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—Dr. Seuss

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Massive change is coming to the eastern gateway to Old Town in a real estate plan that will utilize six parcels owned by both Fern Hill and Moody Church north of W. North Ave. and bound by N. Clark St., N. LaSalle Dr., and N. Wells St.

Fern Hill announces plans for multi-site redevelopment in Old Town

BY IAN ACHONG
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Developer Fern Hill has announced plans to redevelop various plots of land with existing buildings in Old Town. The massive project will utilize six parcels owned by both Fern Hill and Moody Church north of W. North Ave. and bound by N. Clark St., N. LaSalle Dr., and N. Wells St. While no details on what the de-

signs or scale of the work have been revealed, it has been announced that the developer has chosen renowned architect David Adjaye to execute the design of the various future buildings.

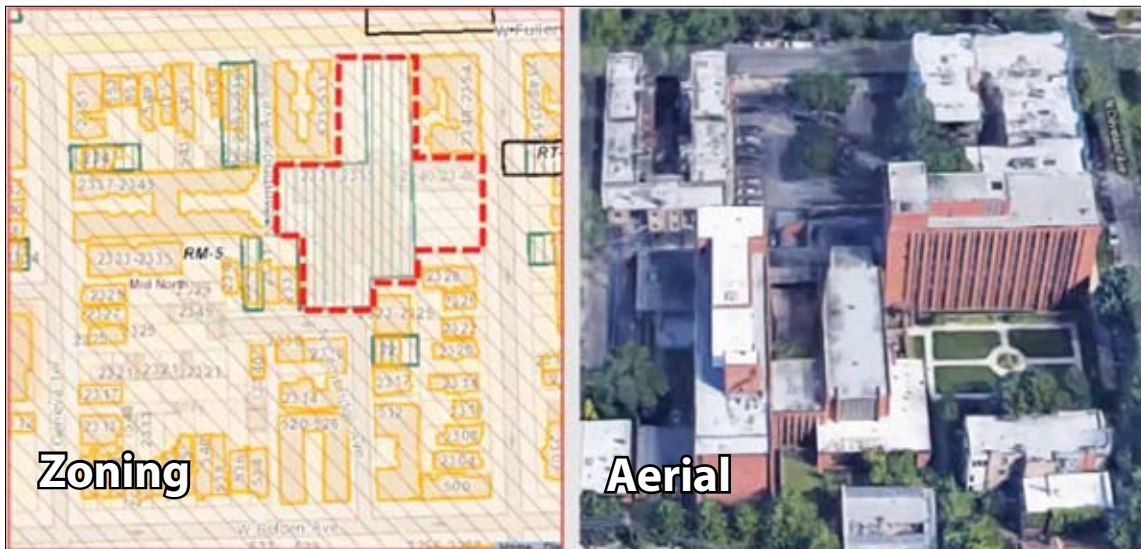
Ghanaian-British Adjaye is best known stateside for his design of the National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall in Washington DC. Born in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, Adjaye lived in a few other

nations before moving to Britain where he eventually graduated in 1990 with an architecture degree from London South Bank University. Since then he has gone on to design well-known buildings and in 2021 became the first Black and one of the youngest recipients of the Royal Gold Medal.

The first of the lots is the BP Gas station at 1647 N. LaSalle

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Landmarks Commission reviews Cenacle Retreat redevelopment



Built in 1967, The Cenacle Retreat on Fullerton in Lincoln Park was built seven years prior to the creation of the Mid-North Landmark District. The multi-building complex is considered non-contributing and may soon be redeveloped.

BY IAN ACHONG
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Change is coming to the Cenacle Retreat in Lincoln Park. Developer Henry Street Partners, LLC has applied for a redevelopment permit of the retreat and conference center just west of Clark St. at 513 W. Fullerton.

The application came to the Commission on Chicago Land-

marks as the existing complex stands inside of the Mid-North Landmark District, which was created in 1974 to protect the historic 19th century buildings in the area.

Built in 1967, seven years prior to the creation of the landmark district, the multi-building complex is considered non-contributing under the guidelines of the commission for the land. Designed by

Chicago architect Charles Pope, the brick clad modernist structure replaced the previous housing buildings the sisters had been using since the 1920's. Large courtyards, sleek vertical brick extrusions, and detailed patterned walls, are some of the highlights of what the AIA Guide to Chicago calls, "an example of the warm

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After 19 months, 'State of the neighborhood' finally puts public officials face to face with constituents

The end of virtual community meetings will be a thing of joy for many residents, tax-payers and business owners tired of being stuffed into a 'cone-of-silence' Zoom box when debating important community issues.

For the first time in a long time, an in-person public meeting will be held Oct. 16 in Lincoln Square, where several public officials will finally stand to face the community, with no mute button at their avail to shut down debate from those who may disagree with them, and no on/off switch to make citizens go away at a predetermined time.

Heart of Lincoln Square is hosting a state of the neighborhood meeting that is suddenly drawing a lot of attention by those opposed to the City's plans to gift a city-owned parking lot to a private out-of-town developer; as well as other issues like concerns about

the quality of life problems that have created a dramatic increase in violent crime, shootings and carjackings on the North Side.

Planning to attend the meeting are U.S Rep Mike Quigley, State Senators Sara Feigenholtz and Mike Simmons, State Reps. Greg Harris and Ann Williams, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer, and aldermen Matt Martin and Andre Vasquez.

The meeting is free and open to the general public, starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 16, and will be held at the Davis Theater, 4614 N. Lincoln Ave. Reservation tickets are being requested, and are available on Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-annual-holds-state-of-the-neighborhood-the-davis-tickets-169501725223?aff=odeimcmchimp&mc_cid=30be727bdf&mc_eid=d6f9bf9592.

Let's talk carjackings tonight

Vehicular Hijackings can be deeply traumatizing. Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] and the local police are hosting a public meeting tonight, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m., that will include senior members of Chicago's Vehicular Hijacking Task Force to discuss the alarming uptick in vehicular hijackings in Chicago.

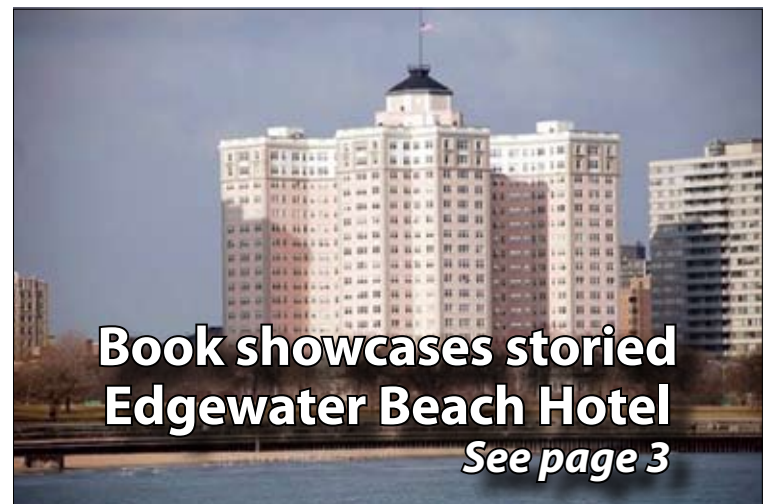
Topics will include recent city-wide and local strategies by District Police and the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force, and a discussion of active investigations, arrests, and recent crime patterns. This discussion will focus on West Town, but the scope will touch on strategies underway in each neighborhood.

Reservations are required to participate in the virtual meeting.

A 'walk and talk' with area police will be held 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19

Joined by officers from the 14th District Police Dept., residents and city officials will meet about crime and safety issues for an in-person "Walk & Talk" in Wicker Park at the corner of North Ave. and Honore St. to discuss ways in which city offices and police have been working together on recent crime issues.

To learn more about either event, contact the 2nd Ward office at 312-643-2299 or email ward02@cityofchicago.org.



Book showcases storied Edgewater Beach Hotel
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It's still Greek to me



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Late autumnal mornings were meant for walkabouts. You know, the general unplanned adventures of just wandering through our neighborhoods. Stopping in a bakery. Finding a coffee shop you'd never been to before. Getting wrapped up in the life and business of its streets.

Chicago provides us with non-stop fresh places to discover and holds cherished geography from the past as well. Often remaining unchanged from our last visit. Timeless, no matter what alterations have changed in our own lives.

That's how I felt when I had to go have some blood work done, afterward I was starving, so I planned to break my fast at Greek Islands, one of my favorite Chicago eateries. A neighborhood of savory smells and mad-capped music.

I was soon walking the sunny pavement of Greektown, a second home, pavement filled with spirit and nostalgia. And great food. Glad to be alone with time to

think, and peruse one of our most colorful communities.

That neighborhood was once teaming with the offspring of hardworking Greek immigrants from the early days of the 20th century. A storybook neighborhood of big families and chatty neighbors.

Ringing the latitude and longitude that is Halsted St., just west of downtown commerce. That part of the locality, alas, no longer exists. Much of the heart of Greektown was taken by the city to create the urban campus of the Univ. of Illinois, Chicago. Once called "Circle Campus."

All the people of the neighborhood were evicted and had to find new places to live in the early 1960s. Not even the power of activist Florence Scala could halt the confiscation of the neighborhood and forced relocations.

The university remains the monument to that urban and political drama. Mayor Richard J. Daley's buffer zone also meant to halt neighborhood racial change and urban flight.

Many families of Greek origins moved further north and west. The more affluent found comfort in the suburbs where they built colossal Orthodox churches to mark their new home, leaving few remaining residents in Greek Town.

The drama of relocation was more than half a century ago. Most hard-liners and antagonists to the cause are long gone. Now, though, Greek culture and influence still carry on through the restaurants and businesses that never fled.

