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—Peter Ustinov

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Undeterred by city response, residents spruce-up neighborhood with their own funds



Dick Nelson waters one of the variety of plants at the Lunt-Bell oasis that he and landscape partner Marilyn Karsh recently planted using their own funds.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY BOB KITSOS

Last year the southwest corner of Lunt and Bell was torn up by the city for the installation of new curbing. When the project was completed, the corner in this tree-lined area of the 50th Ward was not re-sodded and a street sign was left in the middle of the debris.

In early July, area residents Dick Nelson and Marilyn Karsh decided to roll up their sleeves to see what they could do about this neighborhood eyesore. While the area was weeded, the ground was tougher than a cheap steak and almost impossible to work with.



The freshly landscaped southwest corner of Lunt and Bell in the 50th Ward is now a pleasant sight for neighbors. The numerous small flags are reminders from various city utilities to call before doing any digging.

First, the dynamic duo contacted Alderman Debra Silverstein's office to request assistance in removing the dirt and clay so that new soil could be added. Unfortunately, they were advised it was not in the budget. Then they contacted the Department of Streets and Sanitation, and, according to Nelson, were told, "We don't do landscaping."

The two newbie landscapers were not deterred and reached into their wallets to have the old rock-hard dirt/clay combination removed and new soil added to the approximate 9'x12' corner triangle.

Following the addition of new

soil, Karsh and Nelson made six trips to area greenhouses for new plants. Karsh said, "The process was worth all the frustration." They estimate their expense was about \$400 for the month-long project. No city funds or other donations were involved. Nelson said "less is more" so for the first-time planting, the couple put in several different varieties of greenery.

"People walking by said this is great," Nelson said. "It's amazing what a little fresh dirt and greenery will do. It gives us a good feeling about doing this and it beautifies the neighborhood."



The parking facility at 7331 N. Sheridan is now open. Construction started in May 2014 on three parcels of land that included a small surface parking lot, a vacant lot and a one-story building that housed the Shambhala Meditation Center.

Parking structure on Sheridan and Sherwin now open

STORY AND PHOTOS
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Some years ago, the CTA featured an ad campaign that showed a bus and train with the tagline: "Take two to relieve congestion." Now, residents in the 49th Ward hope the recently completed parking structure at 7331 N. Sheridan will relieve street parking congestion in the densely populated Rogers Park neighborhood. The new four-story facility is located at the southeast corner of Sheridan and Sherwin.

"Even those who don't live in the immediate area will benefit from the structure," said Alderman Joe Moore. "By taking up to 250 cars off the streets, the parking structure will have a ripple effect throughout our entire parking-starved neighborhood. The 250 cars parked in the structure means 250 fewer cars competing for spaces on your residential and arterial streets."

A \$125 monthly fee will get you a guaranteed space in the garage.

The facility also offers affordable hourly and overnight rates. For the safety and convenience of customers, payment for parking is made from their vehicles upon exiting the garage. Payment can be via credit card or through the LAZ parking phone application; cash is not accepted.

The structure is patrolled by a security company during overnight hours, and cameras are in place throughout the structure. Assistance call-boxes are monitored 24/7 and are located in the elevator lobby and in each stairwell.

Services from Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Zipcar will be available in the near future. One charging station for electric cars currently is available with more stations on the way. To ensure pedestrian safety, there is an audible and visual warning system and an additional barricade at the Sherwin Avenue exit.

During the community planning

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Newly named Eagle Scout performs service work at Waters School Community Garden



Harry Winters had his Eagle Court of Honor on June 10.
Photo by Mary Winters

For some, becoming an Eagle Scout is the entire point of the scouting program. They may join for the companionship of other scouts, the opportunity to learn

valuable outdoorsman skills, or the festivals and camping trips that are essential to the scouting journey, but the end goal remains the same: to have that colorful badge put on



Winters and other scouts constructed a fence around a section of the Waters School Community Garden to prevent damage from children running through.
Photo by Mary Winters

your uniform.

