

Where large sums of money are concerned, it is advisable to trust nobody.

— Agatha Christie

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Former alderman calls Oct. 19 meeting, says Lincoln Yards can't be justified today

'Lincoln Yards a victim of the bad initial plan, collapse of the commercial real estate market'

BY MICHELE SMITH

Former 43rd Ward Ald. Michele Smith on Friday released a statement saying Sterling Bay's Lincoln Yards development wants a handout and zoning increases that give no benefit to the City, North Side or the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

She says that Lincoln Yards can't be justified today. She thinks the city needs to rethink redevelopment in the Clybourn Corridor.

She is part of a group hosting a community meeting about two proposed high-rises 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Binny's 1720 N. Marcey St.

Her statement follows below.

"The essence of strategy is choosing what not to do," said Michael Porter, a Harvard Business scholar. For any goals to be achieved, the strategist needs to pick the areas of focus where their product or service makes a difference. Porter adds, "A sustainable strategic position requires trade-offs." That means prioritizing and making choices, particularly "what not to do."

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terms of the Planned Development [PD] and TIF are substantially renegotiated for the benefit of the city and the communities adjacent to it.

Failure to do so will set the stage for vast unmanageable development from Clybourn to the Chicago River that will inevitably pull resources from areas of the city that must be prioritized.

The City's development strategy is focused on two goals: to rescue the Central Business District [CBD] and to lift up under-invested parts of Chicago (Invest South/West).

The CBD is the beating heart of our city, and the economic engine of the entire State of Illinois. The district has been the recipient of billions of dollars in transportation infrastructure and TIF investment that revived live theatre, installed public art, and made the downtown core an attractive place for workers and visitors. As manufacturing jobs left the city, service jobs, tourism, and the arts filled some of the gap, and the central core became the single most important area in the city for employment.

It is now severely under-utilized. We should, as Mayors Lori Lightfoot and Brandon Johnson agree, rescue/rehab/reimagine buildings that have failed, using TIF and other government money as necessary. These buildings are selling at depressed prices, making private investment more feasible - but not enough for 100% affordable housing, neighborhood schools and other ameni-

ties needed as the CBD becomes more residential. Using government money to support real estate development in other "popular" parts of the city makes no sense in light of this reality.

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Improving the South and West sides of the city is the other goal. Mayor Rahm Emanuel began the process with the 2013 Red Line rehab, the 2018-19 95th Street Station, bridges across the south part of Lake Shore Dr. to make the lakefront more accessible, and, finally putting in place the plans for the Red Line Extension.

Hard-won developments, including the Method manufacturing plant in Pullman, the Pullman National Monument, and the Obama center, were steps to revitalize these communities. (The failures include the ill-fated Englewood Whole Foods - another reason to avoid relying on private industry to do all the heavy lift-

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The six-acre restoration project transformed the former turf lawn into a space for people and wildlife. The project called for the replanting of Illinois native prairie and savanna wildflowers, grasses, and shrubs, reintroducing elements of the original 1930s design by Alfred Caldwell.

Native lawn test plots in Uptown now open to public

Year-long project restored elements of historic 1930s landscape plan to the lakefront park

The Chicago Park District announces the opening of the new Uptown Coastal Natural Area that features a selection of biodiverse native lawn alternatives being tested for use across the Park District.

The site is located just west of Lake Shore Dr. at about 4600 north, between Lawrence Ave. and Wilson Dr. This new natural habitat is also part of a native lawn study happening at a handful of parks that may help support a climate-resiliency.

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The project reintroduced elements of the original 1930s design by renowned landscape architect Alfred Caldwell, which called for a "naturalistic effect" that relied on native trees, shrubs, and flowers in a layered and informally arranged manner.

The northern section of the park contains a selection of biodiverse native lawn alternatives being tested for use across the city. These test plots compare different species of native grass-like plants and methods of installation

to analyze how well they establish. Signage in the natural area educates visitors on these options and how they could explore them in their own homes.

"Our parks contribute greatly to our city's sustainability, health and wellness, and the vibrancy of neighborhoods," said CPD CEO Rosa Escareño. "This new natural area brings our total to 134 across the city, and adds to the number of native plantings that help reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions."

The ecological restoration process creates habitats for pollinators and resting stops for migratory birds, absorbs and filters stormwater, stores carbon in the soil, and establishes a place for nature observation and respite in a section of the Uptown community area that is densely populated and highly urbanized.

Park patrons are asked to stay within the designated pathways and off the plantings to allow for seedlings to grow, and to obey the interpretative signage on site. It will take a few seasons for native plantings to thrive.

In 2021, the CPD received a \$116,110 grant federally funded

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Roscoe Village man burglarized downstairs neighbor while on bail for burglarizing his upstairs neighbor

BY CWBCHICAGO

A North Side man who allegedly entered his upstairs neighbor's apartment without permission in August and suffered severe injuries when the victim attacked him with a machete is back in custody. Prosecutors say he burglarized his downstairs neighbor's apartment while out on bail.

Judge William Fahy ordered Clayton Curcio, 32, jailed as a public safety threat during a detention hearing on the new allegations.

On Aug. 19, Curcio allegedly entered his upstairs neighbor's apartment in the 2800 block of N. Clybourn through an unlocked door around 1 p.m. Officials said he confronted a 36-year-old man who lived there, and the situation turned physical.

As the incident escalated, the victim fetched a machete that his female roommate "keeps...by her bed for safety," according to the Chicago Police Department's ar-

rest report. Officers reported that the victim shoved Curcio away while wielding the machete, but the fight continued, pouring onto the porch, back into the bedroom, and onto the second-floor landing.



Clayton Curcio

the man began hitting Curcio with the machete. The blade inflicted deep cuts on both of Curcio's wrists, and he fled downstairs to his apartment, police said. Officers followed a blood trail and found Curcio lying on his own bed with a towel wrapped around both hands to stop his blood loss.

Curcio was still hospitalized and scheduled to undergo a second surgery to repair severe injuries to both arms when his case came up in bond court a couple of days later. Judge Fahy handled

that hearing, too, and ordered Curcio to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to go home.

Now, prosecutors say Curcio broke into his downstairs neighbor's apartment while on bail for breaking into the upstairs neighbor's apartment.

On Sept. 26, the property manager saw Curcio entering the downstairs unit while the 87-year-old man who lives there was away, police said. The manager confronted Curcio, who ran upstairs and locked himself in his apartment, according to CPD's case report.

When the property manager entered the downstairs unit, he found the victim's refrigerator and stove "moved halfway across the apartment as though the Defendant was trying to take them," prosecutors said in a pretrial detention motion.

Cops arrested Curcio a few days later. He is charged with residential burglary and felony criminal damage to property.

Privileged bike lanes coming to Clark St.

Clark St. from Irving Park Rd. north to W. Montrose will be resurfaced this fall, and it looks like the city plans to extend the privileged bike lanes into this area as well. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin on Oct. 20, pending clearance from and coordination with existing utilities and weather.

The work will include ADA sidewalk improvements, curb and gutter removal and replacement

as needed for ADA and drainage compliance, pavement patching, milling and paving the existing asphalt pavement, and the protected bike lanes.

The city's Clark St. Crossroads plan has proposed removing half the commercial street parking on Clark St. to install privileged concrete bike lanes as far north at Foster Ave. The privileged bike lanes have already been installed on Clark St. north of Catalpa St.

Art museums have become experts at obfuscating the truth



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

In case you don't read the Portland, OR daily newspapers, I thought I'd provide you with a sample of their current craziness.

It's remarkable from a cultural and political standpoint. Portland is one of those American cities that snobbish Chicagoans tend to disregard.

Tucked way in the far upper-left-hand corner of our national map, too far from San Francisco to catch our attention.

Too trendy. Too left-of-center. Too politically correct. Too wacky, as you can imagine, like whistling in church.

Too hipster, too much weed. The land of vegan voters and timeless protesters.

I recall conservative columnist George Will disparaging progressive Portland as out of touch with the rest of the country.

Perhaps this all has its roots in the relative remoteness of the state. Oregon had just a small population of 4.2 million village folk back in 2021.

And just when you thought things could not find more comic entente or ludicrous inanity, the Portland Art Museum [PAM] announced a radical shakeup in the middle of the night.

That's right. All 175 docents were fired by e-mail in the middle of the night.

Headlines have appeared attempting to widen discussion of the issues in this heinous treatment of "valued volunteers." But to no avail. The headlines say it all. The glaring complexity of the emotions equals the politics involved.

"The Portland Art Museum Ditches Its Docents, Raising Questions About Race, Class and Especially Age."

Sound familiar? Race, class and age? What's an old Wellesley girl to do?

