridge jewelry store heist

Three men used a hammer to break through the front door of a North Side jewelry store on Sept. 8, and took more than \$100,000 worth of merchandise from display cases. The robbery strongly resembles a daytime burglary that occurred directly across the street at another jewelry store in May. Like the May burglary, this week's robbery was caught on video.

Surveillance footage shows three men dressed in black approaching Darbar Jewelers, 2642 W. Devon, around 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. One of the men uses a hammer to break through the glass.

Once inside, the three men clear out the display cases, taking most of the store's inventory.

A witness reported that the robbers ran into a nearby alley after the robbery and escaped in a white Dodge Charger with no front plate and heavily tinted windows.

Zar Jewelers, 2643 W. Devon, was

targeted by smash-and-grab burglars. Like this week's incident, three men dressed entirely in black approached the store just before 6 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

They used a hammer to smash the front display windows and loaded jewelry into bags. After the burglary, the crew escaped in a white Jeep Grand Cherokee.

## Gun fires after 11-year-old finds it lying on a North Side lawn

A tragedy was narrowly averted when an 11-year-old boy found a loaded firearm lying in the front yard of a West Rogers Park residence, and it fired when he picked it up. The bullet struck the ground, and no injuries were reported. Another neighbor found a loaded ammunition magazine on their lawn Sept. 11.

Chicago police responded to the 2900 block of W. Greenleaf around 4:24 p.m. Sept. 10, after an adult called 911 to report that a child found a firearm in the front yard of a home, a CPD spokesperson said. Police confirmed that the gun discharged into the ground when the boy picked it up.

On a neighborhood chat group, a family member reported that their son thought the gun was a toy until he pulled the trigger and the gun shot off a round.

A long-time resident of the neighborhood called the incident "disturbing."

On Sept. 11, a nearby resident reported that they found this loaded ammunition magazine in their front yard.

"Another neighbor said they had seen the gun earlier in the day but thought it was a toy as well and went about their day," the resident said. "It makes me feel very uneasy."

"I grew up on this block and have lived most of my life in this neighborhood... this is a very nice, quiet neighborhood," they explained.

## Man convicted of attempted murder in 1989 gets another 20 years for murdering woman found dead near Goose Island in 2017

A man who once went to prison for attempted murder is going back to prison again after he pleaded guilty on Sept. 10 to murdering a woman who was found dead near Goose Island in 2017.

Lamont Smith, 58, received a 20-year sentence after pleading guilty to murder before Judge Michael Clancy. He will receive nearly six years of credit toward his sentence for the time he spent in jail while fighting the allegations.

Chicago police found his victim, 54-year-old Kimberly Duncan, dead in the 800 block of W. Evergreen on July 5, 2017. Prosecutors said she was found with duct tape over her mouth and a plastic bag covering her head. She had been stabbed and beaten to death, according to the medical examiner's office.

The same day Duncan's body was found, Smith searched for online news about a "body found in Chicago," according to prosecutors.

Detectives began looking at Smith after receiving a tip that Duncan contacted him about possibly buying cocaine the day before she went missing, about two weeks before she was found dead.

An SUV was caught on video traveling near the site where Duncan was discovered. Investigators tracked down its owner and learned that Smith had borrowed it on the day Duncan died, prosecutors claimed. Detectives found Duncan's blood inside the vehicle.

He was finally arrested to face murder charges in Nov. 2018, nearly 17 months after the crime.

Court records show he received a six-year prison sentence for attempted murder in 1989. He received another two-year sentence for domestic battery in 2008.

## CTA knife attacker was on pretrial release for attacking a CTA bus driver

The man who randomly stabbed and badly injured a passenger on the CTA Red Line last week was on pretrial release for attacking a CTA bus driver, prosecutors say. Trent Prusinski was on the street even though prosecutors asked a judge to keep him in jail over the summer after he got arrested again and allegedly violated his court-ordered nighttime curfew.

The stabbing occurred aboard a northbound Red Line train as it approached Wilson around 1:10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2.

Prusinski, 23, argued with other passengers before randomly stabbing a 37-year-old man in the back at least three times, officials said. One of the stab wounds fractured the victim's shoulder, requiring surgery.

The victim exited the train and later collapsed in a restroom at the Riviera Theater, where he works.

Surveillance video recorded the attack and showed Prusinski leaving the Wilson station. Detectives released images from the video footage to the media on Sunday morning. A U.S. Marshals task force arrested Prusinski at his Uptown apartment on Sept. 9 after a security guard identified him, according to court filings.

Arresting officers said they found a Husky foldable knife in Prusinski's waistband when they took him into custody.

Judge Antara Rivera granted the state's detention petition, keeping Prusinski in jail pending trial. He is



Trent Prusinski is seen with surveillance images of the stabbing suspect. (Prusinski mugshot inset).

charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery causing great bodily harm.

Court records show he is on pretrial release for battering a CTA bus driver in the 1300 block of W. Cermak last September. The driver told police that he saw Prusinski running toward a bus stop and that he was going to stop the bus when Prusinski fell down and started pounding on the bus door.

Given Prusinski's demeanor, the driver refused to let him on, a CPD report said. Prusinski went to the opposite side of the bus, reached through the driver's window, and ripped off part of the bus' steering column, the report stated. He allegedly flung the steering column component, striking the driver in the face.