Harry Winters, an 18-year-old graduate of Northside College Prep, had his Eagle Court of Honor on June 10--a rare designation as only two out of 100 scouts achieves the rank. Winters, who will attend

the University of Iowa in the fall, belongs to Troop 894, sponsored by Queen of Angels, and is an impressive 6'4" tall. Speaking to the Kiwanis Club Of Ravenswood in August, Winters talked about how scouting has helped him

mature.

While at first, Winters says, scouting was just about hanging out with his friends and doing "the cooler Boy Scout stuff, like canoeing and backpacking," he later got into the "the spirit of being a scout." Any scout can claim he went camping up in the mountains or spent a week rowing down a river says Winters but when you "set up camp without any help or instruction," "use a skill you taught to help fellow scouts" or see that a fence built "under your instruction" is still standing...that's an Eagle Scout." Winters says he enjoyed passing along his knowledge and the true spirit of scouting to scouts who "could do knife tricks, but they couldn't tie hitches" or who "would bring in every piece of wood they could find for their bonfires, but balked at putting up the dining fly."

Scouting teaches that everything worth doing requires effort says Winters. "Backpacking required

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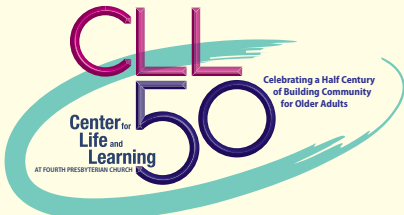
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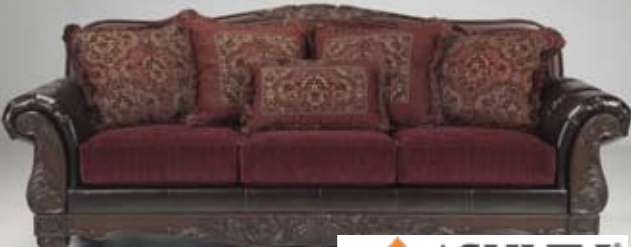
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Winters adapted tree wood into fence posts which anchored the Waters School Community Garden fence. Photo by Mary Winters

careful resource management, as well as defining what counted as essentials. Canoeing would grow tense as arms became tired and balance became tricky. Open wounds and broken bones are much easier to treat on paper than in the middle of the woods,” he says.

Of course scouting also includes service, noted Winters and he and other scouts helped Peter Leki, caretaker of the Waters School Community Garden construct a fence around a section of the garden that children constantly ran through. Waters Elementary school is located at 4540 N Campbell Ave and the garden is on Sunnyside between Campbell and Maplewood.

Gathering some wood from a Christmas tree lot with permission,

Winters says he and other scouts “used a chainsaw to cut some trees down to size” which they stored over the winter. During the summer, Winters pruned the trees down to their trunks which “would go on to form the fence posts” at the garden, he says. Using tools lent to them, the scouts then dug two feet into the ground and tamped the dirt down to create steady fence posts. “Finally we used screws to secure the fence rails (composed of random branches found in the garden) to the fence posts,” Winters remembers.

Being an Eagle Scout is a rare designation and this year only 57,000 achieved the rank out of millions. It means more than becoming fully sufficient outdoorsmen who can “take on any frontier,” says Winters—it also means a dedication to the scouting ideals of loyalty, reverence, bravery and thriftiness.

The Waters School Community Garden is located south of the school on Sunnyside between Campbell and Maplewood. The public is invited to wander the garden and enjoy its tranquillity.

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Hey, wanna help paint Lincoln Park High School?

Heart of the 'Hood



By Felicia Dechter

What are you doing this Friday and/or Saturday? Throw on your overalls and brush up on your painting skills at Lincoln Park High School (LPHS), 2001 N. Orchard St. Lincoln Park's community spirit will be in full swing as the school's classrooms get a livening up, thanks to a boatload of volunteers and a new program called #1school1community.