Even the religious candle shop on the corner of Jackson Blvd. and Halsted St. remains vibrant and without age.

The great wines of Greece are always nearby, the air is rich with the fragrance of crunchy sesame seed bread baking. And music is all around.

Of course gentrification looms everywhere.

These days elegant high-rise



At Greek Islands, between the music, the wine, the hugs and the kisses, even the Irish are at home.



buildings loom everywhere bringing urbanity to Halsted St. Change has wandered all the neighborhood streets. Elegant condos stretch through the neighborhood that now is just an extension of the urban bustle of the Loop. It's more Googletown than Greektown.

But some things never change. Like the recipes for Mousaka (an eggplant layered lasagna of ground lamb) and Pastichio (layered pasta tubes, ground lamb and spices).

Or the flaming cheese, Saganaki, that for many tourists is a centerpiece of dining.

Food is the essential component of Greek life. It is the gathering ethos at every stage of life. After just minutes in Greek Islands, between the music, the wine, the hugs and the kisses, even the Irish are at home.

The restaurant shelters everyone in an ageless series of customs and tastes that might be the best in the world. Epic wines quickly flow, like Meliatis Red, or White. Or splurge and order Limniona from Thessaly, or Pelopennesse Moschofilero, (like a classic Pinot Noir) or Nemea Agiogitiko (like grand Bordeaux).

Start dinner with an order of Tzatzki, Greek yogurt and ground cucumber and spread it on sesame seed bread instead of butter. Cold sliced beets are another item favored by real Greeks. It comes with Skordalia, a cold mash of potatoes, olive oil and more garlic than you have ever eaten. Nothing is as good with beets. The Zucchini chips are breathtaking. You won't want to share them. The thick Loin Lamb Chops are Chicago's best. All the lamb dishes are tops, especially the sliced Leg of Lamb, so juicy.

Fresh fish flown in from the seas around Greece come prepared as if from some high-end hotel. Loads of vegetables appear with many dishes. My current favorite is the Combination Plate that includes sliced lamb leg, a lamb meatball, Mousaka, Pastichio, roast potato and assorted vegetables. The menu is lengthy. If you like Gyros, remember it was invented on Halsted St. and imported to Greece. It's so good. Eat it with Tzatzki. Perfect.

Desserts are homemade Creme Caramel, or Galaktoburiko, a flaky custard pie, or traditional Baklava, a flaky honey strudel.

I have been a constant diner in Greektown for 50 years. As a

teenager we loved being served Greek wine before we were legal. We were using European judgments.

Restaurants were more humble back then. Small dining rooms in the backs of grocery shops. It was another era. I am fortunate that I was educated in the classical mode and had Greek and Latin in high school. Latin uses our familiar alphabet. But Greek brought new adventure, learning letters I had not known before. I treasured that learning.

I still continue to read their ancient language. Often aloud so I can hear the beauty of the words. I treasure reciting passages from the Gospels whose first written words were in Greek.

I still remember the struggle to pronounce the vocabulary words every night doing homework. It opened my poet's eyes. Exposed me to the world of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. The world of Greek harmonic scales. The bright clear syntax of the world's greatest writers from Homer to St. Paul. From the Illiad and the Odyssey, to Letters to those believers in Corinth and Ephesus.

When I went to Vienna a few years ago, the greatest surprise we discovered, nestled just behind the Stephansdom Cathedral, was the most cozy and elegant Greek restaurant with fabulous food. We dodged the snow and wind with the earth of familiar fragrances and tastes. Saluting the Yuletide with an elegant Meliatis Red.



Cardinal Blase Cupich

Greek culture and verse make it possible for me, now, to survive the political charlatans of Chicago's present and the blunders of foolish institutions like the Art Institute of Chicago. The Greeks make life privileged for us all.

GO SOX: Cardinal Blase Cupich saying that Holy Name Cathedral Pastor Father Greg Sakowicz has full authority to say whatever he wishes when supporting the White Sox on their television Mass. Kudos to sportswriter Steve Greenberg for acknowledging a long overdue apology to White Sox manager Tony La Russa whose team gave us a season of real baseball.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY NEWS: The world renowned pianist Lang Lang took the stage at Symphony Center on Oct. 8 and performed the monumental keyboard work of Johann Sebastian Bach. The Goldberg Variations. "One can delve deeper and deep-

er into its different dimensions and always discover something new," he said. He was right. It was magic.

LOU MALNATI'S: Relax. The fabulous headquarters for Chicago Pizza has not been sold to a financial investment group. The Malnati sons say rumors to the effect are wrong. A small portion of the enterprise was sold some years ago to cover expansion of the business. But nothing more has been let go.

PARIS2NICE: Realtor Ken Dooley is grateful to all who helped make his great bike race in France a success on behalf of Spinal Injuries Ireland along with 34 other amazing people. They raised over \$250,000 for their respective charities riding 720km with 20,000 feet of climbing over six amazing days.

CONDOLENCES: Deep sympathies to Chicago Classic Magazine publisher Megan McKinney and daughter, Katherine Magruder Whitefield, on the death of husband, and father, attorney Robert W. Whitfield, Jr.

FALL GALA: Heather Spyra and Melinda Jankovich Lagrange co-chair the Service Club's exciting fall gala, "Our Kind of Town, Chicago, and all that jazz, Nov. 5.

CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE: The Flair event for The Chicago Lighthouse at the Drake, was a triumph of design, modeling and partnering between an indispensable charitable organization and our metropolis' men and women of fashion brilliance. A "who's who" of wit, style and intelligence. Saw co-chairs, Sherrill Bodine

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Left to right: The Edgewater Beach Apartments, which still stand today; Ice skating was just one of the many amenities the EBH offered; Stars including Mae West graced the stage of the EGH playhouse; Martin Luther King Jr., during a 1963 speech given at the EBH.

Book showcases elegance, history, of storied Edgewater Beach Hotel



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

Anyone of a certain age who grew up in Chicago could never forget the North Side's crowning jewel, the world-renowned Edgewater Beach Hotel [EBH], which stood proudly on the city's lakefront from 1916 to 1967. With its immediately-recognizable pink exterior and paradise-like feel, this venerable hotel once sat some 20-feet from Lake Michigan on the 5300 block of N. Sheridan Rd.

(Its sister building, the residential Edgewater Beach Apartments condos still stands today).

The Who's Who of the city went there to party, fine dine, swim, play golf, shop, see live theater shows, dance the night away, and more. The EBH was the "it" place to be. Those who are old enough to recall the unforgettable memories made there have said they can still hear, in their minds, the clinking of the cocktail glasses. They can smell the intoxicating perfume of the ladies.

They look back and they fondly remember a place and time of another, bygone era -- a place and time of their younger days.

Edgewater Historical Society vice presidents John Holden and Kathy Gemperle have written a wonderful, keepsake book, chronicling the EBH's golden years. The pair recently released "Remembering Edgewater Beach Hotel," and it's chockfull of amazing photos, history, stories, and information that most of us probably didn't know about the revered hotel.

For example, who knew it was a nationally-renowned musical mecca, with legends like Tony Bennett, Tommy Dorsey, and a young Lawrence Welk performing there? The Beach Walk dance floor was the place to be on a summer evening. There was ballroom and professional dancing, live theatrical shows, occasional exotic animals, and

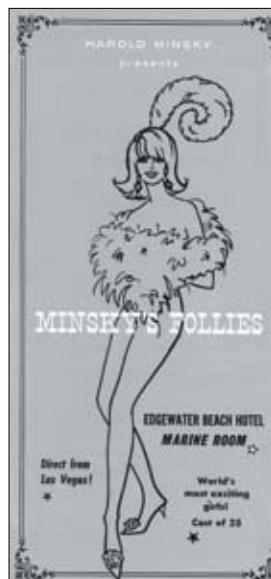
jazz singer Sarah Vaughan even entertained in the famous Marine Dining Room.

EBH also had its own radio station, with the call letters WJAZ. A-list stars such as Tallulah Bankhead, Desi Arnaz, Tony Randall, Eve Arden, Zero Mostel, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee entertained on its stages, as did Minsky's Follies. Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa took up semi-regular residence there. And Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at the 1963 National Conference on Religion and Race at EBH. His eloquent speech, "A Challenge to Justice and Love," was given on Jan. 16 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, according to the book.

I could go on and on here, but I won't be a spoiler and spill all the beans about the book. But I will tell you that it's 127 pages and a real treasure, just like EBH was.

You can find out more at a few upcoming events being held this weekend in conjunction with Open House Chicago.

A main lecture with a presentation of about 70 images that are not in the book will be held at 11 a.m., Oct. 16, in the St. Ita's Church community room, 5500



Poster for Minsky's Follies.



Two-year-old Giselle at the Indian Boundary Pumpkin fest. From left: West Ridge festgoers Raki, 7, Barack, 10 and Jeremiah, 9.



N. Broadway. There will also be shorter talks at 2 p.m. again on Saturday and then at that same time on Sunday at the Edgewater History Museum, 5358 N. Ashland Ave.

The book, which chronicles EBH from the early years on, grew out of an exhibit on the hotel that the museum opened five years ago to mark the centennial of the EBH opening, said author John Holden. "I thought the exhibit was so good, it would have

been a crime to just pack up all the materials and put them back into our archives," he said.

His co-vice prez over at the Edgewater Historical Society, Gemperle, was the quarterback on the exhibit when it was first put together, said Holden. But a lot more research and material went into the book, he said.