Judge Maryam Ahmad released him on a recognizance bond with

electronic monitoring on Sept. 17, 2023, Illinois's last day under a cash bail system. Judge Kenneth Wadas removed the electronic monitoring requirement three weeks later.

Prusinski has been arrested twice since then for misdemeanors, once for allegedly trespassing to someone's car and again for trespassing at an Uptown library.

Wadas denied a state request to revoke Prusinski's pretrial release in December and again in March. In July, court officers informed Wadas that Prusinski had repeatedly violated a court-imposed nighttime curfew, records show. Wadas released Prusinski from custody again, telling him to observe the curfew.

## Migrant gets 3½ years for stabbing another migrant in the Loop

A Venezuelan migrant has pleaded guilty to stabbing another resident of the Standard Club shelter in the Loop last year. Elvis Diaz Betancourt, 29, received a 3½-year sentence in exchange for his plea.



Elvis Diaz Betancourt

Prosecutors said Betancourt and the 37-year-old victim had known each other for a few months before getting into an argument outside the shelter, 320 S. Plymouth, one evening in May 2023.

The argument ended and the men went their separate ways. However, officials said Betancourt soon emerged from the shelter again, and the men began fighting near Pritzker Park in the 300 block of South State Street. Bystanders broke it up, but not before Betancourt stabbed the 37-year-old victim near the right hip, prosecutors alleged.

After the victim cried out for help, Betancourt allegedly returned to stab him in the back, then ran away.

Witnesses flagged down Chicago police, and officers called for an ambulance, which took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He underwent surgery to repair multiple stab wounds.

The attack was captured on a Chicago Police Department surveillance camera. Officers secured an image of the attacker's face from the footage and showed it to staff members at the Standard Club shelter. They identified him as Betancourt and took officers to his room.

Betancourt had a cut on his finger when the police arrived. When they asked where the blue jacket and red shoes he wore in the video footage were, Betancourt directed them to his brother's room. Both items were recovered there, prosecutors stated.

Judge Michael Clancy oversaw the case. In addition to sentencing Betancourt, he gave him 431 days of credit for time spent in jail plus 134 days of credit for participating in jailhouse programming. Betancourt's sentence will also be reduced by 50% for good behavior.

## Two more people shot in Edgewater, 2024 victim tally exceeds the past two years combined

Two people were shot while "celebrating" on an Edgewater street Sunday, Chicago police said. That brings the neighborhood's shooting victim total for 2024 up to 16. That's more people shot than during all of 2022 and 2023 combined.

At about 12:27 a.m., the victims were in the 5200 block of N. Winthrop when at least one gunman began shooting, according to CPD.

The victims, who do not know each other, took themselves to Swedish Hospital for treatment: a 44-year-old man with three gunshot wounds to his left leg and a 38-year-old woman with a gunshot wound to her lower back. CPD said they were both in good condition.

Back at the shooting scene, evidence technicians placed markers next to shell casings that littered the block.

Witnesses provided conflicting descriptions of the suspects.

Edgewater is in the midst of a sharp increase in shootings, with seven of this year's 16 victims being shot in six different incidents at a single housing complex in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore.

By comparison, the neighborhood had only five shooting victims in all of last year and ten during all of 2022.

The alderman who represents much of the area, Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th], decided earlier this year that the best way to address the violent crime surge is to stop telling her constituents about it. She said her decision was based on her "commitment to our values of empowerment, antiracism, and community."

So far, her strategy has failed miserably.

## Officials unable to determine how teen boy was fatally shot in Edgewater apartment

Officials have been unable to determine exactly what happened in an Edgewater apartment last month when a 13-year-old boy suffered a fatal gunshot wound.

Ashawn Davis died from multiple gunshot wounds, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office found. But the manner of his death has been recorded as "undetermined," mean-

ing investigators were unable to conclude whether he shot himself or someone else shot him. "Undetermined" is one of four manners of death the medical examiner assigns. The other three are homicide, accidental, and suicide.

Chicago police officers responded to an apartment in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore around 8:18 p.m. Aug. 11. They found Davis with a gunshot wound to his head.



Ashawn Davis

Investigators discovered that several other males, primarily teenage boys, were present in the room at the time of Davis's shooting. At least one person told police that Davis had shot himself, but investigators did not find a gun at the scene, according to an initial report. There was one shell casing recovered and a bullet hole in the ceiling.

Davis's uncle, Shawn Childs, founded The House of Hope Foundation, an organization that works to prevent violence in the city.

"He was a kid with bad surroundings, so I put him in my foundation," Childs told the Sun-Times last month. "He was not a perfect adolescent, but he wasn't a bad kid."

Davis's mother, Teba Stewart, told the paper that Davis was named after his uncle. She said she and Davis moved to Iowa a few years ago to get away from Chicago's violence, but they moved back to be closer to family.

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# In Chicago, nearly 20% of felony arrests are people already on pretrial release for other cases

BY CWBCHICAGO

Nearly 20% of people arrested and charged with felonies in Chicago are already on pretrial release for another pending criminal case, a number that appears to be substantially higher than during a comparable period last summer, when Illinois still operated on a cash bail system.