The #1school1community initiative is a grassroots effort --- by LPHS's staff and LSC, along with 43rd Ward Ald. Michele Smith, LPHS and feeder school parents, and community members and business leaders --- to increase involvement with Lincoln Park High, said Principal Michael Boraz.

As the effort's first project, on Aug. 21 and 22, volunteers will come together in two shifts, 8 a.m. or 12 p.m., to prep the school for painting and then paint as many classrooms as possible. It's the first of many activities that will improve school facilities, promote the many great things going on there, and further connect the schools and neighborhood groups in the community that LPHS serves, said Principal Boraz.

"The project means that there are many people and organizations that believe in and support CPS neighborhood schools, and that LPHS is proud to build long-term partnerships with our community," Boraz said.

The painting will brighten the school for staff and students as they return from summer break, said Boraz. Those involved worked with an interior designer on color selection, and several parents are coordinating the volunteers, of which so far there are more than 100. And, more than \$5,000 has been donated for supplies, he said.

There'll be pizza slices and some other refreshments, and working alongside fellow parents and neighbors you can become part of a, "transforming moment in the history of the community and the ward," said Ald. Michele Smith. "By supporting LPHS, residents, local businesses, community organizations, and churches will have a lasting and positive impact on the lives of students now and in the future," the alderman said.

The #1school1community hashtag lets everyone know 43rd Ward students can receive a world class high school education without leaving their neighborhood, said Smith. Since she took office, parents have told her they dread when their kids apply for high school because they felt it meant they had to compete for the few selective enrollment school slots or leave the city, she said. "Those kinds of comments about a lack of options kept growing," said Smith. "So, we brought parents together from many different elementary schools across the ward to talk about their mutual concerns and to help them understand that they do have a local option for their education needs in Lincoln Park High School." Once the families met and sat down together, "they immediately realized they shared a common goal - to support Lincoln Park High School as the answer to their educational needs," said Smith. "The cohesion of the group was instantaneous. They decided to unite to spread the word about what a wonderful resource LPHS is and why it deserves support and #1school1community was born."

The 43rd Ward has seen tremendous growth in public and private school population over the past several years, said Smith. Students from more than 20 public and private elementary schools in the Lincoln Park area are within the enrollment boundaries for LPHS, but too few of these students currently attend their local high school, she said. "Competition for selective enrollment seats has become fierce and household budgets are tightening," Smith



Ald. Michele Smith is part of #1school1community, a grassroots effort to increase involvement in Lincoln Park High School.



"Lincoln Park High School is proud to build long-term partnerships with our community," says Principal Michael Boraz.

said. "We want to make LPHS, which is already a premiere neighborhood public school, the No. 1 choice for local families. We want to help 43rd Ward families remain in the ward and in Chicago, and also take advantage of the world class education their tax dollars are paying for."

"Most people don't know much about LPHS, said Smith. "Few realize the excellence of this school," she said. For example, the Washington Post recently ranked LPHS as the most challenging high school in Chicago and third most challenging in Illinois.

Under the leadership of Principal Boraz, LPHS has had incredible academic success, said Smith. The adoption of the wall-to-wall International Baccalaureate program is one of the most comprehensive IB programs in the entire country and has allowed nearly 70 percent of 2015 graduates to pass at least one college-level test, she said.