"I had been pushing Kathy for a couple years to work with me on turning the exhibit into a book, she finally relented during

the COVID lockdown." Holden then pitched Arcadia Press and he was expecting a six month delay before hearing back from them. "To my surprise, they got back to us the next day and gave it the green light," said Holden. "They were shocked that no one had ever done a book on such a legendary place."

He said he was always fascinated by the hotel as much as he

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"People on the North Side will think there's not as many challenges, but there are still vacancies all over the city," said Diane Burnham, executive director of the South East Chicago Commission.

Vacant storefronts could become affordable housing



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With the shortage of affordable rental housing in Chicago, the city could develop an innovative incentive program to transform vacant storefronts into residential live/work spaces.

There are thousands of vacant storefronts in Chicago—especially in the South Side neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Woodlawn and South Shore, where three in five small retail spaces on 75th St. laid vacant last year.

On the North Side, take a drive on most any major thoroughfares and you'll see dozens of vacant storefronts, so this truly is a city-wide problem.

Many old corner saloons, churches and funeral parlors have been reborn for residential use. Transforming vacant storefronts throughout the city is far from a crazy idea.

All that's needed to create an open-floor plan, loft-like residence is installation of a strip kitchen, and a shower adjoining the powder room. Add partition walls for bedrooms and closets, and window treatments and the job would be done.

An affordable storefront live/work housing conversion plan would dovetail nicely with Mayor Lori Lightfoot's recent creation of five neighborhood target areas for new construction of coach houses, basement and attic apartments—also known as accessory dwelling units [ADU].

The ADU ordinance, which repeals Chicago's 63-year ban on illegal over-the-garage coach houses, or "carriage houses," so-called basement "garden" apartments and attic units, allows owners to

add moderate-cost rental units in those spaces under a special pilot program.

A 1957 rewrite of the Chicago building and zoning codes "grandfathered" such existing dwelling units built prior to 1948 due to the after-effects of the 1930s Great Depression and the severe post-World War II 1940s housing shortages.

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Since then, thousands of existing, but officially unauthorized apartments, were affordably rented in ethnic and gentrified neighborhoods alike.

After the war, some three-flats were split into six rental apartments often with a seventh unit in the basement, and at the time, that was legal.

In the late 1940s, these small, 500-square-foot apartments rented for as little as \$20 a month, and included shared bathrooms, ingress and egress. Of course, most blue-collar tenants were earning \$50 a week during that era, but those apartments were truly af-

fordable housing by today's standards.

Following decades of policy decisions that limited their construction, the ordinance amends the city's Municipal Code to lawfully permit ADUs in five target areas, creating cost-effective housing options in many Chicago's neighborhoods, while providing a financial boost to owners with existing ADUs.

So, why not add storefronts to the list of affordable live/work housing options?

Curtail storefront tax breaks?

A coalition of small business advocates on the South Side want to limit the run-away tax breaks some property owners are receiving on vacant storefronts on blighted commercial strips, reported Block Club Chicago.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi currently allows owners to apply for up to two years of tax relief for vacant commercial properties if the owner has made "good faith efforts" to rent the property.

South Side businesses, leaders and chambers of commerce—in addition to coalition members in Logan Square, North Lawndale, Greater Englewood, and Uptown—have proposed an ordinance that would cap the frequency of storefront vacancy-tax break at three times every 10 years.

"People on the North Side will think there's not as many challenges, but there are still vacancies all over the city," Diane Burnham, executive director of the South East Chicago Commission told Block Club.

City-wide storefront owners face many problems. Some shops remain vacant because the building owner can't afford to make improvements to bring the property up to existing codes.

Many storefronts are rehabbed and ready for occupancy. However, rising real estate taxes have pushed up rents, making them too expensive for local small business owners. (The commercial real estate tax rate is twice that as residential.)

The assessor currently sets valuation of one-story stand-alone retail storefronts utilizing a complicated formula that analyzes recent sale prices, rents, expenses and capitalization rates of 7% to 11% to establish tax assessment levels.

If vacant storefronts were converted to residential live/work units, assessment levels could be adjusted downward to a simple 10% of market value, and real estate taxes on these properties likely would be greatly reduced.

Loft-style storefront for \$495K

Not all city storefronts are destined to become affordable housing. A loft-style 2-unit storefront property at 2868 N. Elston in the Avondale neighborhood currently is listed for sale at \$495,000. Features include exposed brick walls, 11' timber ceilings, exposed ductwork and three parking spaces.

"This fabulous 2-flat at Diversey and Elston avenues is the perfect solution for an investor looking for a large live/work commercial space plus a 2-bedroom, 1-bath residence with 1,600 square feet of living area, central air conditioning and a private balcony," said broker George Christos of Urban Abodes.

The storefront space, currently leased to a tattoo parlor for \$2,400 a month, features a kitchenette with granite counters and cabinets, and a bathroom with shower. For more information, contact Urban Abodes managing broker Bee Christos, 312-259-8115, or online: bee@urbanabodes.com.

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City Colleges partners with Apple to open new tech-training resource center at Truman College

City Colleges of Chicago [CCC] plans to launch Innovation One: Technology, Training and Resource Center at 1 p.m. Oct. 13, at Truman College, Larry McKeon building, 1145 W. Wilson Ave. The lab is open to CPS students and teachers as well as CCC students, faculty and staff.

The Innovation One Lab [IOL] is driven by two imperatives: social equity and workforce equity and is part of the CCC's efforts to address equity in tech, and help alleviate an underrepresentation of women, Black, and Latino professionals working in the information technology.

As part of its own initiative, Apple is supporting IOL with equipment and training programs to expand technology, creativity and professional development opportunities in the city.

The IOL hub includes a loaning library that provides access to technology equipment that participants can use at home or in the classroom; a training lab designed for in-person, remote and flex instruction; a studio that serves as a theatre space for recording and presenting work; a discovery bar that reflects a professional IT work environment; a podcast studio with state-of-the-art equipment for live broadcasting; and a community hub designed to provide community members with access to trainings and educational experiences.

The lab is designed to meet the diverse needs of learners across multiple age ranges throughout the city. "It brings together students, educators and families in the same learning space, with the hope of developing a learning community that spans beyond our campus," said Dr. Shawn



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L. Jackson, President of Truman College. "We look forward to seeing how this invaluable instruction and Apple equipment will benefit our (community) for years to come."

One of the aspects about IOL's mission is its focus on providing resources in communities where opportunity gaps exist which prevent people from reaching their highest potential. "Thanks to this initiative, we will be able to better ensure that our residents have access to the technology, training and education they need to succeed," said Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot.

Traditional business models are being disrupted and digital technologies are transforming multiple industries every day. The IOL hopes to prepare students and teachers for what's next in tech career pathways while providing the hardware and trainings

necessary to meet job growth demand of the ever-expanding tech industry.

"At Apple, we believe in the transformative power of technology as a critical tool to help expand equity and opportunity," said Stacy Erb, an Apple spokeswoman. "We're thrilled to build on our work (in) Chicago, and to see the IOL hub open its doors to Chicago's (as a way) to help learners of all ages gain new skills and pursue their passions."

IOL Hub is located at Truman College, with satellite locations scheduled to be housed at Olive-Harvey College in Roseland, Kennedy-King College in Englewood and Arturo Velazquez Technical Institute in Pilsen. To sign-up for use of the IOL, email: TRC-InnovationOne@ccc.edu. For more information call 773-COLLEGE.

Two North Side schools given Blue Ribbons

Two North Side schools received the 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools in Chicago. The Blue Ribbon recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance and progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. The awarded schools are Disney II Magnet High School, and Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, all in District 299.

Prosser Career Academy High School on the Northwest Side was also named a winner; 18 schools were so honored state wide.

This year also marks the first time that Disney II Magnet and Prosser Career Academy high schools have earned this honored distinction. Walter Payton Preparatory High School has previously been recognized in 2014 and 2008.

Uptown Library building seed library, seeks donations

Donations are now being sought for a new Seed Library being established at the Uptown Branch Library, 929 W. Buena, in cooperation with Ginkgo Gardens.

Harvest seeds from your plants this fall, put as many or as few seeds as you see fit in an envelope labeled with the name of the plant, and bring them to the library.

A seed library is an institution that lends or shares seeds. It is distinguished from a seedbank in that the main purpose is not to store or hold seeds against possible destruction, but to disseminate them to the public which preserves the shared plant varieties through propagation and further sharing of seed.

Next spring, library patrons can "borrow" seeds from this library and continue the cycle.

Bonus \$26M in arts spending by City Hall before year end

The Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE] announced a new \$2.3 million relief fund for Chicago's artists and creative workers who have suffered lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The "Chicago Creative Worker Assistance Program" will distribute hundreds of financial assistance grants ranging from \$2,000 – \$5,000 by the end of this year and plans to open additional rounds of funding in 2022.

This year, the City provided \$100 million to support the arts, including "Arts77," a recovery plan that leverages over \$60 million in initial funding to support local artists and creative industries. As part of the 2022 budget, the City has proposed \$26 million in new arts and culture funding.

"The pandemic took a toll on our arts

and culture community as shows were canceled, music venues were closed, and artists faced financial insecurity," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot. "Revitalizing our arts and culture scene is essential to our ability to recover from this pandemic on both an economic and a social level."

"In 2022, with additional funds — including a transformational increase in our Cultural Grants budget from \$2.7 million to \$20.7 million — and our operating budget being largely restored to pre-pandemic levels, DCASE is now poised to serve the needs of Chicago's vital arts community next year and well into the future," said DCASE Cmsr. Mark Kelly.