In an artless move, a la the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC], the sadly educated protagonists of fatalist Woke philosophy in Portland, OR, America's oatmeal city, demonstrated their skill at surprise attack and seizure when the sun goes down.

But of course, as we have seen before in several other national museums holding prominent artistic treasures, when the institution "lets the dogs loose," as it were, there is no rational or cultural pedagogy that really embraces the radical decision to toss out the docents.

Museum Directors are forced to engage the reality of their actions within the context of their need for more stable safety for museum holdings.

Of course they appeal to their Trustees. You know, the descendants of people who invented glue, soap, the automobile and the shoe-lace. Their fortunes still keep the lights on. Also the people who hated Picasso, tolerated Dali, and sang the praises of Pierre Bonnard.

This is a new version of the story of safety and security for the paintings. But, I'm told that once you frighten the old monied guard, you can get them to do anything.

In Chicago you'd like to believe the heirs of the meat-packers were made of sterner stuff.

The AIC sent shockwaves across the Windy City when they dismissed its docents and replaced them with what was believed to be a fleet of younger, more diverse "paid educators" in Fall 2021. But at no time did the museum attempt to deflect criticism with the truth behind their actions. The AIC might have once enjoyed a "freedom of the realm" with regard to issues of safety and security for their collection. But these gals were just too white.

But consensus on the street rejected how the secret actions of the institution were viewed by other institutions. Universities and colleges could smell the stench of the wokists at the Univ. of Chicago coming for them. And they knew what was to follow. Better to cut everyone off at the pass.

And all that abruptness and lack



Exterior view of the Portland Art Museum, Oregon.

Courtesy the Portland Art Museum, Oregon

of dialogue with docents made changes in museum procedures appear grossly unfair. Other institutions facing similar criticism because of issues of race according to wokist philosophical standards felt helpless. Grieved watching the termination of long-serving museum volunteers whose only failing was they were white.

If Jackie Kennedy were alive she would have nipped it in the bud.

Media coverage against the AIC was so intense that the museum hired extra security. As it should be. To quote from Bette Davis' finest role, "What a dump."

For many Chicagoans, the AIC isn't what it ever claimed to be.

The AIC appears to be dropping back to its role in 1893 when it was a provincial museum of limited abilities. Back then it was supposed to show the rest of the country successful Chicagoans purchase paintings. I, for one, feel the flatfoot of MOMA just about to squash the aesthetic heirs of Bertha Palmer. Can't you feel woke folk lining up to attack Edward Kemeys' metal lions, "On the prowl," and "Stands in an Attitude of Defiance," out on Michigan Ave.?

If you can't stop lying then you don't need to be pretending to have larger aesthetics than the rest of Chicago.

Now citing a need to diversify their force of volunteers, the Oakland Museum of California followed other museums and disbanded their volunteer corps in Dec. 2022. The jury is still out on how successful they have been. I don't feel the vibe from Oakland. Headline should read - "Stanford Grads Know Nothing about Nobody."

That is also true with museums in Birmingham, AL, and Denver,

CO, where volunteer programs have been changed to student paid guides from local colleges.

But one thing is becoming artistically clear. Art museums have become experts at obfuscating the truth. It is a very emotional set of policy issues. Long-serving, well-educated volunteers of refinement and polished artistic educations are dispensable when evaluated against the misguided institutional philosophy of wokism. Often hiding behind the financial muscle and reheated outdated political liberalism of the past century.

Museums in general are counting on the good manners and the stately bearing of their former volunteers to maintain a sense of public decorum over their treatment by second rate museum personnel who believe that only in the bending over backwards can their policies of the past attract non-whites as visitors, volunteers in the future, members and endowers.

Sadly this misguided set of institutional policy endeavors is not woking. Not if billionaire, and former benefactor, Ken Griffin is any judge. His dramatic financial support for the Palm Beach public art scene and quiet withdrawal of financial bamboozlement from the AIC is worthy of the Medici. And it becomes the ultimate judgement of the poor souls plotting around their espresso pots at the AIC and dreaming of the Uffizi.

We can't expect the nouveau politicians in Portland to truly understand the effects of their off-kilter

artistic policies. It's gonna rain there again today. And tomorrow. But someone there must own a television with the capacity to pick up Netflix signals from 16th century Florence. Surely they know wiping out the assemblage of docents was long the practice on scenic walks over the waters of the Arno.

Only instead of lying about diversity, they'd just pick you up and drop you in from the upper reaches

of the Ponte Vecchio.

Perhaps AIC President James Rondeau could just start refining his wokist goals for famous splash-downs from the Michigan Ave. Bridge, and take out a few more Vassar grads and Brown alum from his Board of Trustees who are just too white but never learned how to swim. We could use the chairs for watching more TV at the front

desk. I think that's the next goal on the PAM list for a rainy day.

Could someone just call Shirley Ryan? Wobbly geography is nearer than we think.

AULD LANG SYNE: For my nickles no one in town was a more flagrant and resourceful Chicagoan than my buddy **Shelley Howard**. We met over the phone when I misspelled his



Shelley Howard

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Sometimes a mass shooting or two is not enough to close a nightclub in Chicago, will this one be different?

STORY AND PHOTO BY CWBCHICAGO

Television news crews wandered about the sidewalk Oct. 9 near Blüm, the River North nightclub that the local alderman blamed for a mass shooting that left eight people injured on the street Oct. 8. Orange stickers on the club’s door and front window announced the “summary closure” of the business by Chicago Police Supt. Larry Snelling, who deemed the operation a public safety threat.

Whether that closure will become permanent remains to be seen. Businesses have the right to appeal summary closures, and the city has been reticent to force clubs to close down even after a mass shooting. Or two.

Ald. Brendan Reilly’s [42nd] frustration with the commissioner of business affairs and the city’s liquor commissioner boiled



Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] expressed his frustration with the commissioner of Business Affairs and the city’s Liquor commissioner after another mass shooting downtown, telling the city’s “bureaucrats” to “do their jobs, [and] stop catering to these bad actors and start revoking liquor licenses.”

over after the shooting. The alderman fired off a statement calling on city “bureaucrats” to “do their jobs, stop catering to these bad actors and start revoking liquor licenses.”

The mass shooting was the second this year and the third since

Sept. 2021 that officials have said was linked to Blüm or its previous incarnation as Clutch Bar. Despite those allegations, the club continued to operate.

But Blüm wasn’t singled out for

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State announces long list of new grant recipients

The state of Illinois on Oct. 6 let loose with \$156 million in Back to Business [B2B] grants to a who’s who list of restaurants, hotels and artists. The list of recipients was long and chocked-full of North Side centric arts, hotel and restaurant awardees.

Through the state’s B2B and Business Interruption Grant [BIG] Programs, Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity [DCEO] has provided more than \$535 million to more than 15,000 businesses since the start of the pandemic.

Chances are, the average North Side resident will know many of the grant recipients.

Eligible restaurants, hotels and arts businesses were eligible to

apply for \$175 million in available grant funding as part of our efforts to support ongoing recovery from the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdowns. All applicants received a grant as long as they meet eligibility requirements, and properly filled out the paperwork.

The list of winners was extensive. A total of 3,951 businesses were provided grant awards, including 72 hotels, 996 restaurants, and 2,235 artists and arts groups. The lists are much too long to publish here. The art grant list is 34-pages long, the restaurant grant list is 15-pages long and the hotel list is 12-pages.

B2B Arts and B2B Restaurants grant award amounts were de-

termined based on a percentage of revenue declines, and funding for the B2B Hotels awards was allocated based on the number of rooms. Grants had an average award amount of \$39,484, with different ranges of funding available depending on the business type. The grant program utilized American Rescue Plan Act funding and was designed to offset losses and support job retention in the industries hard-hit by the pandemic lockdown.

In order to determine who was to get the money, DCEO enlisted a network of approximately 100 community navigators to conduct outreach and provide technical

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Illinois Lottery virgin takes the \$1.765B plunge



by Don DeBat

The Home Front

In the movie “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” a greedy Indiana Jones snatched the solid-gold idol off of the pedestal in the cave. Then, all hell broke loose.

Indy, chased by a giant rolling 20-ton stone “power ball,” barely made it out of the cave to the jungle.

That’s the same greedy itch this “lotto virgin” felt last week while purchasing three Powerball tickets in the Illinois Lottery.

Unfortunately for me and millions of others, a player in California won the \$1.765 billion jackpot on Oct. 11. Winning numbers were: 22, 24, 40, 52, 64 and the Powerball 10. The victory ended a drought of 35 consecutive drawings without a big winner stretching back to July 19 when another player in California matched all six numbers and won \$1.08 billion. What are they smoking on the West Coast?