That's one finding from a deep dive that CWBChicago conducted into Cook County court records as the state approaches the one-year anniversary of the cashless bail era.

That research also found that the odds of a felony defendant being tossed in jail instead of going home vary greatly, depending on which judge presides over their initial court appearance.

## Increased re-offending

Public officials often talk about the percentage of people on felony pretrial release who get charged with a new felony (about 13%). But no publicly available data reveals the percentage of new felony cases that are generated by people who already have cases pending.

In other words, it's easy to find

out how many people on pretrial release are charged with new felonies. It's impossible to find out what percentage of new felonies are (allegedly) committed by people on pretrial release.

We've asked every player in the county's justice system to provide us with that information. What percentage of murders are committed by people on pretrial release? How about the percentage of robberies? Shopliftings? No office or agency has been able to provide that information and some offices have told us that the county cannot generate the information because the court's data system doesn't allow for it.

So, we rolled up our sleeves and got to work, reviewing every case filed between July 1 and Sept. 12 for felonies committed in Chicago, not counting domestic cases.

We tracked the number of defendants who were on felony or misdemeanor pretrial release and logged every initial detention hearing decision made by the nine judges assigned to the court's Pretrial Division at 26th and California.

According to the court files, 12% of new felony cases were filed against people who were

already on felony pretrial release. Another 6.1% of felony cases were filed against people who were on misdemeanor pretrial release. That means a total of 18.1%, nearly one in five new felony cases, is filed against someone with an active criminal case.

How does that compare to the cash bail era? To find out, we dusted off copies of Central Bond Court manifests maintained by attorneys from the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender during July and August last year.

Those documents showed that only 8.5% of defendants facing new felony charges were noted as being in violation of bail bond.

It's important to note that the year-to-year comparisons are not perfect. Our 2023 data does not include cases handled by private attorneys or cases heard on weekdays in Branch 66, the courtroom where the most serious crimes like murder and sexual assault are handled. Human error also factors in, like if someone failed to note a violation on a manifest.

## Rolling the dice

Perhaps more surprising than the increasing number of felony cases filed against people with

other cases pending is this: Some of Chicago's pretrial judges are far less likely to grant prosecutors' detention petitions than their peers.

Under the SAFE-T Act, if someone is accused of committing a detainable crime, one serious enough to be kept in jail pending trial, prosecutors must first file a detention petition for a judge to consider.

Between July 1 and Sept. 12, Chicago's pretrial judges granted 66% of the roughly 600 detention petitions presented by prosecutors, records show.

But a defendant's odds of being detained varied greatly, depending on which judge was handling their case.

Judge David Kelly approved only 46% of the detention petitions he was given between July 1 and Sept. 12, court records show. Judge Caroline Glennon-Goodman approved just 53% of detention petitions, while Judge William Fahy granted 59%.

At the other end of the spectrum, Judge Shauna Boliker approved detention petitions 84% of the time. Judge Susana Ortiz, the division's supervising judge, granted 81%, while Judge Deidre

Dyer signed off on 80%.

In the days ahead, public officials will be doing a lot of talking about Illinois' first year without cash bail. Some of them from Cook County will surely brag that 88% of all defendants have shown up for court as required.

That's the number published in the court's latest dashboard: 88% have "not been issued a warrant for a failure to appear while on pretrial release," the dashboard states, claiming that the number means "88% [are] Compliant with Scheduled Court Dates"

By comparison, when cash bail ended last year, the felony compliance rate was just under 80%. So, on the surface, it appears that compliance is higher without cash bail.

However, the numbers are not apples-to-apples.

Under the current system, judges often must notify defendants who miss court dates by mail before a warrant can be issued.

As a result, the number of people who fail to appear is substantially higher than the 88% that end up in warrant status. But because - like these people - they got a postcard instead of a warrant, the chief judge considers them "compliant with scheduled court dates," even though they were not.

Several months ago, we asked the chief judge's office if they would consider changing the label from "compliant with scheduled court dates" to "not in warrant status." The office did not respond, and the label has remained the same.

# Serial Lululemon robber charged after cops recognize White Sox tattoo

BY CWBCHICAGO

A parolee has been charged with taking merchandise worth more than \$30,000 during three raids on Lululemon stores in Lakeview and the West Loop. Chicago police detectives began focusing on Davenchia Lewis because they recognized his White Sox tattoo on store surveillance footage, court records say.

Officials said the raids started around 1:30 p.m. Aug. 9 when Lewis and an unnamed woman entered the Lakeview store, 3556 N. Southport, and filled garbage bags with merchandise. Products worth \$10,986 were taken.

Lewis' bigger legal problems stem from Aug. 14, when he raided two Lululemon locations. Prosecutors charged Lewis with robbery in those cases because he

allegedly threatened to shoot or claimed to have a gun when employees confronted him.

Shortly after noon, Lewis walked into Lululemon's 932 West Randolph location with a bookbag and walked directly to the back of the store, a Chicago police report said. He allegedly took a r b a g e bags from the book bag and filled them with \$12,348 worth of merchandise.



Davenchia Lewis

Prosecutors said he threatened to shoot two employees, but no gun was seen.

That evening, around 6:40 p.m., Lewis joined a man and woman to

raid the Lakeview location again, according to the allegations. The woman stood lookout at the door while the men took out black bags and filled them with merchandise worth \$9,364, prosecutors said.