Smith said support for sprucing up LPHS this week has been tremendous, but community involvement is essential. And even though there are 100 people already signed up to help, please, go down and lend a hand if you're not busy. "It's gratifying to have such an impressive volunteer list and we hope more residents sign up," said Smith, adding that she's thrilled the business community is pitching in. (Thanks to Starbucks, Slice Factory and Skinny Pop Popcorn for providing food and drink to reward the many wonderful volunteers.) Still needed are supplies essential to the completion of the project, including brushes, paint and tape,

Lincoln Park's community spirit will be in full swing as the school's classrooms get a livening up, thanks to a boatload of volunteers and a new program called #1school1community.

said Smith. The Friends of Lincoln Park High School are accepting contributions, all of which will go directly to materials. "We still need financial contributions to ensure we have enough supplies to paint as much of the school as possible," said Smith. Contributions can be made at <https://flphs.ejoinme.org/?tabid=705977>. The alderman and her staff will be there on Friday and Saturday, paintbrushes in hand. "We're looking forward to it," said Smith. "We invite our neighbors to sign up for a shift for a very exciting and worthy cause." Going forward, as #1school1community evolves and undertakes new projects, community support and involvement will be critical to its success, said Smith. "We are all in this together for the long haul," she said. Contact Nada Riley, nadahockeymom@gmail.com to sign up or for details.



Debbie Sue Goodman will perform "An Evening of Comedy and Music," from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 22, at Let Them Eat Chocolate, 5306 N. Damen Ave.

Funny girl... Debbie Sue Goodman will perform "An Evening of Comedy and Music," from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 22, at Let Them Eat Chocolate, 5306 N. Damen Ave. Goodman --- author of the books, "My Husband the Stranger," "Still Single" and "Still Dating" --- told me she'll have some comedians with her and a guitarist. There's no cover charge.

"The audience can expect an evening of fun and laughter and they have great chocolate there!" said Goodman, who will also appear on Sept. 12 at Space in Evanston, with a few other comics. "I tell my dating jokes, some family jokes, and do my usual celebrity impressions of Liza Minnelli, Carol Channing, Judy Garland, Ed Sullivan-etc. We have a fun time there."



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Are America’s overexposed décor trends stereotyping our homes?



BY DON DeBAT

The lazy days of summer are the best time to sit on the deck, sip cocktails and gossip about the bizarre home-decorating choices of your neighbors, friends and relatives. Why does Uncle Charlie insist on hanging moose antlers on his family room wall, place a sprawling cowhide rug on his floor and toss a sheepskin throw over his favorite La-Z-Boy chair? Why is my 30-something neighbor having a love affair with Mid-Century Modern architecture and furnishings. The whole house looks like the set of “Mad Men,” the TV show about the 1960s advertising game. Mid-Century Modern may be the interior design trend du jour. Picture a sleek, low white-laminate

credenza and coffee table, a Danish modern white-vinyl couch matched with an Eames lounge chair or white leather Barcelona chair sitting on bent chrome legs. It reminds this writer of his older brother’s bachelor pad in Old Town in 1959. Off-the-wall decorating choices can cost home and condominium sellers a bundle, so beware of trends gone wild, said veteran Chicago Realtor Sara E. Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty. “Professional real estate brokers know that staging is key in getting top-dollar price,” Benson said. “Staging is the process of depersonalizing living areas and preparing the home or condo to appeal to the widest possible array of buyers,” she explained. “It involves repairing, decorating, and generally improving the appearance of the property, and it often has as much to do with creativity and common sense as

money,” Benson said. Today, like lemmings leaping off a cliff into the sea, people are endlessly trying to keep up with innovative home-design and décor trends they’ve seen online and in fancy decorating magazines. Could

The Home Front

it be that trend-seeking Americans have stereotyped their humble abodes from coast to coast? “Overexposed Décor Trends,” a new poll by Curbed, the real estate webpublication, gathered responses from more than 3,100 readers and amateur home-decorating critics. What’s the most popular décor trends Curbed readers want to see fading from U.S. home interiors? Here are a few of the décor sins critics are hoping to remove from the American home and memory:

- **Flat-screen TVs.** The greatest American décor status symbol is a giant flat-screen TV perched on top of the fireplace mantel like a huge Dagwood sandwich. According to Google research, the TV-over-

fireplace idea emerged more than a decade ago and ascended to the trend stage in 2007. Now the decorating staple is steadily growing in demand and is forecast to continue in the future, Google said. More and more Americans simply say: “There’s no other place to put the TV.” Interior decorating magazines often showcase beautifully appointed million-dollar homes with a 50-inch flat-screen TV mounted on the wall above a massive stone fireplace as if it were an antique mirror or an expensive oil painting.