The biggest Powerball jackpot on record was worth \$2.04 billion and was won by a single ticket holder—of course, from California—on Nov. 7, 2022. The jackpot had rolled over for 40 straight drawings and the cash option was worth a whopping \$997 million.

Edwin Castro was revealed to be the \$2.04 billion winner when he recovered from shock and came forward three months after the drawing. The previous record

had been worth \$1.58 billion and was split between three ticket holders on Jan. 13, 2016.

There have been 405 Powerball winners nationwide since 2003. Here is a list by state of the number of winners: Indiana, 39; Missouri, 31; Minnesota, 22; Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, 19; Kentucky, and Louisiana, 18; Florida, 16; and California, 14. What about Illinois? Sorry. There were only two winners in two decades.

Like we needed another argument for moving to Indiana.

While managing a line of ticket buyers that snaked out of the door, the patient manager of the Northwest Side BP station literally had to explain to this rookie how the Powerball lottery works.

Powerball’s outrageous odds of 1 in 292.2 million are designed to generate a big jackpot, with prizes becoming ever larger as they repeatedly roll over when no one wins. In 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, a Powerball ticket costs \$2 and players can select their own numbers or leave that task to a computer.

Here are the options for the Powerball payout. The winner can take payment though an annuity, doled out over 30 years, or take the cash option, which last week was estimated as \$774.1 million. Half of that would go to Uncle Sam in federal income taxes.

With all those millions dancing in my head, I briefly held “lotto

court” in the ticket line on Oct. 9 at the BP service station at Peterson Ave. and Pulaski Rd. in the Sauganash neighborhood.

Why was I there? You could say that my Bohemian grandmother’s psychogypsy blood made me do it. This writer really sensed that the \$1.765 billion lotto jackpot was going to be won—last week. Why couldn’t my family be the lucky winners?

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“You can multiply your non-jackpot winnings by adding an additional ‘Power Play,’ or ‘multiplier’ number, for an extra \$1 per game,” he said. So, the play amounted to \$2 for each ticket plus \$1 for the Power Play—three tickets cost \$9.

Sensing ticket-buying angst in the shop, this novice gambler apologized to the crowd, and announced: “I’m a lottery virgin!” Everyone laughed. A middle-aged Asian woman winked at me. One young man cracked up and walked out the door without his ticket. The BP manager chased after him. Non-gamblers just stood there bug-eyed waiting to pay for gasoline, soda pop and potato chips.

My clairvoyant wife and I have been talking about the billion-dollar lottery for weeks. Believe it or not, we both are “lottery virgins” despite our ages. I’m a



Still got to work that eight-hour day, whether you like that job or not. Keep your day job.

World War II baby, and the blond is a 1960s Baby Boomer.

My late father-in-law, Herbert L. Benson, Jr.—a self-made oil man and World War II veteran from South Carolina—may have been the thriftiest man on the planet. My wife inherited that trait.

On the other hand, my cab-driver father, the late Chester Louis DeBat, picked the long-shot winner of the Kentucky Derby in 1921, won money, and never missed a chance to bet on a big thoroughbred-horse race at Arlington Park when he moved to Chicago.

Then, there were those 1950s “crap games” when dice were flying in the back corner of the Checker cab garage near North Park and North avenues in Old Town. There also were jackpot-poker games on pay days in the back room at Tony Gula’s nearby

grocery store. When my mother complained about evaporating mortgage payments, Dad said: “I’m just trying to get even. Then, I’ll quit.”

So, with a Powerball win, what was on our billion-dollar bucket wish list? Here are a few luxury dreams that every Chicagoan likely may share:

- Pay off all of our extended family’s real estate mortgages, totaling nearly \$3 million.
- Take the entire family on a first-class \$200,000 trip around the world, or a flight into Outer or Deep Space.
- Set up a \$100,000 college fund for each of our

grandchildren.

- Pay cash for a half-dozen new \$100,000 Cadillac Escalades. Four cars are for our children. Two flame-red ones are for our greedy selves.
- Donate \$100 million to the city of Chicago to build a neighborhood of “tiny houses” for 20,000 homeless people and immigrants on the long-vacant 415-acre U.S. Steel’s “South Works” site at 91st St. and S. Lake Shore Dr.
- Build a custom-community home on the Gold Coast for women in the arts: music, painting and drama—a recreation of what once was the mission of the Three Arts Club, founded by Jane Addams, and 31 other women.

For more information on some of Powerball’s largest prize winners—including a state-by-state breakdown of where each jackpot-winning ticket was purchased—visit: www.powerball.net/winners.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

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assistance, as well as industry-specific navigators for restaurants, hotels and arts.

Grant Distribution data:

A total of 3,951 businesses were provided grant awards. Businesses received an average grant amount of \$39,484 with the following median awards amounts broken out by sector:

- Hotels: \$62,458
 - Restaurants: \$50,000
 - Arts: \$5,000
- Approximately 85% of recipients did not receive any prior B2B or BIG relief. The average revenue declines between 2019-2020:
- Hotels: As outlined in statute, revenue decline was not a factor for evaluating hotel awards.
 - Restaurants: 28%
 - Arts: 44%
- | Funding Industry: | Distributed | Per |
|-------------------|----------------|-----|
| Hotels: | \$70.4 million | |
| Restaurants: | \$37.9 million | |
| Arts: | \$47.7 million | |

Lincoln Roscoe beer stroll Oct. 21

The craft beers will be pouring during the Lincoln Roscoe beer stroll 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21, as businesses along Lincoln Ave. and Roscoe St. transform into tasting destinations.

This Halloween-themed ticketed event includes beer samples from local breweries at popular local shops. This event features three routes, with over 20 local businesses participating and different types of craft beer to try at every stop on each route.

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Property tax bills will soon be due, are you getting all your exemptions?

BY MARIA PAPPAS

If you own a home or other real estate in Cook County, chances are you will have a property tax bill due soon.

Property taxes in Illinois are billed in two installments yearly. For the 2022 tax year, First Installment bills were mailed at the beginning of March and were due April 3.

Second Installment bills are expected to be available Oct. 17 to be viewed, downloaded and paid at cookcountytreasurer.com. The bills will be mailed on or about Nov. 1 and are due Dec. 1.

To pay online, visit the website and click on the blue "Pay Online for Free" box on the home page. Enter your address or Property Index Number (PIN) and follow the steps to pay electronically.

You can also pay your property

taxes at any Chase Bank location, at more than 100 community bank branches where you have an account or at the Treasurer's Office on the first floor of the County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago.

Paying taxes on time saves money by avoiding interest charges on late, or delinquent, tax bills. For many years my office has accepted partial payments. Many homeowners struggle to come up with two lump sum payments every year. People with home loans typically avoid this by paying monthly installments toward their tax bills as part of their mortgage payments, called paying by escrow.

Those without mortgage escrows can make partial payments toward their tax bills at any time. Taxpayers who make partial payments can search their address or

PIN at cookcountytreasurer.com and learn the remaining balance they owe.

The property tax system is complex and can be confusing.



Maria Pappas

Most property owners are entitled to tax breaks called exemptions. I talk to people all the time who tell me they didn't know about exemptions or that they had to apply for them.

The Homeowner Exemption is the most common. People who live in a home that is their primary residence qualify for this

tax break. Once they apply and receive the Homeowner Exemption, it automatically renews each year.

Another common tax break is the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption. People qualify the year after they turn 65, since payments you make at a due date cover taxes billed for the previous calendar year.

Older taxpayers may also be entitled to the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption. Senior citizens whose total household income is \$65,000 a year or less qualify for this exemption, which requires an application every year.

Other types of exemptions benefit veterans and people with disabilities. To learn more about exemptions, visit cookcountytreasurer.com.

"Redefine The Drive" unveils revamped website for constituents

BY MATT MEDINA

The N. Lake Shore Dr. [NLSD] project team recently released their updated website, attempting to make their "Redefine the Drive" [RTD] initiatives more accessible for Chicago residents.

RTD is a study-based initiative that is being conducted by the Illinois and Chicago departments of Transportation. The study focuses on the stretch of NLSD

between Grand and Hollywood avenues. Much of RTDs proposed developments aim to incorporate additional green space, improved traffic lanes/corridors, revetment walls, expanded beaches, and off-shore breakwaters.

RTD uses "phase studies" to conduct research to make recommendations to communities on potential improvements to NLSD, which was first developed in the 1930s. The lakefront is used by

100,000 vehicles, 69,000 CTA riders, and 31,000 trail users on an average weekend.

The new website was updated in recent weeks, to enhance the "user experience." The biggest improvements include a new navigation menu, including a search bar for users to search projects and information that the planners think is much more transparent. The new "blog system" allows users to see the timeline of proj-

ect plan links according to most recent neighborhood community meetings, designs, and study screenings.