"Get away from me, I have a gun," he allegedly warned one employee.

According to court records, store surveillance systems recorded all three incidents, with Lewis' White Sox tattoo visible in two of them. CPD also used facial recognition and photo line-ups to verify the incidents.

Lewis is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and

felony retail theft. He was not present for his initial appearance last week, so the state's detention petition will be heard during a hearing on Sept. 18.

Lewis remains in the county jail on a parole violation warrant from the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. IDOC records show he was paroled on March 1 after serving time for aggravated battery of a peace officer and illegal gun possession.

Lululemon stores are frequently targeted by organized shoplifting rings that sell the boosted merchandise online or on the street.

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## North Side criminal pursuits: Infamy from Lincoln Park to Edgewater

Noted author and Chicago historian Richard Lindberg will lead a tour of famous and forgotten North Side crime locations and residences along Chicago's North lakefront neighborhoods.

The tour is hosted by the Chicago History Museum and will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 21.

Lindberg's tour will recall the life and times of John Dillinger, George "Bugs" Moran, and Emma Goldman, whom the press described as "Queen of the Anarchists." Guests will learn about pivotal events, including the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre, 1946 "Catch Me Before I Kill More" case, and 1960 Summerdale Police Scandal. The tour will see sites such as the home of World War II Nazi saboteurs and the haunted hospital in Edgewater, where a voice from the grave identified a previously unknown killer.

Tickets are \$55, and \$45 members, visit <https://www.chicago-history.org>.

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deeply touched by what he has seen. He noted that to see such supportive strengths established a deep sense of belonging in Chicago for Greeks. Thriving in many professions from law and medicine to academia and restaurant careers.

Stefanos experienced the golden Chicago of great neighbors and sturdy friendships during his time in America's Second City. So I offer now an Ouzo toast to a fine man. "Opa." A charming friend. "Opa again." He won't be easy to replace. Hail and farewell, the ancients would say. Χαίρε και αντίο.

I'm already planning an Athens visit and scheduling in lunch and dinner. ο θεός να σε έχει καλά φίλε μου.

**MAYORAL IMPLOSION:** Love all the wackiness over the City spending \$814,000.00 on fencing to keep the homeless out of the lakefront. The mayor really has the knack. Perhaps he was trying to defuse controversy over the billion dollar budget shortfall. And the hiring freeze.

But **Sydney Holman's** resignation as deputy mayor of intergovernmental affairs is the deeply secret fly in his ointment. It could not come at a more difficult time. And it signals the ship is heading for huge disaster. There are mysteries, I'm told, unfolding beneath the mayoral floor boards. Mayor **Brandon Johnson** is heading into what is certain to be a difficult budget season and struggling to find the votes to confirm his choice for Zoning Committee chair, Ald. **Byron Sigcho-Lopez**. I would suggest dog-catcher instead.

**VON STEUBEN PARADE:** **Dan Balanoff** was with **Sen. Sara Feigenholtz**, at the Lincoln Square Oktoberfest. Prost! Auf die Wiesn. Perfect day for the Von Steuben Day parade up in Lincoln Square, if you looked closely you may have seen former Brau Haus owner **Guenter Kempf** with **Mike Sullivan**, marching up Lincoln Ave. before cheerful crowds. **Samantha Steele** and **Bridget Degnan** also celebrating, **Susan Gohl** and **Jonathan Grabill** too.

**RED HOT CHILLI PEPPER:** Sad news announcing the death of Chicago legend **Chilli Pepper**. She was pure treasure to many Chicagoans who delighted in her entertainment and loyal friendships. Rest in peace, dear.

**RL BAR & GRILL:** **Christopher Lum**, longtime RL waiter and go-to guy has been named to a manager's post, putting all those years of excellent service into play. And former barman and mixologist **Daniel Segar** has now graduated to a manager's post. They join managers **Michael Orona** and **Molly Castellanos**, keeping everything humming. Seen dining at RL in the Irv Kupcinec booth at lunch was **Susan Regenstein**, **Biba Roesch**, **Linda Heisler** and **Sean Eschaghy**. While nearby **Susan Gohl**, **Debi Catannaci**, **Sylvia Muller** and this columnist dined on some excellent lobster rolls.

**IRENE MICHAELS:** **Arny Garant** in London with wife, **Irene Michaels**, attending a new show with fellow Tony Award winning producer, **Michael Cohl**, the legendary tour manager of the Rolling Stones. Irene readies



Chilli Pepper



Ken Norgan with Greg Cameron and Jose Conforme.

herself for her live Times Square performance on Sept. 21.

**LUTHERAN HISTORY:** **Bonnie Spurlock** has produced a stunning history to commemorate the 175th anniversary of First St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sandburg Village. Bonnie has thrived in this work on the oldest Lutheran congregation in Chicago, home to Chicago's historic German population. Great photos of the Modernist-style present church and also its pre-Chicago Fire establishment.

**GETTING BETTER:** Good news from Bond Girl **Diane O'Connell**, who is enjoying a return bout of good health, sounding energized and looking good, feeling restored and somewhat rejuvenated. Must be all those prayers.