The program will provide relief grants to artists and creative workers, including arts administrators, teaching artists, artisans,

curators, independent cultural producers, and technicians who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these creatives are gig workers whose pandemic unemployment insurance benefits have already expired. The program will launch this month with an application deadline in November; and grantees will receive funds quickly, before the end of 2021. DCASE will host two virtual information sessions on Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. For more information visit www.ChicagoCulturalGrants.org.

The 2022 Budget Recommendations call for \$26 million in arts and culture funding:

- \$10 million to provide targeted relief

focusing on artists and organizations not able to access other forms of federal economic support, such as individual artists, local museums and other art and educational organizations.

- \$10 million from the City's corporate budget to guarantee a baseline of funding for Cultural Grants, which previously were funded by the hotel tax.

- \$6 million in place-making grants, which will support projects that utilize community engagement to produce cultural projects including public art installations, historical walking tours, neighborhood and educational websites, pop up galleries and cultural activations.

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Police Beat...

Armed robber shoots victim in River North; two more victims robbed nearby

A 23-year-old man was shot during an Oct. 5 robbery in River North, police said. Two other people were robbed nearby around the same time, and police found a carjacked vehicle abandoned in the area. No one is in custody for the crimes, police said.

It all started when the 23-year-old was walking with several other people on the 400 block of N. Wells around 3:01 a.m. That's where the armed robber stepped out of a dark sedan and tried to rob him at gunpoint, police said.

The victim was shot as he struggled with the gunman, according to police. EMS took him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition with a gunshot wound to his left shoulder. Witnesses said the gunman fled in a red car.

Police arrested a man on the 400 block of N. Wells who was in possession of a firearm and had blood on his shoes. But, based on CPD's statement that no one is in custody for the shooting, it appears that he is not suspected of committing the crime.

Meanwhile, a 25-year-old woman and a 30-year-old man told police that they were robbed at gunpoint by a man who stepped out of a red sedan on the 200 block of W. Ontario shortly after 3 a.m.

The robber took the victims' property and drove away. Police said he is a Black male with dreadlocks.

Cops subsequently found a red car abandoned and running near the intersection of Kinzie and Wells. According to initial information, the vehicle was reported stolen in a previous carjacking, and someone put stolen license plates on it.

The shooting victim is the ninth person shot in the Near North (18th) Police District since Sept. 29. Area Three detectives are investigating the crimes.

Drive-by gunman misses target, shoots four others instead

Four people were shot in Old Town on Sept. 30 with stray bullets. An Uber driver and two teenagers were shot by a gunman who was apparently aiming for someone else on the Near North Side. The shooting unfolded about 100 feet from where a man was murdered by a drive-by shooter last month.

A fourth victim was found in the car that police stopped at Balbo and Lake Shore Dr., according to Chicago police. The man, 20, suffered a gunshot wound to his left side and was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in serious condition, CPD said.

Police said the gunman fired shots from a vehicle, possibly a red Charger, toward the occupants of a gray sedan on the 900 block of N. Orleans St. around 2:14 a.m.

Bullets struck two 15-year-old boys who were standing on the sidewalk and a 38-year-old Uber driver who was parked and waiting for passengers, police said.

Witnesses reported seeing a red Charger with no license plates speed away south on Orleans after the shooting.

The boys, one shot in the leg and the other shot in the leg and a foot, were taken to Lurie Children's Hospital in fair condition. Police said the

rideshare driver, also in fair condition, was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Shortly after the shooting, a CPD traffic unit found a bullet-riddled gray sedan on Lake Shore Dr. near Balbo Dr.

"I've got a car with rear-end damage and about nine bullet holes in it and the occupants got no idea where it happened," the cop radioed. "Of course not," replied another officer.

So far this year, 55 people have been shot on the Near North Side, including 11 in October. That compares to 39 people shot at this time last year and 42 shot during all of 2020.

Shootings on the Near North Side are up 104% since 2019 when 27 people were shot by Oct. 7 and 33 were shot during the full year.

Nearly half of this year's victims have been shot since Sept. 1, according to city records.

Lakeview man injured during robbery and attempted carjacking

A 50-year-old Lakeview man was robbed at gunpoint by a group of men who also tried to carjack him, but they couldn't figure out how to operate his vehicle, so they left without it. The same crew likely came close to carjacking another man in North Center about 45 minutes earlier, but that would-be victim became suspicious and called police.

The Lakeview victim stepped out of his car on the 1200 block of W. Eddy St. around 11:40 p.m. Oct. 6 and came face-to-face with four men, one of whom was displaying a handgun.

Police said the offenders injured the victim's finger as they struggled with him for his valuables. At least one of the robbers tried to drive away with the victim's car, but he didn't know how to operate it and gave up, according to an officer at the scene. The victim was treated at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and released.

The crew fled in the vehicle they came with — a dark gray SUV with a nearly flat rear right tire. Police described them as four Black males wearing black clothing and black masks.

Shortly before 11 p.m., a man called police after four men appeared ready to carjack him on the 1900 block of W. Warner. The crew apparently changed their minds and were last seen heading north on Wolcott Ave., according to the man, who called police.

Bus attack on Clark St.

Prosecutors charged a man with beating a CTA bus driver who refused to let him board a bus at the end of its route on the North Side.

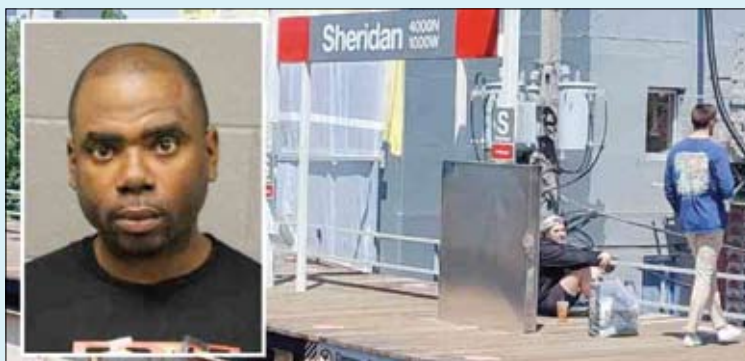
Kemonte Warfield, 23, was ordered held in lieu of \$100,000 by Judge John Lyke on charges of aggravated battery of a transit employee. Warfield can get out of jail on electronic monitoring by posting a 10% deposit.

According to police and prosecutors, the driver was sitting in the bus on the 3900 block of N. Clark St. after completing his northbound route around 4:30 a.m. Sept. 30, when Warfield knocked on the door and tried to get on.

After the driver told Warfield that his bus was out of service and that he should board a bus sitting in front of him, Warfield called him a derogatory name and then approached the driver's-side window.

Warfield reached into the bus, pulled cigarettes from the driver's book bag, punched the driver in his face, and tried to pull him out of the window by his uniform sweater, according to prosecutors. But the sweater came off in Warfield's hands.

So, the driver exited the bus and tried to get it back. The men wrestled to the ground, and Warfield stood



Donyell Kincaid (inset) was arrested at the Sheridan Red Line station.

Man broke into Red Line train operator's booth and threatened to kill them with a hammer

Prosecutors say a Mississippi man tore through a Red Line train, threatening passengers with a hammer, breaking windows, and finally forcing his way into the train operator's cabin where he threatened to kill the CTA employee. Fortunately, that didn't happen.

Police responded to the Sheridan Red Line CTA station at 12:53 a.m. Oct. 4 to handle calls of a man walking between cars and threatening passengers with a hammer.

The man, identified by prosecutors as Donyell Kincaid, 34, walked from the back of the train to the front, threatening people with a hammer, and breaking windows in at least three cars, prosecutors said.

When Kincaid reached the front of the train, he allegedly used a screwdriver and a hammer to pry open the train operator's locked booth.

"I'm going to kill you," he allegedly told the operator.

Kincaid was holding a hammer when police confronted him moments later. He allegedly resisted ar-

rest, became irate, and bit one CPD officer on the leg. Prosecutors said he spat in another cop's face.

It will cost more than \$10,000 to repair the train, prosecutors said during Kincaid's bond hearing Oct. 5.

Assistant Public Defender Susan Farber said Kincaid has a "multitude of mental health issues" and lives in Jackson, Mississippi.

"He needs some type of medical care," said Farber.

CPD arrest records show Kincaid has been arrested four times in Chicago since 2014, including twice in 2019.

He is charged with felony criminal damage to government property, two counts of aggravated battery of a police officer, and aggravated assault of a transit employee, a misdemeanor.

"This is a violent offense and an offense that put a lot of people in harm's way," Judge said Mary Marubio after hearing about the allegations. She then permitted Kincaid to return to Mississippi to await trial if he can post a \$3,000 deposit on his bail.

over the downed driver, punching him in the eye and kicking him in the body, prosecutors said. He poured a bottle of water on the fallen driver and walked away.

Police arrested Warfield nearby. The driver was still lying on the pavement when cops arrived. Prosecutors said Warfield admitted to hitting the driver. An ambulance took the driver to Thorek Hospital for treatment.

Warfield also has a pending misdemeanor battery case, and Judge Lyke ordered him held in lieu of \$50,000 for violating the terms of bond in that matter.

Man's charged with driving two hijacked cars in two months — while on felony parole for multiple felonies

A man who was only charged with a misdemeanor when cops allegedly caught him driving a carjacked vehicle in August is back in custody after police allegedly caught him driving another hijacked car in the Gold Coast.

Sam M. Jones, 25, was on parole for multiple felonies and on bond for manufacture-delivery heroin at the time of both of those arrests, prosecutors said.

Around 6:15 p.m. Oct. 2, CPD license plate readers detected a hijacked vehicle traveling on

Lake Shore Dr. near Lakeview. Officers went to the area, spotted the car, and tried to pull it over.