"Study Spotlights" gives users another way to see project updates on NLSD, including proposed alternatives that were considered or dismissed, as well as transportation modeling.

Ultimately, giving more data

WEBSITE see p. 9

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Police Beat...

Cops seek two men who robbed group of women in Lakeview



Chicago police released these surveillance images of two men suspected of robbing a group of women at gunpoint in Lakeview.

Chicago police detectives released surveillance images on Oct. 12 of two men suspected of robbing a group of women in Lakeview.

The women, all 23 years old, were in the 3400 block of N. Bosworth when two robbers approached them from behind at 9:28 p.m. on Sept. 29, police said.

After pushing the women to the ground, the robbers held the victims at gunpoint and took their property, according to CPD.

We reported the following day that investigators believed the robbers jumped the turnstile at the Southport Brown Line CTA station and escaped on a train.

That hunch apparently panned out, as the surveillance images police released today were taken at the station.

Detectives noted the “New York” sweatshirt one robber wore and the unusual design displayed on the back of the other robber’s hoodie.

Anyone with information about the men can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding case number JG-444300.

Man charged with starting fire inside Loop Target store



Mugshot of Ronald Langley and a screengrab of the fire.

Courtesy Chicago Police Dept.

Prosecutors have charged a Decatur man with starting a fire in the bedding department of a Target store in downtown Chicago. Ronald Langley, 36, will be jailed to await trial after Judge Charles Beach found him to be a threat to public safety on Tuesday afternoon.

Officials said that Langley entered the store at 1 S. State Street around 7 p.m. Sept. 28 and made his way to the second floor. He grabbed a can of WD40 and then used it to set a blanket on fire on a display shelf, according to allegations made in court filings. No injuries were reported.

The judge’s detention order said Langley admitted to the crime, which the store’s surveillance cameras recorded.

Police arrested Langley at a different Target store last week. A loss prevention officer at the company’s 1154 S. Clark St. location called 911 upon recognizing Langley in his store on Oct. 8, according to a CPD arrest report.

The security officer directed cops to Langley, who was still in the store.

Langley has no previous criminal cases in Cook County court records, but the judge’s detention notes said he has “multiple prior offenses.”

Migrant got arrested on his first day in Chicago

A Venezuelan migrant living at the Near North 18th District Police station managed to get arrested on his first day in Chicago, according to a CPD report documenting the incident.



Angel Alberto Tarra-Gic

he saw Angel Alberto Tarra-Gic, 20, standing in the middle of the street and refusing to move.

Noting the area “has seen an increase of narcotics solicitation,” the sergeant got out of his car to see what Tarra-Gic was up to, the report continued.

Tarra-Gic clenched an “unknown blue object” in his hand and ran, causing drivers to swerve and stop to avoid hitting him, but was quickly apprehended, according to the report.

It said Tarra-Gic told officers he “arrived in the city yesterday from El Paso.”

Cops never found the blue object he allegedly clenched in his hand, but they did charge him with reckless conduct.

Lincoln Park carjacker in custody, but robbery crew claims 11 victims in 40 minutes

A suspect is in custody after a Lincoln Park man was carjacked Oct. 10, Chicago police say. But armed robbery crews continue to plague West Town neighborhoods, where 11 people were robbed in about 45 minutes on Oct. 10.

In Lincoln Park, police said a gunman confronted a 31-year-old man as the victim stepped out of a black 2021 Audi in the 2200 block of N. Seminary around 6:52 p.m.

The robber took the victim’s property and drove away with the Audi.

But he picked a bad night to go carjacking because a law enforcement task force comprised of a high-tech federal helicopter, an Illinois State Police airplane, and a dedicated team of ground units was operating in the city.

The task force located and tracked the Audi and arrested its driver near 47th Street and Martin Luther King Dr. Charges were pending.

“Major assist on this one from IL State Police, who used their pursuit capability to follow these fleeing, violent armed robbers down the Dan Ryan,” Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] tweeted Oct. 10.

Within minutes of the Lincoln Park carjacking, another robbery spree unfolded in West Town, where robbery reports are up 43% from last year and up 107% versus 2019, according to the city.

The crimes began just before 7 p.m. when a masked gunman robbed a woman of her purse in the 800 block of N. Hoyne. A similar holdup quickly followed that in the 900 block of N. Winchester.

Another woman was robbed shortly after 7 p.m. near Elizabeth and Fry.

A 25-year-old man was robbed as he stood outside his car at a carwash in the 2300 block of W. Grand at 7:12 p.m., according to police.

CPD reports show that two armed men jumped out of a black SUV and robbed a woman at Huron and Campbell at about 7:15 p.m.

Similar crimes occurred in the 1400 block of W. Division, the 800 block of N. Fairfield, and the 1500 block of W. Erie.

Four armed men put guns to a man’s head near Wabansia and Rockwell during a robbery. Again, they arrived and departed in a dark-colored SUV.

More robberies were reported in the 1500 block of West Erie, the 600

Man accused of stalking JB Pritzker, throwing rocks at his mansion released on electronic monitoring

On Oct. 10, a Cook County judge rejected a prosecutor’s request to have a man who allegedly stalked and threw rocks at the home of Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker jailed as a safety threat. Judge William Fahy decided that the public’s safety could be assured by releasing Adam Dabash, 38, on electronic monitoring instead, according to court records.

Assistant State’s Attorney Anne McCord Rodgers told Fahy that surveillance video showed Dabash walking outside the governor’s home in the 1400 block of N. Astor at 9:45 a.m. Oct. 9. Dabash allegedly stopped twice to throw baseball-sized rocks at the mansion’s windows, then returned to throw another rock at the windows. She said three of the governor’s windows were damaged, with one rock recovered from inside the mansion and two found outside. Rodgers estimated the governor’s

block of North Rockwell, and the 1300 block of West Erie.

By 7:35, it was over. Eleven robberies. About one every four minutes.

Man was shot during robbery in River North last month, prosecutors say, but Chicago police never told public about it

A man was shot during a robbery in River North last month, prosecutors say, but the Chicago Police Dept. never told the public about it. After discovering the details in court filings, we started digging. Here’s what we found.



Eric Purdis

Purdis was shot while he and another victim were robbed outside a convenience store in the 400 block of N. State.

As it turned out, a 29-year-old man did get shot, but he left the scene. Officers and paramedics found him after receiving a 911 call about a man with a gunshot wound to the leg in the 1500 block of W. 80th Place about two hours later.

Prosecutors now say the man was shot while he and another victim were robbed outside a convenience store in the 400 block of N. State.

They were standing outside the store when Eric Purdis, 31, and two men who remain at large engaged them in a conversation, prosecutors said in a court filing.

Purdis and one accomplice walked away. But Purdis stopped, adjusted his waistband, and walked back toward the victims while brandishing a firearm, according to the prosecutor’s pretrial detention motion.

Officials said that Purdis took the 29-year-old’s iPhone, watch, and jewelry and took a phone from the second victim.

At that point, one of the other robbers fired a gun, striking the 29-year-old in the right thigh. Purdis also fired shots toward both victims but missed, according to the filing.

Chicago police arrested Purdis on Sept. 30 after they responded to calls about 10 people drinking, smoking, and making noise outside a hotel near State and Hubbard, according to Purdis’ arrest report.

An officer recognized Purdis as one of the robbers, and cops arrested him as he walked away from the disturbance.

Purdis was carrying a digital scale in his pocket along with a baggie of suspected crack cocaine, according to the arrest report, which claimed Purdis was a member of the Gangster Disciples street gang.



(L) Mugshot Adam Dabash. Image courtesy Illinois State Police. (R) Gov. JB Pritzker.

losses at \$7,900.

Pritzker and “several other individuals” were inside his home at the time of the incident, but no injuries were reported.

Chicago police responded to assist Illinois State Police troopers at the scene. Officers located Dabash about ten minutes later in the 1200 block of N. Clark St., a CPD arrest report said. The report listed his home address in Villa Park.

He’s charged with armed robbery with a firearm and possession of a controlled substance. Judge William Fahy granted the state’s request to detain him before trial as a safety threat.

Purdus was acquitted of armed robbery charges after a bench trial before Judge William Hooks in Feb. 2022, according to court records.

His previous felony convictions include being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2015, possessing a stolen motor vehicle in 2013, and possessing a controlled substance in 2012, the court records show.

Four of the 23 people shot in River North this year were shot during robberies.

Five days before the robbery Purdis is charged with, a 50-year-old man was shot when he failed to comply with an armed robber on Hubbard St., just west of State St.

Police said the robber confronted the victim, who was walking on Hubbard St., and demanded his valuables. Instead, the victim began fighting with the offender.

During the struggle, the victim “heard shots and felt pain and sustained a gunshot wound to the left buttock,” a CPD media statement said.