**AHOY:** **Karen Zupko**, Mr. **Mike** and this columnist enjoyed a fabulous lunch at water's edge at the Chicago Yacht Club where the feasting included Caesar salad, chicken pot pie and pineapple upside down cake, what lovely charmers these two are. Soon a duck dinner.

**COVER GIRL:** **Stephanie Leese Enrich** is thrilled with the positive press in the current issue of Classic Chicago Magazine. Her first travel coverage article in the Dispatch section. Merci Beaucoup to **Judy Bross**, Editor-in-Chief, for requesting a Paris Olympics feature. "Perfection: Our Olympic Adventures bring back all the thrills and American athletic achievement."

**WHO'S WHERE:** Wishing Maestro **Stanley Paul** joy and blessings on his recent birthday for all the fame he brought to Chicago through the decades at the celebrated Pump Room... **Chris** and **Lindy McGuire** celebrate Uncle **Brent McGuire's** birthday with cousin **Nick** and daughters **Brook** and **Eleanor**... **Jane Justic** and pal, **Marilyn Tretiak**, cruising the Danube with stops in Budapest, Linz and Vienna... **Sherrill Bodine** had quite a busy weekend at the Printers Row Bookfair, the perfect place for a refined writer like her, and then the family wedding of her beloved grandson, **Matt Bodine** and Parisian bride, **Juliette**... **Ken Norgan** had a steamy-hot Florida afternoon at Miami's beautiful Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and dinner at Pastis in Wynwood

with **Greg Cameron** and **Jose Conforme**... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heiner** chatting on all things hopeful on WGN Radio with **John Landecker**... Chicago artist **Susan Volk** signed, sealed, and delivered a stunning contribution to a new urban mural thanks to **Camille Wilson White** and the Oak Park Mini Mural committee for orchestrating this awesome project... **Bobby Tarantino** playing his new Baby Blue guitar, while atop **Johnny Logalbo's** beautiful Harley is hard to match on Rush St... **Matt Tully** and his sweet wife have announced that a bambino is on the way, Bravo... **Frank LaMarca** in Key Largo, FL, grateful for a laid back Sunday... **Jim** and **Lynn Kiley** off to Newport, RI, land of golden sands and surf... **Jim Kinney**, **Brian White** and **Peggy Snorf** cracking shells and dipping in the butter with friends at Lobster Night at Fortnightly... **Steven Zick** celebrating 20 years at famed Christie's Auction House... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** enjoying the Riviera sun and five star cuisine at the du Cap Hotel Eden Roc in Antibes, France with French guests and superb wines.

**GOODMAN:** Let the courtroom drama ensue! Goodman Theatre's 99th season's opening production—a major revival of *Inherit the Wind*, directed by **Henry Godinez**. The 19-member company features **Harry Lennix**, **Mi Kang**, **Alexander Gemignani** and **Christopher Lewyn Ramirez**. Written in 1955 by **Jerome Lawrence** and **Robert E. Lee**, the play covers the Scopes "Monkey" Trial of 1925, which became a national sensation when a schoolteacher was prosecuted for teaching evolution to his students. Chicago's own WGN Radio aired the proceedings.

**MISS USA:** The 7th Annual Latina Expo kicked off Sept. 13, with the newly crowned Miss USA, **Alma Cooper**, opening events at Malcolm X College Auditorium. The Expo is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest.

**One bite and all is forgiven.** (Boukia kai syghorio.)

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## Loop concert from Jacobean England, age of Shakespeare Oct. 20

The time of Elizabeth I has been a popular era to depict in movies, plays, books and TV shows. But the era just after Elizabeth I's death when King James I was on the throne, known as the Jacobean era, is less well known — despite the fact that it was a time of great political intrigue and rich in advancements in science, literature, and the arts, and included the works of Shakespeare, Copernicus, Francis Bacon, and more.

Now, the Jacobean era (from 1603 to 1625), is finally having its moment. In April, STARZ released the streaming show *Mary & George* that explores the romantic and political intrigue in King James's court. And now in Chicago, The Newberry Consort is shining a spotlight on the Jacobean era with its new program, *I Tremble Not: Music from Jacobean England*.

The concerts will be held Oct. 18, 19, and 20 in Hyde Park, Evanston, and the Loop.

The Loop concert is 4 p.m. Oct. 20, at Ganz Hall at Roosevelt Univ. Tickets are \$45 for general seating, \$65 for reserved



The Newberry Consort shines a spotlight on the Jacobean Era with its music from Jacobean England.

seating and \$10 for students. Affordable access tickets are also available for \$25, and children under 16 get in for free, visit [www.newberryconsort.org](http://www.newberryconsort.org).

The program explores the interconnections of English court musicians, whose music formed the backdrop for the political, scientific, and artistic innovations of

the time.

The concert features three English “consorts,” or groups of like instruments: singers, brass, cornetto and cellos. A chamber organ will provide resonance, and the lute will also be featured. Most of the musicians are well known in the Chicago early music scene.

## Exhibition examines Chicago's history as a crossroads of Native American history

A new exhibition titled “Indigenous Chicago” examines more than five centuries of history on the land now known as Chicago by using Indigenous voices, exploring the impacts of settler colonialism, and envisioning Indigenous futures. It is part of a broader initiative that aims to raise awareness of the city's history as a home to diverse Indigenous peoples and the vibrant Indigenous communities still present today in Chicago.