The driver sped away, collided with two other cars on the Oak St. S-curve, and crashed, the report said. Cops arrested Jones at the scene. The vehicle he allegedly drove was taken in a carjacking on Sept. 16, Assistant State's Attorney Darryl Auguste said.

Jones is charged with possessing a stolen motor vehicle, driving without a license, and other traffic-related of-



Sam M. Jones

fenses. Auguste said the carjacking remains under investigation.

On Aug. 6, police arrested Jones for allegedly driving a car that had been hijacked one day earlier. He was only charged with a misdemeanor and walked out of the police station on a recognizance bond, CPD records show.

He also has a pending felony narcotics case stemming from an arrest in May — less than a month after he was paroled for multiple felonies, including heroin distribution, according to state records. Prosecutors, who charged Jones with manufacture-delivery and felony possession of a controlled substance during a May 14 bond hearing, said Jones sold heroin to an undercover cop and also had heroin in his possession when officers arrested him.

"Mr. Jones, playing with fire," Judge Susana Ortiz warned during the May hearing. "You're on parole here, picking up new serious offenses. Don't give them an excuse to take you back in, sir."

A woman carjacked on the Mag Mile

A 55-year-old woman was carjacked Oct. 5 when she stepped out of her SUV on the Magnificent Mile, police said. She told officers that a man jumped into her white Jeep Cherokee as she exited the SUV on the 600 block of N. Michigan around 2:27 p.m., CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli said.

The woman, who had the Jeep's keys in her hand, confronted the man. But he pushed the woman out of the way and drove off with the SUV, which was running, according to Bartoli. The victim was not injured.

Bartoli said no suspect description is available.

Hijackers enjoy working near the Ontario St. corridor, which provides quick access to the expressways. Carjackers have hijacked vehicles at Ontario and Clark twice since late Sept.

In August, an Uber driver was carjacked at gunpoint on the corner of

Ontario and Michigan, roughly the same location as Tuesday's hijacking.

Chicago police recorded 1,234 carjackings citywide through Sept. 28, according to public records. That's up 38% from 887 during the same period last year.

For September, the city logged 168 carjackings through last Wednesday, up 57% from 107 during the same period last year. September's rate is 147% higher than the same month in 2019 and up 223% compared to Sept. 2018, records show.

Shooting leaves man critically wounded while driving in North Center

A 21-year-old man is in critical condition — and may face felony charges — after he was shot while driving in North Center Oct. 6.

The man was driving when someone fired shots at him from a white Audi SUV at the intersection of Lincoln and Montrose avenues around 1:50 a.m., police said. One round struck him in the neck, which caused him to lose control of his vehicle, according to police. He plowed the car into a tree, over a parking meter pay box, and into the door of Lou Malnati's, 4340 N. Lincoln.

Police said the critically wounded victim managed to run from officers as they approached the crashed car. Cops detained him nearby and recovered a gun and narcotics that he threw into a yard.

Fire department personnel took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Area Three detectives are investigating the shooting, which is the fourth of the year for North Center. By comparison, the neighborhood had only four shootings for all of 2019 and 2020 combined. Three of those victims died.

Also in North Center, a 37-year-old woman died Oct. 3 when a vehicle that police said may have been involved in a rolling gunfight along Irving Park Rd. collided with the SUV she was riding in.

The impact threw Janelle Gardiner from the car at Irving Park and Western Ave. around 3:03 a.m. She was later pronounced dead.

The occupants of the car that struck Gardiner's vehicle climbed into an SUV that stopped to pick them up. No arrests have been made.

Dispatch records show a CPD canine officer saw the occupants of a car shooting at another vehicle as they sped westbound on Irving Park Rd. from Damen Ave. moments before the crash. Police initially announced that the occupants of a Toyota Camry and a black sedan were shooting at each other, but the department later backed away from that statement and said they were not sure if shots came from two vehicles or only one.

Over 50 shots fired outside Lakeview High School, rolling gunbattle leaves 16-year-old dead

Security video footage from a home behind Lakeview High School captured the sounds of more than 50 gunshots being fired in a manic Oct. 4 shootout that left a 16-year-old boy dead in front of the school, 4015 N. Ashland.

"I am incredibly saddened by this needless death and others that are happening too often across the city," said Ald. Tom Tunney [44th]. "I will continue to work with the Mayor, the Police and other city department heads to uphold public safety, both within our ward and across the

Letters to the Editor

Leash them up

In the Loyola Park [in Rogers Park], located between Touhy Ave. and Pratt Blvd., a lot of dog owners are walking with the unleashed dog(s), especially from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

So, what are you waiting for? The new criminal report(s)?

Solomon Matlin

Top 10 reasons to attend the "State of Lincoln Square" meeting this Saturday

10. **Save the Lincoln Square parking lot.** Don't believe the lies that the only way to bring diversity is to give away the parking lot and tens of millions of dollars every year to developers.
9. **Save Welles and Winnemac Parks' parking.** If LAZ Parking loses the spots at Leland and Western, where do you think the replacements spots will be? Right around every major park, church and library in the neighborhood.
8. **School Choice.** Why hasn't the Board of Education used eminent domain to seize the old Gordon Tech campus to expand Lane Tech? Is eminent domain only for out-of-town developers with ties to the South Side Irish?
7. **Income Taxes.** Why haven't Democrats reversed the Trump era tax changes that limited the amount of property taxes that can be written off of one's federal income taxes?
6. **Property Taxes.** What are our elected officials doing to bring us property tax relief?
5. **Ghost Kitchens.** Didn't Ald. Matt Martin [47th] take a \$4000 contribution from the CEO that makes money delivering food from the Ghost Kitchens? He doesn't care about residents being blocked off Rockwell Ave.
4. **Crime.** Everybody okay with the skyrocketing crimes like carjacking and shootings? Our elected officials must be. Haven't heard a peep out of them.
3. **Police.** Why don't our elected officials back and support our police? Why do they allow police assigned to our neighborhoods be reassigned to other neighborhoods?
2. **Foxx, Preckwinkle, Dart.** All the elected officials who will attend the Davis Theater backed the three, who refuse to prosecute criminals, give low or no bonds and emptied the jails. They used COVID as an excuse but we never got a tax rebate from the county Court system or the county jail.
1. **City Hall Cutbacks.** Didn't all these elected officials, before they were elected, back reducing the size of the City Council? What happened? We are still looking forward to sending 25 aldermen, 25 ward superintendents, 25 chiefs of staff, 100 aldermanic assistants and scores of coat holders, door openers, doorbell ringers and coffee and donut fetchers to the unemployment line.

Mike Sullivan
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Four charged with beating, robbing man on downtown CTA train

BY CWBCHICAGO

Four men are charged with breaking a man's nose as they beat and robbed him on a Green Line train downtown Oct. 4.

Police responded to a call of an injured robbery victim at the train station, 22 E. Roosevelt Rd., around 3:45 p.m.

Assistant State's Attorney Darryl Auguste said other officers pulled up CTA and police surveillance camera feeds to track a group of suspects who walked away from the scene.

The victim, believed to be in his 40s, said a group of men grabbed his phone from his hand as they rode the train, and they began beating him when he grabbed it back.

Auguste said the offenders punched and smacked the man, then continued to beat him after he fell to the ground.

Guided by surveillance camera operators, police stopped Nathaniel Washington, Dareon Hall, Kahumni Dixon, and Claude Miles on the 200 block of S. Dearborn St. at 4 p.m. They arrested the men after a witness and the victim identified them as the



Mugshots, left to right: Nathaniel Washington, Dareon Hall, Kahumni Dixon, and Claude Miles.

offenders, Auguste said.

The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries that included a nasal bone fracture, according to Auguste.

"When you get out [of jail], stay away from each other," Judge Mary Marubio advised.

Assistant Public Defender Susan Farber said Hall and Dixon are 18, Washington is 19, and Miles is 24. Miles has a pending domestic battery case, but the others have no criminal backgrounds, she said.

They are each charged with robbery and aggravated battery causing great bodily harm.

"I gotta say, I don't see robberies with no other background very often," said Judge Mary Marubio. She set bail for each man at \$50,000 and ordered them to go on electronic monitoring if they can post 10% deposit bonds.

"When you get out, stay away from each other," Marubio advised.

An officer who saw the men on live surveillance feeds after the robbery told cops in the field that the group was wearing the "same exact clothing" as men who committed a similar robbery at the Cermak Green Line station on Oct. 3. That group was also linked with another attack at the Grand Red Line station.

Prosecutors charge North Center shooting victim with a felony

BY CWBCHICAGO

Days after Cook County prosecutors refused to file any charges against five people who participated in a fatal shootout captured on video and witnessed by police, Juan Nandi was nearly killed by a bullet that ripped through his neck in North Center Oct. 6.

So, of course, prosecutors charged him with a felony.

The gunman is on the loose while Nandi, who has no criminal background and didn't fire a shot, sits in the county jail.



Juan Nandi

Police responded to calls of shots fired near Lincoln and Montrose avenues around 1:50 a.m. When they arrived, they saw Nandi walking and asked him if he saw the shooting, Assistant State's Attorney Darryl Auguste said Thursday.

Nandi, 21, pointed south on Lincoln toward a crashed car that he said had bullet holes in it, according to Auguste.

That's when the officers realized Nandi had blood on him and appeared to be bleeding. As the cops moved closer, Nandi

ran. The police followed and allegedly saw him throw an object over a fence.

The gunman is on the loose while Nandi, who has no criminal background and didn't fire a shot, sits in the county jail.

When they caught him, they asked why he ran.

"I don't want to go to jail," Nandi replied, according to Auguste.