Someone drove him to MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn for treatment, according to police.

On February 12, two people were shot during a robbery in a parking lot in the 300 block of W. Ontario.

More than 15 shell casings were found in the area after a gunman opened fire. A 46-year-old man was struck in the shoulder, and police said a man in his 20s was shot in the abdomen.

No arrests have been announced in either of those cases.

Loop bank robber busted after cops find him walking barefoot with \$5,400 cash in his pockets

A man faces federal bank robbery charges after he was allegedly found walking barefoot in the Loop along the same path being taken by a GPS tracker buried in the bank’s stolen cash, according to an FBI agent’s criminal complaint.

The robber walked up to a counter at U.S. Bank at 25 E. Washington around 2 p.m. Oct. 5, and handed the teller a folded piece of paper, the complaint said.

When the teller asked the man if he wanted to make a withdrawal, he told them to read the note, which said, “I NEED \$8,000 NOW! Hand it to me.”

Once again, the teller asked if he wanted to make a withdrawal but realized the bank was being robbed after the man pointed to the note again, said the complaint.

The teller handed the man two bricks of \$20 bills, one of which con-

According to Rodgers, investigators determined that Dabash also tossed notes over the governor’s fence on August 26 and August 28. She said his face is visible on surveillance video from both days, and his name was written on both notes. No other details about the content of those notes were included in a copy of the written proffer provided by the Cook County state’s attorney’s office.

Dabash destroyed the mattress in his police holding cell and told officers at the police station that Illinois has a “m****r f****r for a governor.”

He’s charged with two counts of felony stalking, felony criminal damage to property, and misdemeanor criminal damage to property. Rodgers said he has no criminal background.

tained a GPS tracker, and some loose cash.

Chicago police officers followed the tracker’s movements through Millennium Park and eventually spotted Deion Nantwi strolling barefoot in the 300 block of S. Columbus. The cops stopped Nantwi because he resembled the robber’s description, except he wasn’t wearing shoes and he wore a black hoodie instead of the robber’s gray one, the complaint said.

Officers found two stacks of \$20 bills, the GPS tracker, and assorted cash totaling \$5,400 in his pants pocket, according to the FBI agent’s report.

Investigators traced the GPS tracker’s path and found a gray sweatshirt and the robber’s distinctive sneakers lying on a curb.

North Side garage burglars caught on camera

Two residential garage burglars were caught on camera in Edgewater recently, and one of their victims believes they’re the same prowlers that Chicago police recently warned



North Side homeowners about.

CPD issued a community alert Sunday to warn residents about two men who have been burglarizing garages from Lincoln Park to North Center.

The alert said that the pair entered garages through

side doors and took property from inside the garages and vehicles parked within them.

It described the suspects as one Hispanic man and one Black man wearing black ski masks, gray sweat-shirts, and gloves.

One of our readers thought that description sounded familiar when he read our story. It sounded just like the two guys who burglarized his garage in Edgewater around 2 a.m. Sept. 28.

He sent videos showing the men strolling up and down the alley, ducking between buildings, and emerging with things in their hands. The footage also shows a vehicle that the men used.

In one clip, they stop walking within range of a security camera so one guy can tuck something into the other guy’s backpack. You can get a pretty good look at their faces during those moments.

Police advise residents to keep

Carjackings reported

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are investigating several carjackings that have been reported recently. They include one where three masked men car-jacked a driver of his BMW at the intersection of Chicago and Ashland around 1:50 a.m. Oct. 15. The group exited a black Chevy Impala, threatened the driver with guns, and drove away with his car.

At 6:40 a.m. Oct. 15, two armed men car-jacked a woman at the Shell service station, 2801 N. Ashland. The woman was on her way to work when the men took her cream-colored 2011 Infinity G37X at gunpoint, according to a CPD report. It described the

hijackers as Black men between 20 and 25 years old who weighed 125 to 150 pounds. They wore ski masks and dark clothing.

In the Loop, two armed men walked up behind a woman in the Target parking garage, 1154 S. Clark, around 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. They robbed her and drove away with her Black Volvo, a CPD report said. They were described as Black men between 17 and 25 years old who stood 6 feet to 6'-5" tall. One wore a surgical mask with a black jacket, and the other wore a mask with a gray hoodie pulled over his head, according to initial information from the scene.

Two men robbed and burglarized Loop stores almost weekly since August

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police have arrested two men for allegedly committing a string of robberies and burglaries at two stores in the Loop.

Tim Jones, 43, and Cody Lloyd, 31, were in court for detention hearings on Oct. 13.

The men are accused of stealing liquor and cigarettes from Walgreens, 200 W. Adams, and 7-Eleven, 191 W. Adams, repeatedly since Aug. 8, according to a CPD charging statement and police reports.

Last week, Chicago police issued a community alert about the incidents. In it, Area Three detectives said each of the crimes involved two men.

During one robbery, an offender implied he had a gun. During another, an offender displayed a knife and threatened to stab a



Mugshots of Tim Jones (L) and Cody Lloyd (R).

store employee. And the suspects sprayed mace on store employees during two of the crimes, the alert said.

The Walgreens was targeted on Aug. 8 at 11:35 p.m.; Aug. 14 at 5:38 a.m.; Aug. 20 at 12:30 p.m.; Aug. 30 at 6:45 a.m.; and Sept. 11 at 11:30 p.m., according to a CPD media statement.

Three more incidents occurred at the 7-Eleven: on Sept. 16 at 12:15 a.m.; on Sept. 26 at 1 a.m.; and on Oct. 4 at 4:31 a.m.

Police said weapons were used during the two most recent robberies at the convenience store.

Jones is charged with three counts of armed robbery, four counts of burglary, and one count of felony retail theft. Lloyd is charged with three counts of armed robbery and four counts of burglary.



Noah Sidney (inset) and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter similar to the one used by the Chicago hijacking task force. Images courtesy Cook County sheriff's office; U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Federal helicopter, AirTags helped snare Lincoln Park carjacker

BY CWBCHICAGO

A federal helicopter crew teamed up with Illinois State Police troopers, Chicago police, and two Apple AirTags to lasso a hijacker who took a man's car at gunpoint in Lincoln Park last week, officials say.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered 18-year-old Noah Sidney held in custody as a public safety threat during a detention hearing on Oct. 12.

The carjacking occurred shortly before 7 p.m. Oct. 10 as a 31-year-old man unloaded groceries from his Audi Q3 in the 2200 block of N. Seminary, according to Sidney's arrest report.

The report said Sidney walked up to the victim, displayed a pistol, and forced him to turn over his keys, wallet, and phone. The victim complied, and Sidney drove away with his car.

But a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force was working in Chicago that night, including a high-tech helicopter operated by U.S. Customs and Border

Protection.

After the victim told Chicago cops that two AirTags were in his hijacked car, the police started tracking the devices and shared their location with the helicopter, the CPD report said.

The helicopter located the Audi a few minutes later and began radioing "step-by-step location updates" to ground units, according to the report.

When the Audi parked in the 4700 block of S. Martin Luther King Dr., an Illinois State Police trooper moved in and chased Sidney down, the report continued.

The police returned the Audi to its owner.

Rumors circulated on social media that the hijacking victim had been abducted and forced to withdraw money from an ATM, but no such allegations were made in court records or CPD's reports.

Sidney is charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, armed robbery with a firearm, and misdemeanor resisting police.



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name the first time it was in my column. It was actually a typo. But from the get-go his vigilance and self-awareness told me he was a real Chicagoan. A true Old Town citizen. And a fan of correct spelling. He delighted in my bestowal of an honorary title on him, "da mayor." I knew it lifted his heart. Shelley died in his sleep Saturday night. Chicago will never be the same.

FAME: Illinois Dept. on Aging announced some new members to their Hall of Fame, including **Hilda E. Frontany**, a longtime community activist whose family first lived in the Water Hotel when they arrived in Chicago from Puerto Rico. In the late 1960s and 1970s, she devoted her work to addressing the housing crisis that was displacing Latinos and low-income residents from Lakeview. As a member of the Lakeview Citizens Council, Frontany provided a public voice for Latinos and helped support homeowners.

Frontany has worked to protect the rights of immigrant communities. She also advocated for the appointment of Chicago's first Latino police superintendent, **Matt L. Rodriguez**, in 1993.

She is Chair Emeritus of Rincon Family Services, originally one of the first Latino-focused substance use treatment centers, the non-profit organization now serving individuals and families.

REAL FOOD GLORY: The debut cookbook from Chef **Jason Hammel**, showcasing the seasonal food and arty vibe of his iconic Chicago restaurant, Lula Cafe, has debuted, published by Phaidon. This book is the story of 20 years of cooking, love, friendship, and community told through food, with each recipe taking a particular moment in time as its inspiration.