The exhibition, running through Jan. 4, 2025, in the Newberry Library's Treinens Galleries, 60 W. Walton, features documents, maps, photographs, and commissions from contemporary Native artists. Exhibitions at the Newberry are free and open to all.

Organized in partnership with the Chicago Native community and tribal nations with historical connections to this region, the exhibition attempts to recast the city's past and present from Indigenous perspectives. The majority of exhibition items are drawn from the Newberry's Indigenous Studies Collection, one of the largest collections of books and manuscripts on American Indian and Indigenous Studies in the world.

Chicago has always been an Indigenous place. Home to the Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe, Peoria, Kaskaskia, Myaamia, Wea, Sauk Meskwaki, Ho-Chunk, Kickapoo,



Photograph of the Indian Council Fire Choir, featuring Ethel Walker (Oceti Sakowin), Orein Scott (Choctaw), Maggie Holstein (Pueblo), Juanita Holstein (Ojibwe and Pueblo), and Jessie Grover (Ojibwe), along with other unidentified individuals. Chicago, 1934.

*Courtesy The Newberry Library Edward E. Ayer collection*

and Mascouten peoples. Chicago has long been a historic crossroads for Indigenous people and remains home to an extensive urban Native community.

Indigenous Chicago was developed by the Newberry's D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies in collaboration with a 25-person advisory council, comprising members of the Chicago Native community, representatives of tribal nations historically removed from the area, and Indigenous scholars.

Founded in 1972, the McNickle Center brings together scholars, teachers, students, tribal historians, and Native community

members to promote research and improve the representation of Native peoples and histories in education and writing.

Those who plan to attend should be aware that works by Native artists often refer to the history of their peoples in the colonial context of the United States and Canada. They contain explicit references to colonial violence, genocidal policies, and systemic racism, as well as representations of physical violence, family trauma, sexual abuse, and mental illness.

Other components of the project include a series of free Public Programs presented during the exhibition that feature contemporary Native artists, performers, and authors; Free educational curricula that will

help high school educators teach Chicago history from Native perspectives; A website that includes several digital maps combining Indigenous mapping traditions with online technologies to present a layered history of Chicago while also offering two walking tours; An ongoing oral history project that aims to preserve and amplify the experiences of Chicago Native community members.

They plan to offer adult education classes focused on contemporary indigenous visual arts, historical Native American photographs, self-determination, and the Chicago initiative as a whole.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Junkyard boxes

I take exception to the overwrought criticism of the city's recent removal of multiple newspaper boxes in the downtown area by your columnist Thomas O'Gorman [Sept. 4]. What was a good idea of Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1992 is now obsolete in our digital age when most citizens get their news online.

The news boxes were a terrible eyesore downtown. Hardly any publications were found in any of the slots. Many were filled with food wrappers, assorted garbage, and even food scraps. They looked like they belonged in a junkyard, and some smelled like they belonged in a barnyard. Their removal was a giant step forward in the beautification of the city.

*Ken Frank  
Uptown*

#### Welcome mat, or doormat

Thousands of travelers on Sept. 14, were caught between the loud, rude people ‘celebrating’ Mexican Independence Day, and Chicago's blunt, indiscriminate plan to prevent the potential riot.

The closing of exits and funneling the massive amount of traffic into designated roadways disrupted countless lives, wasted untold hours of Chicago residents time... walking slipshod on the civil rights of citizens, using the concentrated traffic (and citizens) as fodder to prevent the potential criminal action of the people celebrating.

The financial profit lost as a direct result of this celebrating is impossible to calculate. Imagine the total amount paid to City workers and Police officers on overtime. For example, Navy Pier with entrance ramps and streets closed was empty, the amount of profit lost is staggering.

I suggest that all of the profit from the El Grito event in Grant Park, should be redirected to the City, the Chicago Police Dept., and businesses as reimbursement from this disaster.

Time to separate “celebrating” from “rioting.”

This city is either a Welcome mat, or a Doormat... you decide.

*John Weis Loftus  
Edgewater*

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vs. STEVEN K. TAKAKI AKA STEVEN TAKAKI; SUSAN TAKAKI; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendant 19 CH 12976 CALENDAR 64 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 23, 2024, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-17-301-016-0000. Commonly known as 1460 West Pensacola Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 1460-188252 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13251597**

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TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **13249149** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- WALTER W. MEEK, SR., SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2023 CH 05348 5455 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 1012 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 15, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5455 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 1012, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-203-016-1099 The real estate is improved with a condominium/townhouse. The judgment amount was \$247,726.16. Sale terms: 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark St., Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828. Please refer to file number CR123040. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. E-Mail: iieservice@kelleykronenberg.com Attorney File No. CR123040 Attorney Code. 49848 Case Number: 2023 CH 05348 TJS#F: 44-2341 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2023 CH 05348 13251765**

**Real Estate For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -v- CHARLES BUCKNER, THE METROPOLITAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 01225 5320 N SHERIDAN ROAD #1310 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 21, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 3, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5320 N SHERIDAN ROAD #1310, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-209-022-1120 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-9300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-00877 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2024 CH 01225 TJS#F: 44-1444 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2024 CH 01225 13251118**

**Real Estate For Sale**

JONATHAN MONTET, 3813 KENMORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 08423 3813 N. KENMORE AVENUE, UNIT #3S CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 11, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3813 N. KENMORE AVENUE, UNIT #3S, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-211-048-1005 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$567,844.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 23 0488. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650 CHICAGO IL, 60602 312-541-9710 E-Mail: ipledings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 23 0488 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2023 CH 08423 TJS#F: 44-2062 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2023 CH 08423 13250920**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC Plaintiff, -v- 181818 -----

**Real Estate For Sale**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC Plaintiff, -v- 111111 -----

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## Library book sale

The Bezazian Branch Library, 1226 W. Ainslie, is hosting a used book sale, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sept. 28-29.