Then he told the officers that someone in a white SUV shot him while he was driving. The bullet ripped through his neck and lodged at the base of his skull, according to officers who were at the scene. He lost control of his car after being shot and plowed into the door of a pizza restaurant before walking away, according to police.

Cops returned to the fence where they saw Nandi toss something. They found a loaded handgun in the adjacent yard. And he was allegedly in possession of 5/100ths of an ounce of suspected crack.

Prosecutors charged him with unlawful

use of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

Nandi's public defender said he lives with his parents, works as a mover, and has no criminal history.

Judge Mary Marubio set bail at \$5,000. If Nandi posts a 10% deposit to get out of jail, he'll have to stay in the house from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., she said. Nandi was still in jail as of Oct. 8.

Meanwhile, whoever shot Nandi remains on the loose. Based on how things have been going in Chicago lately, they probably don't have much to worry about — even if police do arrest them.

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is about lost Chicago.

There were a number of surprises about the EBH that came to light during the researching on the book, including the invention of the world's first synthetic hair shampoo at the hotel's beauty salon, Holden said.

"Also surprising was the extent of the entertainment presented at the hotel, and the vast number of world-famous performers who played there, many of whom got early important starts to their careers there including Benny Goodman, Bix Beiderbecke, Lawrence Welk and Desi Arnaz," he said.

I love how the book ends. It states that EBH might possibly be the only hotel to have inspired a poem, and then printed is an excerpt from "To the Edgewater Beach Hotel," by Fannie B. Linderman:

*A Queen you stand majestic,
The waters bathe your feet;
Your towers stretch
far towards Heaven,
Your beauty never wavers
To hearts attuned to thee,
O! Edgewater, proud
and beautiful,*

Bride of an inland sea...

*In all your changing seasons,
Your anchor holds me fast;
QUEEN of our own great city,
Long may the kingdom last.*

Harvest Fest... filled Indian Boundary Park with the cutest kids on Sunday and we stopped by to check out the fun. There were both decorated and to-decorate pumpkins and activities and it was a perfect day for the little ones to play in the playground, which was packed. My grandchildren went home thrilled with the prizes they won playing games like Bozo's Bucket Toss, ring toss, hit the buzzer with the hammer and more. It was the community spirit at its best and many thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible.

To market, to market... the Jarvis Square Artisan Market will hold its "biggest market yet," from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, steps off the Jarvis Red Line, just down the street. There'll be Halloween and witchy offerings, as well as crystals, donuts, herbal remedies, wands, organic lotions, zines, prints, paintings and more.



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Eamon Cummins and dad, Larry Cummins.



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Ikram Goldman

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and **Sheree Schimmer Valukas**, arm-in-arm with **Denise Tomasello**, **Jamie Thorsen**, **Mark O'Leary**, **Paula Borg**, **Bethany Florek** working the Drake's Gold Coast room with designers **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Al Menotti**, **Mark Horoszowski**, **Peach Carr**, **Robin Harris** and **Boris Powell**, plus co-hosts **Candace Jordan** and **Tracey Tarrantino DiBuono** joining in the salute to this year's honoree, **Susan Griffiths Gohl**.

BEST FRIEND NEWS: The new PAWS Chicago Medical Center has opened at 3516 W. 26th St., and it's state of the art. Nothing like it anywhere in the world, says **Bonnie Spurlock**.

A MILESTONE: Best wishes to **Richard Koranda's** mother, **Mary**, on her 100th birthday. The centennial has brought joy to family and friends who treasure her wisdom and generous love.

W H O ' S W H E R E: Fashionista **Ikram Goldman** will turn diva and perform at the Chicago Theatre on Oct. 20... Happy 80th birthday to **Rev. Jesse Jackson**... **Blair Kamin**, architecture critic, speaks on "Parks as Democracy" on Oct. 15 for Friends of the Parks... Congrats to **Demeko Taylor** on his new affiliation with Jameson/Sotheby's International Realty... Attorney **Dan Kirk** getting stage time at singer **Michael Rey's** concert at Joe's on Weed St... **Maria Pappas** traveling through Spain and passing

out Bulls hats... **Chris Grimshaw** at Tinto Y Tapas in Madrid, Spain feasting on Beef Loin with Foie Gras... Fabulously chic **Nikki Friar** and elegant **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** at Chicago Lighthouse fashion lunch with Chicago's own **Chilli Pepper**... NBC5's **Zoraida Sambolin** saying goodbye to the a.m. anchor desk and viewers... **Jennifer Sutton Brieva's** sister and bro-in-law, **Kelley McCarthy** and **Ron Sav**, hosted a birthday dinner for **Dr. Joaquin Brieva** at tasty Adalina... **Karen Zupko** and **Mr. Mike** doing the wineries in style in Montalcino, Italy... Bravo to super agent **Rick Barrett** for finishing the Ironman Wisconsin... Etiquette guru **Tom Farley**, aka **Mr. Manners**, was a big hit on his recent appearance on ABC's Good Morning Washington... Belated birthday greetings to Chicago's great architect **Lucien Lagrange**, tireless and ageless... **Pat Toney** getting some sugar from lifelong pal, Blues legend **Billy Branch**... Seafaring **Janet** and **Rodger Owen** bidding adieu to sails in the sunset on Lake Michigan... **Cynthia Olson** at last is returned to the Gold Coast from the grandeur of Italian travels... **Edmund Lester** with **Caroline Lester** and **Jin Sol Lee** in South Bend at Notre Dame

stage... Attorney **Adam Miel Zebelian** in San Diego with **Kevin Anthony** and **Robert Michael** at Knotty Barrel for the Penn State pregame... Brava **Violet du Brul** who just made the rowing team at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, and will have her first race in Boston at the famous Head of the Charles... **Mark Olley** staying out of the rain at the bar at RL... Chase Bank VP **Victoria Dal Santo** made the finest thick pork chops with black olives, tomatoes and yellow peppers, a culinary triumph... **Courtney Thompson** visiting the Badlands... Writer **Lucia Adams** in Charleston, WV... Congrats to attorney **David M. Hundley** on a proud finish in Indiana Ironman... Sympathies to **Jacqueline Beth Carroll** on the death of her father, Illinois political powerhouse **Howard Carroll**... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** surfside at Bonita Springs, FL, with company on the beach, "All I Want is You," a novel by **Sherrill Bodine**... **Anne Kavanagh** in sunny Portugal with Maria Maso Fraser... **Tom** and **Jane Justic** celebrate a big wedding moment in FL... **Larry Cummins** marks 64 years in Chicago, one more for the Irish... **Ken Griffin** is said to have given Chicago over a billion dollars through the years, no wonder he's worried.



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AUCTION: **Steven Zick** at Christie's in New York at a preview of coming attractions: from a Chicago collection, a wonderful flock of sheep by **Claude & Francois-Xavier Lalanne**, to be offered @christiesinc in December.

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Unlocking the mystery of Nancy Drew

Free program on Oct. 20

Grab your magnifying glasses and join Friends of the Edgewater Library as the group presents an online program, "The Mystery of Nancy Drew: Celebrating 90 Years." The Oct. 20 program (7-8:15 p.m.) will recognize the enduring popularity of the fictional teen sleuth and uncover secrets to the original Carolyn Keene, a pseudonym for a series of authors.

Author Jenn Fisher, president of Nancy Drew Sleuths and consultant for the 2007 movie, "Nancy Drew," will be joined in conversation with family physician and crime novelist Dr. Alexia Gordon.

The pair will sleuth through Nancy's mysterious history behind the scenes, share some interesting highlights from the series and discuss why Nancy Drew has remained so popular and inspired generations of loyal readers. At least 80 million copies



(L) Author Jennifer Fisher will unlock the mystery of Nancy Drew at 7 p.m. on Oct. 20. Register on foelchicago.org. The Secret of the Old Clock is the first volume in the Nancy Drew Mystery Stories series; first published in 1930. (R) Dr. Alexia Gordon, physician by day and crime novelist by night, will delve into Nancy Drew's continuous popularity for more than 90 years. Her first book, Murder in G Major, won the Lefty Award for Best Debut Novel, and was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best New Novel.

of the books have been sold, and the books have been translated into more than 45 languages.

Dr. Gordon is one of many girls and women who found inspiration from reading Nancy Drew novels. She credits the Nancy Drew character in finding her voice to write

the "Gethsemane Brown" cozy mystery series – stories with an African American classical musician and amateur sleuth as the main character.

In addition to Dr. Gordon, Fisher has heard from women in law enforcement, kidnapping

victims and others who were inspired and motivated by Nancy Drew. "Even though she was just a fictional character, she was inspirational, and none other than Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Sonia Sotomayor have said she was a huge influence in their lives," Fisher said.

The first Carolyn Keene – and the author of 23 of the first 30 Nancy Drew books – was Mildred Wirt Benson, an American journalist. She established her own bold, brave and independent personality into the Nancy Drew character. Fisher, who is writing a book about Benson, will explain how Benson became involved in writing the books.

Fisher also will unlock some secrets to Nancy Drew collectibles.

To register, visit the Friends of the Edgewater Library website, foelchicago.org, or the Chicago Public Library website, chipublib.org.