VERY SADLY: Wicker Park's longtime neighborhood staple Mirai Sushi is no more, shuttered after 24 years, at 2020 W. Division St.

SKETCH: To mark its fifth anniversary season, Wrightwood 659 presents Tadao Ando: Spontaneous Sketches, an exhibition of seven drawings by the Pritzker Prize-winning architect of Wrightwood 659, **Tadao Ando**. In 2018, Ando sketched directly on the walls during the inaugural exhibition at the museum, and the drawings have now been carefully preserved and framed, and were unveiled this week.

DANCE: The Chicago Dance History Project, which preserves histories of the Chicago dance community, announces its new executive director, **Michael McStraw**, who recently stepped down from the executive leadership of Giordano Dance Chicago after 13 years. While at Giordano he tripled

its budget size, built up financial reserves and assets, and successfully weathered the government-imposed pandemic lockdown. He also served as executive director of the Jazz Dance World Congress, and serves as a trustee for the Harris Theater for Music and Dance board of directors.

FORTY UNDER 40: Bravo to Loyola Law Graduate **Matthew Tully** of Tully & Associates being named to "40 Under Forty" by the Chicago Lawyer and the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. Tully's peers say that he is one of the most professional, hardworking, and dedicated legal talents in the Chicago area. Congrats Ma and Pa Tully.

HISTORIC FASHION: Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum, President's Circle Award Luncheon honored noted fashion designer **Christiano Siriano**. **Pam Santoro Capitanini** outdid herself. **Amy Anderson** wore a Siriano and **Sherry Lea Fox** wore

Peach Carr.

HAPPY REUNION: Chicago's **Dr. Rose Gomez** hosting Chicago friends in Berlin at a superb lunch at the Ritz. **Lilli Fetsch-Wenzel** and Gomez from Chicago and Switzerland, **Dr. Sharon Cottrell**, dentist from Lake Forest, **Mimi** and **Elizabeth Pezzuto** from

Dune Acres, IN.

SIZZLIN': **Chilli Pepper** surrounded by friends for birthday magic with columnist **Candace Jordan**, Treasurer **Maria Pappas**, swanky gents **Frank N. Jeffrey** and **Todd Hatoff**.

ELEPHANTS: **Bonnie Spurlock** on the path to save the elephants. **Virginia Follmer-Stafman** hosted a table and invited **Michele Mistovich** to be a table guest. **Lori Miller Souder** brought the people who are leading the path around the world.

PEANUTS & CRACKER JACKS: **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** catching the last White Sox game of the season with team owner **Mickey Norton**, sporting her new gift of a matching bracelet from her baseball hostess.

WHO'S WHERE: His "soon-to-be" Honor, **Dan Balanoff**, all sweated-up near the ice at the Blackhawk game with his Zamboni doubled parked... Chicago reunion for **Karin Carlson** and **Meeghan Griffin Kenney**... **Liz Teasley** photoed fashionably in front of Neiman's... **Sherrill Bodine** celebrating a birthday with majesty all over town... **Patricia Bidwill** still riding desert sands on camelback in Egypt... **Tim Egan** in autumnal Dublin, no less... **BJ Murray** back in Times Square... my pal **Candace Jordan** out-scooping everyone with her historic and touching photo with CSO Maestro **Riccardo Muti** at the symphony opening bash... **Peggy Snorf** winging her way to



Michael McStraw. Photo by Todd Rosenberg



Matthew Tully



Jason Hammel



Kathy Wolter Mondelli with Mickey Norton.



Chilli Pepper



Karin Carlson and Meeghan Griffin Kenny.



Riccardo Muti and Candace Jordan.



Tadao Ando



Dan Kirk, former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and Tom O'Reilly.



Sherrill Bodine



Dr. Rose Gomez, Lilli Fetsch-Wenzel, Dr. Sharon Cottrell, Mimi and Elizabeth Pezzuto.

Paris and Florence... Politico **Dan Kirk** in Miami Beach meeting with former US Rep. **Gabby Giffords** and **Tom O'Reilly** about Giffords' foundation struggle to end gun violence... **Jolanta Ruege** in Lake Forest at the Deerpath Inn... **Paul R Iacono** making breast cancer awareness a priority along the lights of Oak St... Gentleman's gentleman **Rodger Owen** made a member of the Merchandise Mart Hall of Fame and now inducted into the Lake Forest Academy Hall of Fame... **Sherrill Bodine**, **Denise Tomasello**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Julia Jacobs** and **Ireen Mohica** all moving with the dance, Giordano Dance... Cook County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** getting a twirl with "Salerno Cookie" **Mohica**... **Jay Barksdale**, **da Mayor**, **Fernando Asturizaga**, **Dennis Donn** and **Jim Coston** at Gibsons pre-deep-freeze dinner.

PORCHLIGHT MUSIC: Porchlight Young Professionals are holding a fall fundraiser, Broadway Open Mic, a live

karaoke special event, Friday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. at The Understudy Coffee and Books, 5531 N. Clark St. Tickets are \$30, (entry to event and one song ticket) or \$25 (entry to event). Guests may also pay \$5 to sing a song or to nominate a friend to sing or pay \$10 to get out of singing when nominated to sing!

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North Branch Works to honor small and industrial businesses at Fall Fest



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The North Side industrial support group North Branch Works [NBW] is honoring some of their community during their biggest party and fundraiser 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 19.

During an evening of drinks, gourmet food, fun and networking their Fall Fest will be held in Sterling Bay's new life sciences building located at 1229 W. Con-

cord Place.

The site provides breathtaking views of downtown and the Chicago River. NBW serves over 700 businesses along the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Those who would like to attend the event may call 773-929-5552 x2226 or write to steve@northbranchworks.org.

At the event they will be

recognizing some of the North Branch's biggest champions whose businesses have helped make the North Branch a great place to work and own a business. They include Grandmaster Kwang Hyun of Hyun's Hapkido & Tae Kwon Do School, who will be named Small Business of the Year – 2023.

Anne Wilson, President, Bigane Paving Company, is being named Industrial Business of the Year – 2023, while Bob Doepel, Chairman, Chicago Scenic Studios will receive the Donna Ducharme Leadership Award for Outstanding Service to the North Branch Community – 2023.

The program will also include remarks from aldermen Scott Waguespack [32nd], and Walter Burnett [27th], and city Commissioner Ken Meyer.

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their properties well-lit and secure their garages.

The community alert linked six burglaries to the pair, but there are undoubtedly more. Officially, though, police said the duo burglarized garages in: the 2500 block of N. Racine 5 a.m. Oct. 2; the 4100 block of N. Hermitage 1 a.m. Oct. 3; the 4200 block of N. Wolcott 1:48 a.m. Oct. 3; the 2400 block of W. Cullom 8 a.m. Oct. 3; the 1200 block of W. Nelson on Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m., and the 1500 block of W. Oakdale on Oct. 7 at 1:30 a.m. and 1:38 a.m.

Tips can be shared with detectives at 312-744-8263. Refer to crime pattern #P23-3-078.

Cellular store employees zip-tied, robbed downtown

Armed robbers restrained employees of a downtown cellular store and got away with over \$50,000 worth of iPhones on Oct. 14, according to a preliminary Chicago police report.

Police arrested a man Oct. 13 after another cellular store was robbed in Lincoln Square, but his accomplice escaped from cops with a pair of handcuffs dangling from his wrist.

Saturday's robbery occurred at T-Mobile, 600 W. Roosevelt, shortly after 10 a.m.

Two men armed with at least one gun entered the store and restrained the employees with zip ties. They took phones and cash from the store's safe and escaped in a black Jeep Compass that was last seen heading west on Roosevelt Rd.

An officer at the scene said the rob-

bers were two Black men wearing ski masks, one about 5'-6" tall and the other about 6'-2" tall. Both were about 20 years old.

In Lincoln Square, two men robbed the Verizon store, 4752 N. Lincoln, around 12:30 p.m. Oct. 13. After getting phones from the store, they escaped on an inbound Brown Line train from the Western station.

Chicago cops followed GPS trackers inside the phones to intercept the train at Belmont. Officers arrested one man there and recovered items stolen from the store, police said.

But the second offender broke away from officers as they tried to arrest him. Witnesses said he jumped onto the roof of a building west of the Brown Line tracks, hopped onto a dumpster, and ran north on Sheffield Ave.

He was described as Black, heavy-set, 5'-6" to 5'-9" tall, with handcuffs on one wrist. He had long dreadlocks and wore a gray and brown top with red stripes, police at the scene reported.

Charges were pending.

CPD warned cellular stores late last month about armed robbers who had targeted businesses in Lincoln Park and Roscoe Village. Some of those stores' employees were also zip-tied.