Paperbacks, CDs and DVDs are sold at \$1, hardcover books at \$2. Bulk deals are available.

Bring a big bag and haul away as much as you can carry.

## GRANVILLE from p. 1

those traffic jams turn off up side streets including Granville Ave.

As a major pass-through commuter street for those heading to the Far North and Northwest sides, Ridge Ave. has seemingly always been congested. Especially when Nicholas Senn High School is assembling during the morning, and letting out each afternoon.

### Clark St. Gridlock

There are periods now when the traffic on Clark St. is gridlocked in both directions from Victoria St. north past Devon Ave. The street can be filled with bumper-to-bumper traffic these days due in part to the recently installed privileged bike lanes and their concrete barriers and traffic obstacles that CDOT used to constricted traffic to provide the privileged lane for scooterers and bikers.

The lack of common sense used in erecting these traffic barriers in some locations along Clark St. is stunning.

At Granville Ave., CDOT actually installed concrete barriers east and west of Clark St. in two lanes simply to block traffic. Due to these man-made barriers, at times only two or three cars can pass through the intersection during a green light if two of those cars are turning left.

Unnatural lane reconfigurations caused by bus-only lanes, concrete islands, speed humps, traffic circles, raised intersections, curb bump outs and bike paths jutting out into traffic have just made vehicle drivers more frustrated and aggressive as they race to be first through these illogical lane constrictions.

The 5900 through 6400 blocks of Clark St. - where it merges with Ashland Ave. - have served as a muscular commercial thoroughfare long before Chicago even existed as a city. It once had three lanes of traffic in each direction (four lanes if you include the turning lane). Today, at several points, it's down to only one lane of traffic.

In Edgewater, small businesses along Clark St. are being hurt due to the privileged bike lane barriers that have eliminated customer parking up and down the street. Accessible, metered street parking that turns over quickly is a critical infrastructure need for most urban commercial districts. Last week, after hearing about the proposed greenway, one popular local Clark St. storefront business owner told this reporter that they are looking at real estate elsewhere after they lost their customer parking to the privileged bike lane.

Did you just call 911? At times of gridlock, emergency vehicles coming from both the Rogers Park Police District 24, 6464 N. Clark St., and Chicago Fire House Engine 70, 6060 N. Clark St., are boxed-in by traffic as the privileged bike lane's

## DEVELOPMENT from p. 1

something similar, 30.9% were in favor of a development with the current zoning, 28.5% were not in favor of this development, and 9.6% did not want to see any development at all.

"Our office received phone calls and emails, both in favor and against this development, as well as a petition from immediate neighbors calling for the zoning change to be denied," said Hadden.

concrete curbs prevent cars from 'pulling to the right for sirens and light.'

Next up to box-in neighbors living in this hot mess, CDOT may further constrict traffic on Granville Ave. for a greenway.

"Everybody was dumbfounded when we heard the rumors," said Fritz-Birch, who for eight years volunteered in former 48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman's office. She says the current alderman and her staff do everything in secret.

"[Ald. Osterman] was great at constituent services. He always had community meetings. Everything in [Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth's] office is done in secret. There are no returned phone calls or emails, they never answer questions. They just say we're 'NIMBY' and call us 'racists.' None of the Alderman's staff have any experience. We're leaderless."

The rookie alderman has earned an unfortunate reputation in her ward for letting her staff front for her when conflicts arise or if she thinks things might get uncomfortable. At the EGA meeting, after making brief comments on other ward plans and issues, when it came time to discuss the main event - CDOT planning for the Granville Greenway - the alderman turned the mic over to Chief of Staff Nicole Granacki, then backed away from the audience and stood silently against a wall.

Granacki proceeded with her sales pitch, reviewing current traffic patterns, pushing safety concerns, and explaining the potential pitfalls and changes that might occur if a greenway is created.

## E-SCOOTER from p. 1

hurt on their first ride. Only a quarter of riders were using the e-scooters for a commute to work, while the vast majority were running errands or riding for fun. Only 2% of injured scooter riders reported wearing a helmet.

Jessica Cicchino, IIHS' vice president of

## Slow 'em down

At this week's City Council meeting, Ald. Dan LaSpata [1st] will introduce an ordinance capping street speed limits at 25 MPH.

City officials say their efforts at traffic calming are intended to reduce the effective vehicle speed limit to 20 MPH, in an over-abundance of caution and focus on safetyism. The thinking is that slower speeds limit accidents.

But the legislative reduction in speed limits in urban areas runs counter to the state's mandated 30 MPH speed limit, unless some other speed restriction - such as a school zone - is established.