Party with the dogs



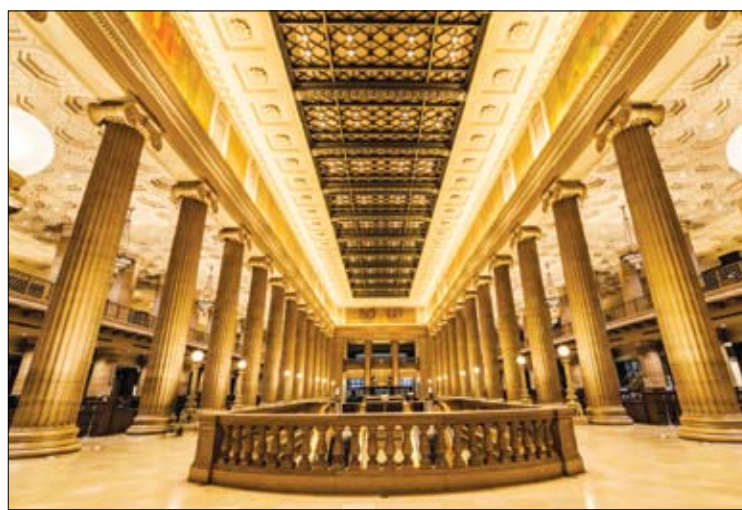
Friends and neighbors are invited to join the 34th Annual Streeterville Doggy Parade 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. The event will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave., in the museum's sculpture garden.

Costume contest begins at 9:15 am, and treats will be available from Eli's Cheesecake Company.

For more information, visit the museum's calendar of events page online. In case of a rain washout, the event will go on Sunday, Oct. 31.



This year's in-person architectural site visits occur on Oct. 16 and 17.



Photos by Anna Munzesheimer and Eric Allix Rogers

Architecture Center returns to in-person programming

Open House Chicago returns this week and the Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker Dr., will be offering its popular in-person, indoor site visits, providing rare behind-the-scenes access

to more than 100 venues and over 30 Chicago neighborhoods and select suburbs.

Programs highlight the themes of architecture, Chicago's history, preservation and people and

places. Many sites and trails are typically located within walking distance of one another.

This free two-day public event offers behind-the-scenes access to storied cultural buildings, spectacular clubs, skyscrapers, breathtaking sacred spaces, and dining establishments. Plus, admission is waived at the Chicago Architecture Center for those wishing an illustrated overview of Chicago's rich architectural legacy, including the critically acclaimed new Helmut Jahn: Life + Architecture exhibition, honoring the late Chicago architect and style icon, in the Center's stunning Drake Family Skyscraper Gallery, steps

from Michigan Ave.

Open House Chicago remains one of the largest events of its kind in the world. This year's in-person site visits occur on Oct. 16 and 17. Throughout October, fans can discover historical landmarks and hidden architectural gems with self-guided tours exploring 30 themed neighborhood 'trails' via the free OHC 2021 app for mobile devices; new trails include the Obamas in Hyde Park and a trail tracing the path of The Great Chicago Fire on its 150th Anniversary.

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Riverwalk programming ongoing through October

The Chicago Riverwalk is offering fall-themed programming and festivities, including a Halloween costume party, pumpkin patch and Oktoberfest celebrations, as a part of the their Fall Festival that runs through Oct. 31.

The riverwalk is open 6 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

Among the activities: Island Party Hut will have a pumpkin patch where people can get pumpkins and a decorating kit. It's open Saturdays through Hal-

loween. And Northman will host an end-of-season, dog-friendly costume party Oct. 28.

People who visit during the festival will receive stamps on their "Riverwalk passport" if they spend \$20 at a participating location. People who get five stamps will get a Riverwalk goodie bag.

Visitors can also enjoy a free concert 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 17 between Lake and Franklin streets.

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city.”
The video footage clearly shows two figures walking across a parking lot on the east side of the high school as a burst of gunfire rings out around 10:52 p.m. As more shots are fired, the figures duck behind a lone car on the lot. Then, even more shots ring out as tires screech and headlights flash through tree branches.
Both figures bolt north across the parking lot as a barrage of gunfire pours from the street. Then, the gunfire ends. A car is heard driving away and a woman can be heard screaming in shock. The person who provided the video asked to remain anonymous.

Tunney said the high school’s principal and the Town Hall (19th) District police commander “both assured me that the initial investigation points to this shooting being unrelated to the school community.” He said the shooting ended near the school “by happenstance.”

But, for as many gunshots as are heard in the footage, many more were fired between the occupants of two cars during a running gunbattle before they reached the school.

Police began receiving calls of shots fired near Irving Park Rd. and the Chicago River around 10:50 p.m. Responding officers found a stolen white Jeep bearing separately stolen license plates crashed on the corner of Ashland Ave. and Irving Park Rd.

Wicker Park mass shooting, 1 dead, 4 injured

Several surveillance cameras recorded a mass shooting that left four people injured and a fifth dead early Sunday in Wicker Park, but police have not yet announced any arrests.

At least one gunman fired about 30 rounds during three bursts of gunfire as a group of people stood on the

sidewalk outside a nightclub in the 1500 block of N. Milwaukee around 3:42 a.m.

About eight shots rang out in the initial round of gunfire, which sent most of the group running for cover. Other people stay behind and tend to at least one person who has fallen to the sidewalk.

Nearly 30 seconds later, another burst of 12 shots is heard. Then three more.

Police said the shots came from a dark-colored sedan. But some witnesses who spoke with this reporter believe there was more than one shooter.

A 32-year-old man died from a gunshot wound to his chest, police said. The other victims are a 30-year-old man who suffered a gunshot wound to his left leg, a 22-year-old woman who was shot in the leg, a 25-year-old woman who was shot in her back, and a 25-year-old woman who was shot in her leg, police said. All of the surviving victims were stabilized at local hospitals, according to a CPD statement.

“My office is aware of the fatal shooting that transpired last night in Wicker Park,” Ald. Daniel La Spata [1st] said in a statement posted to social media Sunday afternoon. “Though many of the details are still unknown, I’m working with the 14th Police District to learn more of the facts.”

“While we mourn the loss of yet another life to a senseless act of gun violence, I remain committed to working with my colleagues and all community stakeholders to achieve the peace and stability of all 1st Ward residents and for the whole of the City,” La Spata wrote. Area Five detectives are investigating.

Man attacked woman in Roscoe Village after she asked him to stop pleasuring himself on the street

Prosecutors say a man attacked a Lakeview woman who asked him to stop pleasuring himself on the street as she walked her dog. It happened on the 2000 block of W. Belmont around 11:40 a.m. Oct. 6, according to prosecutors.

“I saw a pregnant woman walking towards him and warned her,” the victim wrote on a neighborhood message board. “That’s when he proceeded to run at me with a closed fist and punched me in the head and I

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



A Lincoln Park man who jumped from his burning seventh-floor apartment on Oct. 4 died from injuries he suffered in the fall, the Cook County medical examiner’s office said. The office ruled Demarlo Branch’s death a suicide.

Fire and police units responded to calls of a fire and a man down in the 400 block of W. Wrightwood around 4:45 p.m. CPD officers arrived first and found Branch, age 31, lying in an alley. Cops entered the building and

started to evacuate residents before conditions forced them to retreat.

A message by the fire department’s media relations said the fire was caused by a “pot of meat,” but police later said investigators were treating it as arson.

No other injuries were reported in the fire, but four officers who entered the building to evacuate residents were checked out by medical personnel as a precaution, according to a CPD supervisor at the scene.

got knocked to the ground while still holding on to my dog.”

Assistant State’s Attorney John Gniska said James Caesar, 26, punched the woman repeatedly and continued to punch her after she was on the ground. Bystanders intervened, and Caesar ran away, he said.

The woman showed the police a picture she took of the man, and cops located Caesar nearby. He punched one officer in the face and tried to bite another cop’s hand, according to Gniska.

“I am very lucky it wasn’t much worse,” the woman said in her post. “Thank you to all my lovely neighbors!”

In June, Caesar was charged with two counts of misdemeanor battery in the suburbs. A warrant was issued after he failed to show up for court on Sept. 16, records show.

He is now charged with felony counts of aggravated battery of a police officer, resisting police, and aggravated assault of a police officer along with misdemeanor charges of battery and public indecency for the Lakeview case.

Judge Mary Marubio set bail at \$5,000 on the new charges and \$3,000 for the pending misdemeanor. A public defender said Caesar is homeless. He lists a food pantry as his home address on court records.

Home invaders chase couple from Lincoln Park home

A Lincoln Park couple ran out of their residence after two home invaders broke through their back door early Oct. 10, police said.

The 31-year-old woman and 28-year-old man were inside their home on the 2500 block of N. Marshfield when two offenders forced their way inside around 2:01 a.m., Officer Jose Lemus-Cortez said.

The couple ran out the front door, but one of the intruders caught up with the woman and forced her to

the ground while demanding money, said Lemus-Cortez. She told him they didn’t have money, and the offenders escaped in a white SUV.

While the suspects did not get money, they did get away with property from inside the home, according to a CPD report.

Police searched the area for two Hispanic men wearing black masks and dark clothing, but came up empty-handed. The offenders’ SUV may be a Mercedes, according to a witness.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

Woman mugged in Lakeview; at least 3 other robberies in the area

A woman was pushed to the ground and robbed in Lakeview Sept. 10. At least three other robberies have been reported in the immediate area recently.

Officer Jose Lemus-Cortez said the 24-year-old woman was walking on the 1400 block of W. Melrose St. when a man walked toward her and yelled for her to come toward him around 1:45 a.m.

The woman did not follow the man’s instructions, so he got closer and shoved her to the ground, Lemus-Cortez said. After taking the woman’s Kate Spade purse, the offender ran west on Melrose.

He is described as a Hispanic man wearing all black clothing and a face mask who stands about 5’-11” tall.

Sunday’s robbery is the latest in a string of muggings in the neighborhood, although there are no apparent links between the crimes:

Around 9:25 p.m. on Sept. 28, two women were sitting inside a car on the 1200 block of W. Nelson when two robbers walked up and one of them opened the driver’s side door, said CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli. The man pulled the woman from the driver’s seat, threw her to the ground, and began striking her with an object, Bartoli said. Both offenders then demanded valuables from the women, who complied. Police did not release the offenders’ descriptions.