Police said the robbers walked into the stores and asked about phones until customers left. Once they were alone with the employees, the robbers pulled out handguns and forced the workers to retrieve Apple products from the store's safe.

The alert described the suspects as two Black men between 20 and 30 years old who wore black hoodies,

black pants, and surgical or ski masks.

One of the Roscoe Village robbers had a cross-shaped tattoo between his eyes, and the other had a large gap between his front teeth, according to an officer who responded to the store's 911 call.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding crime pattern #P23-3-076.

Uptown man charged with murder

Mandela Matthews, 33, of the 4400 block of N. Magnolia Ave. in Uptown, has been charged with one felony count – Murder - First Degree during a court Detention Hearing Oct. 12.

Matthews was arrested by members of the Chicago Police Dept. on Oct. 10, in the 800 block of W. Addison St. He was identified as the offender who, on July 8, at approximately 9:45 p.m., fatally shot a 40-year-old male victim in the 1600 block of N. Parkside Ave. Matthews was placed into custody and charged.

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Senior center hosts talk on 'scams'

The Northeast Levy Senior Center in Lincoln Square will be holding their next meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 25th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Michelle Weinberg, Supervisory Attorney in the Consumer Practice Group at Legal Aid Chicago, will be the guest speaker, presenting on "Avoiding Fraud & Scams." In addition, additional updates from

community members and organizations will be shared.

The Zoom link is: <https://us02-web.zoom.us/j/86567356664?pwd=Y211WkU0ZjcxNUJCTjNxaU1lWkdZz09>

The meeting ID is 865 6735 6664, and passcode 818524. To phone into the meeting call 312-626-6799 and use the same meeting pass and ID.

It's peak time of year for crashes involving deer

Fall in Illinois includes the arrival of deer mating season.

Illinois officials are reminding motorists to be alert for deer, which are entering their peak active season, especially at dawn and dusk now through December.

While a drivers' natural instinct is to steer quickly out of the way when you see a deer, remember to not veer suddenly because you

could lose control of your vehicle and swerve into another lane or off the road. Always prepare for the unexpected. A deer might stop in the middle of the road or double back. They also frequently travel in groups so when you see one there likely are others nearby.

In 2022, there were 14,524 crashes involving deer in Illinois. Of those, 13,892 resulted in damage to property or vehicles, while 629 caused injuries. Four of the crashes resulted in fatalities.

Letter to the Editor

No fighting

The sort of nasty bar fights (are there any good bar fights ever?) making recent news in these pages ("At least seven shot during street brawl in River North" - Oct. 11) have yet to address the crucial underlying question:

Have we followed the money?

The Green Dolphin on Wester and Ashland was one of the better-known names fomenting disturbances and worse; it also took too much time to shutter.

Who keeps putting up the money for this type of establishment? Who's getting the receipts — and maybe cooking the books? Who bails out the bad actors? Are there repeat players behind the scenes, and why aren't they in the spotlight too?

Until we get down to the real nitty-gritty, we'll have no satisfaction, and no dirt to dish on anyone but the usual small fish!

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and reasoning for the project goals that RTD aims for as a whole.

RTD plans to hold their next public community meeting in early spring of 2024, where "Level 3" Screening plans and input will be taken into consideration.

Access and Experience at the Lakefront Survey and Public Life Study results are also set to be released during that time, with concept and design plans based on the feedback from constituents. RTD held their last public meeting in May of 2023.

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special treatment. Just last year, Loop residents blamed two mass shootings on patrons of a single bar in the Loop. But it continued to operate until, prosecutors say, its doorman shot and killed one of the bouncers.

River North problems

On a sunny evening in mid-June, dozens of shots were fired during a shocking ambush that left a man critically injured in the 300 block of W. Erie.

Surveillance video showed the victim walking on the sidewalk when a group of gunmen emerged from a parked car and began shooting at him. He fell, got up, and ran down the street. One of the gunmen chased him down the block, firing rounds at the victim until he fell to the ground.

Reilly, the alderman, linked that crime to Blüm, which is located on the same block.

“Based on preliminary findings, the victim of the shooting was a patron of Blüm [nightclub],

and the shooter(s) came downtown to seek him out,” Ald. Reilly wrote in a letter to neighbors.

“I have asked the local police commander and liquor commissioner to investigate the nightclub Blüm and, if witness reports are substantiated, initiate the license revocation process to shut them down,” he continued.

The club continued to operate until Sunday.

“It should not require a mass shooting to result in the closure of a problem nightclub,” said Reilly. “River North residents and I have been sounding the alarm to the city about Blüm for years – yet the city has done nothing to discipline the club.”

“How many more people need to get shot before the city steps up to the plate and starts shutting down these bad operators? Downtown residents should not be forced to suffer because city bureaucrats refuse to do their jobs.”

In fact, a mass shooting or two may not be enough for the city to close a business permanently.

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

Wells St. shootings

Of the 38 people shot in the Loop last year, a number that eclipses any other year since at least 2001, 11 of them were shot in the 400 block of S. Wells. And three more were shot a block over in the 400 block of S. Clark.

The shootings began early on May 3.

Two gunmen on the sidewalk began shooting at an SUV stopped for a red light, Chicago police said at the time. More than 30 shell casings, including some rifle rounds, were found at the scene. Three people in the SUV were injured, as was a woman crossing the street.

Neighbors immediately pointed the finger at patrons of PER.SO.NA nightclub, 408 S. Wells.

Fingerpointing and proving responsibility are two different things, of course, and PER.SO.NA continued to operate.

A second mass shooting occurred on the block two months later, around 1:44 a.m. July 1.

Police said the victims got into an argument with someone as

they left an unnamed business in the 400 block of S. Wells. That “someone” started shooting. He killed two and wounded three more.

Personnel stationed at Chicago Fire Dept. Engine Company 1, 419 S. Wells, were the first to call in the gunfire. Video tweeted by a nearby resident shows an ambulance stationed at the firehouse leaving on a run as gunfire erupted.

A month later, at 3:20 a.m. Aug. 6, three people were shot during an argument in a parking lot in the 400 block of S. Clark. Two of them died. Surveillance video of the shooting spread online. Residents again blamed the club, but no links were proven.

Only after prosecutors accused PER.SO. NA’s doorman of murdering another of the club’s security guards did the city finally force the business to close.

Officials said Devontrell Turnipseed shot and killed 38-year-old Artemis Harris on Oct. 9 after Harris complained that Turnipseed was not properly searching

incoming customers for guns.

The two men decided to take their disagreement outside, where they squared up on the sidewalk, officials said. Turnipseed, a licensed concealed carry holder, allegedly removed a gun from a holster on his waistband and appeared to be passing it off to another guard when Harris punched him in the face.

Turnipseed fired three shots as he fell to the ground, striking Harris twice in the chest, prosecutors said. Harris, who was not armed, died a short time later.

The murder case is still pending.

PER.SO. NA’s owner announced on Oct. 14 that she would surrender her license to the city.

One week later, a 55-year-old man was shot as he sat in a car across the street from the nightclub, which had been shuttered. There have been no shootings on the block since then.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WEST COAST SERVICING, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. JOHN E. NEAL, II AKA JOHN EDWARD NEAL, II AKA JOHN E. NEAL; RESIDENCES AT RIVER EAST CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 8555 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-10-223-033-1432. Commonly known as 512 NORTH MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4206, CHICAGO, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The

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property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1409-187312 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **I3230910** 181818 ----- 111111 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff, -v- CHRISTIENA P. AUGUSTE, THE SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS'S ASSOCIATION, CARL SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 7 Defendants 2022 CH 00867 1560 NORTH SANDBURG TERRANCE, APARTMENT 709J CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 10, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 27, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,

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IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Unit No. 709J, in Carl Sandburg Village Condominium Unit No. 7, as delineated on a survey of the following described Real Estate: Commonly known as 1560 NORTH SANDBURG TERRANCE, APARTMENT 709J, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-207-087-1325 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$279,263.91. 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

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Attorney File No. 22-000429 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2022 CH 00867 TJSC#: 43-3668 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 # 2022 CH 00867 **I3229884** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ABN MRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.; THE MICHAELS TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JENNIFER A. BARTOSZ AKA JENNIFER BARTOSZ; ANDREW BARTOSZ; AMIR MOHABIT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JENNIFER A. BARTOSZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; J)Defendants, 22 CH 4143 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 6, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as