So, Chicago city officials now effectively reduce vehicle speeds by creating excess congestion through lane reduc-

"They exist in this idealistic dream world where everyone rides a bike. Many area neighbors now reach out to State Rep. Kelly Cassidy [14th] when we have community concerns," said Fritz-Birch, who condemned the alderman's staff as "completely incompetent."

Attendees at the EGA meeting made it clear that to them, it's critical that the community be invited into the negotiations with CDOT.

"The community has to be involved now, these [preliminary] talks are when all the important decisions are being made," said one meeting attendee who interrupted

research and the lead author on the study, told Smartcitiesdive.com that it remains to be seen where the safest places are for scooter riding, as no solution is perfect.

"You might have a trade-off where you have more serious injuries on the road," Cicchino said. "But if you're riding on sidewalks, you have more opportunities for having conflicts with pedestrians, and

tions, the narrowing of driving lanes, and installing road barriers and street obstacles. Vertical elements like trees or bollards further reduce the "optical width" of a narrowed street, thereby discouraging speeding.

But the use of these roadway elements need to be implemented only after examining other considerations such as whether school buses, emergency and service vehicles use the area. What kinds of streets are being considered, and is there a problem with through traffic? What logistical demand exists from nearby residential, commercial, cultural, civic and educational uses, and what kinds of activities are going on in the vicinity?

Granacki during her spiel.

Indeed, CDOT has a well-earned history of opacity, for making decisions in secret, and then springing them on unsuspecting communities. Just last December, CDOT converted Dickens Ave. in Lincoln Park to a greenway, blocking off the east end of the street entirely to motorized traffic, without alerting the community beforehand. In that case, Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd] misled his community about what was going to happen, knowing that the work was about to commence at a time when most people would be distracted by the holidays.

being on an uneven sidewalk might not be conducive to riding on a scooter and might make you fall off."

But it is likely that scooters are here to stay. That means it is imperative for cities and scooter companies to figure out how and where they can be ridden safely and at a reasonable speed. There is not a one-size-fits-all solution, for just as in Chicago, each block of city street has differing infrastructure conditions and obstacles to safe riding.

In general, electric scooter riders are expected to follow the same rules, regulations, and local laws as bicyclists, which include following traffic signs and lights, yielding to pedestrians, signaling when turning, riding in the same direction as traffic, wearing a helmet, one rider per scooter, and not riding on sidewalks, etc.

This newspaper is asking its readers who see even one scooter rider signal a turn, or come to a full stop at a stop sign, to grab a photo and send it to us.

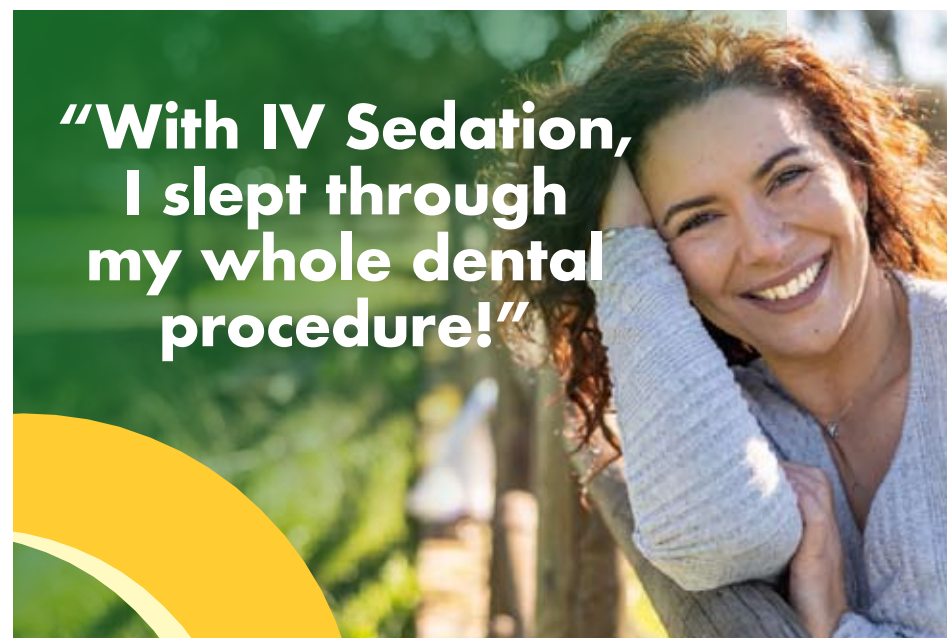
Unfortunately, e-scooter drivers may be the most frequent and entitled rules of the road violators on the public way. Standardized rules are seldom ever followed, and car and truck drivers have now come to expect - and adjust for - lawless rogue scooter riders breaking rules of the road on area streets.

Most troubling for pedestrians and the seniors who may be on Levy's Zoom meeting with Serrano, the IIHS found that a majority of e-scooter injuries happen on sidewalks. Only one in five riders were injured in a bike lane, trail or off-road location.

Also speaking at the NE Levy Center on Sept. 25 will be State Rep. Hoan Huynh [13th], who may provide updates on state legislation pertaining to e-scooters, and to older adults.

Here is the Zoom meeting link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87292480983?pwd=ekpwbtRvdXJPMmJwUzZTbDFFU011dz09>  
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