At 10:50 p.m. on Sept. 23, three men displayed two handguns and ordered

a couple to hand over their property on the 1200 block of W. Wellington. They then searched the victims for valuables, Officer Jessica Rocco said.

The victims, a 26-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman, reported the robbery in person at the Town Hall Police District station, 850 W. Addison. Shortly after they arrived at the station, another robbery occurred on the 2300 block of N. Damen, and police found one of the Lakeview victims’ phones near the scene.

The robbers were described as three Black males in their mid-20s who wore all black clothing. One of them wore a green bandana, and his hoodie had a white and yellow logo on it.

In another incident, a man implied that he had a gun as he robbed a woman of her phone near the intersection of Lincoln and Southport on the evening of Sept. 25. He is described as a White or Native American man who’s in his 30’s. He’s about 6’2” tall with long black hair, and he wore a black headband that said “survivor” with a dark blue sweatshirt.

Lakeview driver grazed by bullet

A 26-year-old man suffered a graze wound while driving in Lakeview Oct. 10, police said, making him the third shooting victim in the neighborhood since last Oct. 3.

The man was driving north on the 3000 block of N. Sheridan Rd. when someone fired shots from a passing car around 2:48 a.m. He continued driving until he reached the 3500 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. and then called police.

Officers found one bullet hole in the man’s car and a bullet lodged in his driver’s seat. According to an officer at the scene, the man was not bleeding, but his back was bruised from the bullet’s impact. He declined medical attention.

Cops found two shell casings at Sheridan Rd. and Wellington Ave.

CPD issued a media statement that said the shooting happened at 3:39 a.m., but police responded to the victim’s 911 call at 2:51 a.m. Another person reported hearing shots fired and a car speeding away near the 2900 block of N. Sheridan Rd. at 2:48 a.m.

Lakeview has recorded eight shooting victims so far this year, compared to six in all of last year and five in all of 2019.

On Oct. 2, a 16-year-old boy was shot and critically wounded as he walked on the 2900 block of N. Halsted, but police released little information about the crime.

On Oct. 4, Joseph Sunpongo, 16, of Albany Park was shot and killed as he rode in an SUV that was reportedly involved in a rolling shootout with the occupants of another car along Irving Park Rd.

Police found Sunpongo gravely wounded in the passenger seat of a white Jeep that crashed near Lakeview High School around 11 p.m. that night. Surveillance video from a nearby home captured the sound of at least 50 shots fired as the shootout ended.

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Old Town online pet costume contest

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Submit a photo of your pet in their Halloween costume to the Old Town Merchants & Residents Association by emailing OTMRA@oldtownchicago.org with the subject "Pet Costume Contest" by Oct. 31, to be featured on OTMRA Social Media. Plus, one randomly-selected entrant will receive an Old Town prize pack.

Stormwater management tips for fall, winter

The City's Dept. of Water Management is reminding residents that we all still need to deal with stormwater in the fall and winter months.

Proper stormwater management can greatly reduce backups and flooding in basements when water and waste in overwhelmed sewers have nowhere else to go. By reducing water output during storms, you can help keep sewers flowing and water out of your basement. Here's what they suggest:

- Sweep up leaves from driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Clean roof gutters and drains of leaves.
- Keep nearby catch basin grates clear of yard waste and trash.
- Don't litter or dump anything in storm drains. Storm drains are for rain only.
- Avoid running a dishwasher or washing machine during storms.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car over grass or gravel instead of on a driveway or in the street.
- Do not dump fats/oils/greases in private drains or sewers.
- Disconnect your downspout from the sewer system, and empty your rain barrel and store it away.

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Large TOD development going in on small Lakeview lot



Artist rendering of the new building at 1744 W. Addison.

A large new high density five-story Transit Oriented Development [TOD] is going in on a small lot at 1744 W. Addison and 3601 N. Ravenswood, that once held a small strip mall.

Ald. Matt Martin [47th] approved the zoning change for the site to allow the construction of a 52-unit mixed-use apartment with only 12 parking spaces.

The residential units will include 2 live-work units on the ground floor, as well as 4 studio, 30 one-bedroom, and 16 two-bedroom units between the second and fifth floors.

The development, which is located across the street from the Addison Brown Line CTA station, is supported by the Roscoe Village Neighbors and the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce.

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side of clean, quiet modernism in brick.” However various challenges face redeveloping the existing facilities, including that the visitor quarters share a small communal restroom at the end of the hallway. The main seven-story tower can hold 88 overnight guests, and the adjoining conference building has multiple meeting rooms housing up to 100 guests each. Other spaces in the existing complex include a chapel with unique stained glass windows, a full-sized industrial kitchen, housing for the sisters, and on-site parking.

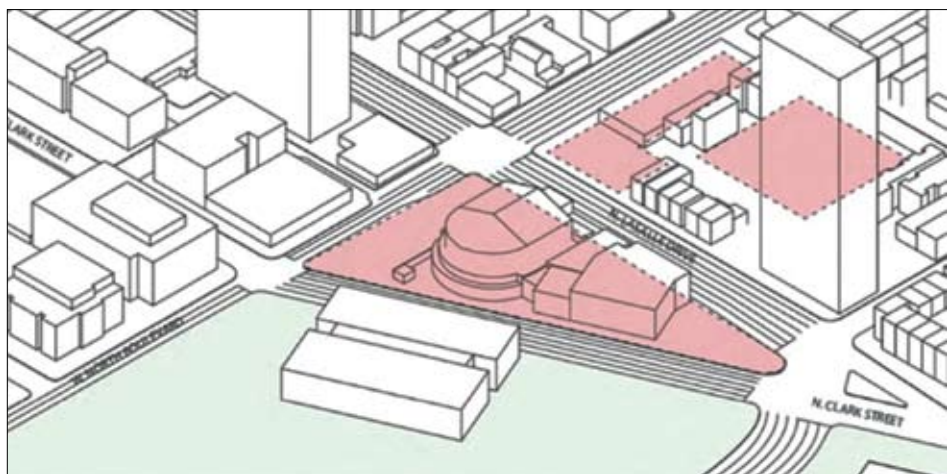
While the demolition is opposed by many, the money from the sale of the land will go to the long-term care of the aging sisters who call the complex home.

The Cenacle sisters who operate the center have seen shrinking numbers leading to the closing of their Warrenville retreat in 2007, leading to the commission approving the demolition of the complex earlier this summer. Now Henry Street Partners has teamed up with Wheeler Kearns Architects to come up with a residential redevelopment for the site. The large site would be split up into eight-individual lots and turned into single family homes and two-flats, with a ninth lot at 2349 N. Cambridge Ave. turned into a four-story, nine-unit residential building.

More detailed plans have yet to be revealed, however the committee has already approved the conceptual guidelines for the design of the future properties listed above, including setbacks, maximum heights, and lot layouts.

In the future each project will have to apply to the permit review committee individually as they get built.

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Developer Fern Hill and Moody Bible Institute have announced plans to redevelop various plots of land with existing buildings in the vicinity of North Ave., Clark St. and LaSalle Dr. in Old Town.

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Dr. The 10-pump arched gas station was originally designed by Chicago architect George W. Terp in 1971 for then Amoco Oil. Terp graduated from the then Armour Institute of Technology, now Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), and designed nearly 14,000 stations in his lifetime. The small station sits on a wedge-shaped piece of land bound by N. LaSalle Dr. and N. Clark St., north of the Moody Church Auditorium complex.

The next lot south of the gas station is the Moody Church complex located at 1630 N. Clark St. Opened in 1925, the brick clad structure was designed by architects John Fugard, a Univ. of Illinois grad and George Knapp, a Columbia Univ. grad. The semi-circular building was designed in a Romanesque and Byzantine style, still claiming the title of one of the largest Romanesque churches in the US. Inside, its 3,740 seat main auditorium is Chicago’s largest non-pillared auditorium and one of the earliest examples of cantilevered construction. It is also said to have nearly perfect acoustics and is lined with 36 unique stained glass windows. The following lot is south of the Moody complex in the form of the Shell Gas station at 130 W. North Ave. The eight-pump station is a standard modern design service station with a small shop for snacks.

West of the station is a Walgreens at 1601 N. Wells St. and its parking lot to the east on the corner of N. LaSalle Dr. and W. North Ave. The brick building mimics the style of the nearby Piper’s Alley with arches, circular details, and half-arched windows. A large round cut-out in the southwest corner cuts the sharp square building creating an

inset covered entrance. Piper’s Alley was once a large alley housing 15 businesses whose entrance was marked by a large Tiffany glass lamp, and at one point housed a Ripley’s Believe It Or Not! museum.

The Moody Church at 1630 N. Clark St. still claims the title of one of the largest Romanesque churches in the US.

The last lot north of Walgreens is the old Treasure Island grocery store location at 1639 N. Wells St. The store, which closed in 2018, was part of the locally-owned Treasure Island brand which ceased operations that same year after 55 years serving the Chicagoland area. The 44,000-square-foot building was sold to developer Fern Hill in 2019 for \$14.8 million for redevelopment and for a while sought out another grocer to fill the space.

Fern Hill in collaboration with Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], have stated that an extended community engagement process will be the centerpiece as plans move forward. They will do this by deploying an interactive website for locals to voice their opinion, the website, which will go live in October, will have a map where users can select each property and view documents, commentary, timelines, and other information for the project. No timeline for construction work has been given as no design plans have been created yet, however Fern Hill hopes to reveal initial plans in 2022.