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Attorney File No. 14-23-00025 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2023 CH 00367 TJSC#: 43-2938 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 00367 **I3229895** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FS, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I Plaintiff, -v- LIEASHA PEOPLES, GLENWOOD-BRYN MAWR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMAL PEOPLES, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JAMAL PEOPLES (DECEASED) Defendants 2019 CH 09387 5603 N. GLENWOOD AVE., APT. G CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 30, 2023, 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: PARCEL 1: UNIT 5603-G, ALL TOGETHER WITH THEIR UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN GLENWOOD BRYNMAWR CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0609031002, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THE EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 04 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO USE STORAGE SPACE NUMBERS S-5603-G, LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS DELINEATED ON THE SURVEY ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATION AFORESAID RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0609031002, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME. Commonly known as 5603 N GLENWOOD AVE APT G, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-327-046-1004 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certi-

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a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2019 CH 09387 **I3229893** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARK RYGIELSKI; TERESA RYGIELSKI AKA TERESA SARWINSKA; IVONA KARBOWSKI AKA IVONA RYGIELSKI; 3020 N. SHEFFIELD CONDOMINIUMS OWNERS ASSOCIATION; AMIR MOHABAT AS SPECILA REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARK RYGIELSKI; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; J)Defendants, 20 CH 3341 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 6, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-29-210-040-0000 (old) and 14-29-210-057-1005 (new). Commonly known as 3020 North Sheffield Avenue, Unit 3N, Chicago, IL 60657. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1460-188521 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **I3229903** 040404 -----

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THOMAS QUINN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF BEVERLY FISHER, DECEASED, 2424 W. ESTES
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DIANE FISHER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGA-
TEES OF BEVERLY FISHER
Defendants
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Families to embrace Halloween with weekend of trick-or-treating along Clark St. and Lincoln Ave.

Trick-or-Treat! The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce [LPCC] has announce the return of Spooktacular 2023 presented by the chamber and two Lincoln Park areas Special Service Areas, the Lincoln Ave. SSA#35 and Clark St. SSA#23.

The enchanting trick-or-treat experience will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28 along Lincoln Ave. from Wrightwood to Webster from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 29 along Clark St. from Diversey to Armitage from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

During Spooktacular 2023, Lincoln Park businesses along both Lincoln Ave. and Clark St. will transform into trick-or-treat stops for families to visit and celebrate Halloween.

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“We’re so excited for the return of Spooktacular 2023” said Kim Schilf, CEO of the LPCC. “Spooktacular is a fun way for families to trick-or-treat and get in the spirit while also supporting local businesses and exploring the neighborhood together.”

For more information on Spooktacular 2023, the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce’s lineup of upcoming events visit lincolnparkchamber.com, or call 773-880-5200.

bear upfront costs for some of the new infrastructure as opposed to previous plans that Sterling Bay would pay for the infrastructure work first and be paid back with TIF funds later.”

Unfortunately, government sometimes falls folly to the insistence of the most persistent. And our friends at Sterling Bay are nothing if not persistent. While Mayor Lightfoot unfortunately did not stop the deal as she became mayor, the changes in the economy make it possible now. A significantly smaller and reimagined Lincoln Yards area would require far less infrastructure spending and could be a more focused neighborhood plan - and would not detract from the needs of the CBD and underserved communities.

Sterling Bay’s development proposals for areas just outside the Lincoln Yards boundaries are completely out of scale when faced with the failure of the Lincoln Yards project.

Failing a bailout thus far, Sterling Bay has started to promote plans on their other properties that are not part of the planned development, and which presumably could be funded without having to build infrastructure first. These plans, none of which have been approved by City Council, are no doubt intended to try to build “buzz” for Lincoln Yards, and to try to attract new master investors. At the very least, these dense projects could create enough traffic woes to gain constituent support for the city to build the infrastructure without Sterling Bay having to live up to its commitments in the planned development. Zoning approvals for these projects when today there are no buildings of this size in this area – and none planned for construction – are premature.

Sterling Bay has released plans for three projects:

- 2100 N. Southport, a 130 unit, nine-story building, across the street from Lincoln Yards. No zoning application has

been filed, and its status inside the Dept. of Planning [DPD] is unknown.

- 2013-33 N. Kingsbury, also directly across the street from Lincoln Yards. That 25-story development would have 359 apartments and 200 parking spaces. That plan has advanced inside the Department of Planning and Development [DPD], but has not been taken up by the Zoning Committee. Both these plans were initiated prior to the Johnson administration, when the area was still in the 2nd Ward under Ald. Hopkins.

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- In its most audacious move, Sterling Bay is now proposing to build a 600-unit development at the old CH Robinson site 1840 N. Marcey. The plan calls for a 27-story and a 16-story tower. Sterling Bay has worked on these plans with the DPD with zero community input and without discussing the plans with the new alderman of the area, Scott Waugespack [32nd]. [A community meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 16, at the Binny’s tasting room at 1720 N. Marcey.]

Lincoln Yards as envisioned by the PD would have up to 6,000 residences. The three buildings proposed by Sterling Bay outside of Lincoln Yards would have 1000 units. The entire 60614 zip code has 37,000 residences today. If Lincoln Yards fails, these buildings will be dramatically out of scale with existing buildings and would encourage other large scale development in the area. There are no new buildings in the area of the size or scale of the Sterling Bay buildings.

Mayor Johnson said that he wanted to take an independent look at plans Mayor Lightfoot approved for reinvesting in several Loop high-rises. However, Johnson told Crain’s he “will evaluate each proposal on its own merits without feeling compelled to fund each project Lightfoot selected this spring.”

In the same manner, Ald. Waugespack has the responsibility to evaluate all the plans on the table for the Lincoln Yards area, and is due to co-operation from the DPD and the Mayor’s office.

Sterling Bay could take a substantial loss on its initial investment in the land, as have other developers in these times. A restart would allow the market to naturally develop this land in a manner more consistent with the City’s current, and future strategies.

As the pleas for public financing or outrageous zoning giveaways continue, the correct reply to Sterling Bay is: “Thank you for your request, but this doesn’t fit with our current strategy.”

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by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and administered through the Illinois Coastal Management Program of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources. The grant was matched by taxpayers for a total cost of \$232,220 in the development of this public project.

The restoration project that replaced the existing turf lawn began with the removal of invasive plant species in Fall 2022, and the installation of native shrubs and seed installation, and the development of interpretive signage.

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Mayor Lightfoot’s signature effort, Invest South/West, was an important step to increase investments which will hopefully grow under Mayor Johnson.

The CBD and the Invest South/West are the two development priorities that deserve sources of funding wherever the City can find them. They are both very big dollar items in a time of scarce resources and other priorities.

The Lincoln Yards Development and the Cortland/Chicago River TIF are at odds with the City’s strategic focus.

The massive Lincoln Yards development is a pre-pandemic plan to establish an additional downtown CBD to house a potential Amazon or Google campus. The plan has no mass transit, except a weak bus line concept (the “transitway” – water taxis!), and weak road and bridge infrastructure. To get mass transit would require hundreds of millions of dollars to move the Metra station. There are no funds in the TIF or any of the plans for this crucial element. Proof: Google preferred the downtown State of Illinois building for its Chicago headquarters.

Without an anchor tenant, Lincoln Yards is just a collection of downtown-style high-rises – without funding for mass transit, police station, fire station, school, library or public park to serve the estimated 50,000 people the development was to bring.

Even Mayor Emanuel, Sterling Bay’s supporter and apologist, wasn’t willing to commit the City’s funds for the new roads and bridges the development needed – because he could not get support from the rest of the city. The Cortland/Chicago River TIF deal was good, he said, because Sterling Bay would have to pay for \$1.3 billion in infrastructure themselves and recoup the investment only after the development generated adequate tax revenues.

Since 2019, Sterling Bay has built only one office building – a so-called Life Sciences building - at Lincoln Yards and it is completely unleased, a victim of the bad initial plan and the collapse of the commercial real estate market.

Now Lincoln Yards and Sterling Bay are facing financial trouble. In June, Crain’s reported the financial distress over mortgages and financing of Lincoln Yards due to the failure to find tenants for Lincoln Yards and the substantial decrease in value of its properties throughout Chicago.

Rather than face the music, Sterling Bay wants to completely redo its TIF deal and have the taxpayers, or some other investor, finance at least \$800 million in infrastructure. If the development is not successful or fails to generate enough property tax dollars, the city (or some other investor playing the same role) would have to honor the bonds, with total payments expected to be \$1.3 billion. Sterling Bay also asked the Chicago Teacher’s Union Pension Fund to

bail them out. Wisely, the Fund declined, stating, the “investment did not align seamlessly with the goals of our fund.”

There are, and should not be, any takers.

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But Sterling Bay has continued to lobby successfully with friendly City departments to support a plan whose reason for existence has passed. As Chicago Tribune reported, the City “ported” money from adjacent TIFs to the Lincoln Yards TIF District. “A portion of the TIF transfers mean the city and not Sterling Bay could



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