The widely accepted flat-screen TV décor choice says: “The center of my universe is my TV. I do not read books,” one reader sniffed. However, you usually will not see a TV in a living room in a stylish Manhattan apartment or in a European home. The box usually is tucked away behind doors in an armoire.

Another reader proclaimed that flat-screen TVs mounted on the wall above the fireplace are a pain in the neck. “They are not ergonomically correct. Watching

TV looking up with your head tilted back is not healthy,” she said. Then there’s the argument that heat and smoke from the fireplace eventually will cause damage to the electrical devices above the mantel. Others note that many Americans also look at the fancy living room fireplace as a status symbol, and many homeowners never bother to light the logs. One wonders why they just don’t install a flat-screen TV over the hearth opening and wire-up a constant video of phony fireplace flames.

- **Kitchens American-style.** Even though the look of today’s kitchen may have evolved from the industrial urban-loft movement two decades ago, the standard American-style kitchen has become an overexposed stereotype. Virtually every upper middle-class American family has the same kitchen. It’s in vogue, like American-style potato salad. Start with speckled granite counter tops and busy glass-tile backsplashes, and then add stainless-steel appliances, dark wood cabinets and manufactured wood floors. Apparently, one classical exception is Subway Tile, installed on kitchen backsplashes and in bathroom shower and tub walls. “This turn-of-the-century Victorian kitchen and bath tile in white and grey is timeless,” said Benson.

One Curbed critic suggests the pendulum should swing back to the simple open-shelf style kitchen storage system used by our grandmothers. “Let’s lose the microwave over the stove, and put it on a shelf or built-in lower counter,” suggested the reader.

What’s next? How about a mix of black and white appliances? Or, perhaps just stylish grey? Just don’t bring back that ugly, avocado green and harvest gold appliances from the Mid-Century Modern era.

- **Is track lighting out?** Some Curbed readers hissed at the long life of industrial-style lighting fixtures and the loft-inspired track lights that came to us from the 1960s and 1970s. Others complained too many recessed lights, speakers and smoke detectors are embedded in today’s home ceilings.

- **All-white interiors.** Curbed readers say home walls and ceilings painted all white is an overexposed décor trend that is boring, and is gradually being replaced with 50 shades of grey.

According to Benjamin Moore’s creative director, the paint company studied “the latest looks in couture, home fashion, textiles, the arts and culture” to develop its latest “Color Trends” catalogs. In its “Gentle Whites” brochure, there are dozens of subtle pale white, grey and beige color choices—from “Tundra” and “Gray Cloud” to “A La Mode” and “Pale Oak.”

One notable fact: the paint company’s slick catalogs and brochures do not show a photo of a single flat-screen TV.

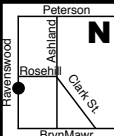
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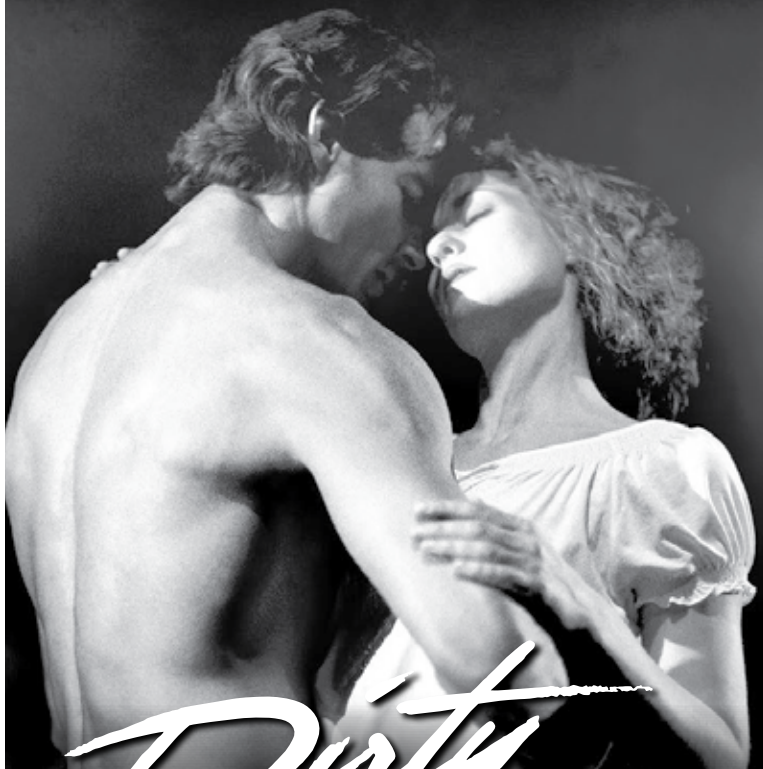


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meetings for the facility, concern was expressed about the aesthetic factor that the building would have on the neighborhood. Tawani Enterprises, which designed Act One/Mayne Stage, appears to have met that challenge. The company used high quality materials, including painted concrete, face brick and channel glass panels that contain over 60 percent recycled material. It also

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Police Beat

Shoot em up on Morse leaves man injured and vehicles damaged

A man was shot and several vehicles took damage when a man opened fire August 12 in Rogers Park. Both the victim, 21, and suspected shooter, 23, are members of the Gangster Disciples gang, police said. Officers investigating a shots fired call about 2:20 p.m. found the victim in the 1500 block of W. Morse Ave suffering from bullet wounds to the right hand and thigh, police said. He would be treated at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for what doctors called minor injuries, according to the hospital.

The victim said he'd been walking west on Morse Ave when a man walking toward him pulled a hood over his head, produced a handgun and began firing, according to police. The shooter then appeared to board a gold-colored minivan and left the scene, police said.

A van matching the description was stopped a short time later in the 7600 block of N. Paulina St. where the suspect was taken into custody before having his identity confirmed by witnesses, police said. Officers recovered eight bullet casings at the shooting scene, according to the report.

Woman finds man had broken into her kitchen in the middle of the afternoon

A Rogers Park woman who heard noises while she was home alone was chased to her bedroom by a man who broke into her house the afternoon of August 12. The 21-year-old woman said around 1:30 p.m. she'd heard noises and found a stranger standing in her kitchen in the 1900 block of W. Fargo Ave

with the backdoor open, according to a Chicago Police report of the incident. She was able to lock the door and began screaming while the man kicked the door “many times” before abandoning the idea and leaving, police said.

Officers searched the area afterwards but did not make any arrests, police said. Detectives are investigating two security cameras across the street that may have captured video of the break in.

Man robbed at gunpoint in Edgewater

A man was threatened with a handgun and robbed the night of Aug. 12 in Edgewater. The 35-year-old victim was smoking a cigarette about 11 p.m. aback his house in the 1600 block of W. Hollywood Ave when a light-gold vehicle pulled alongside him, according to a Chicago Police report of the incident. A man got out of that vehicle with a handgun pointed at the victim and said, “Give me everything you got,” according to police.

The gunman took an iPhone, wallet, a Bar card identifying the man as an attorney and several keys, according to the victim. A second man got out of the car and asked the man if he lived at the house and whether or not his wife was home, according to the report. The men then got back into the vehicle and left the scene, police said.

Woman groped near Chicago River in West Ridge

A 21-year-old woman was groped the night of Aug. 10 in West Ridge on a sidewalk near the Chicago River. Officers charged a 20-year-old man with criminal sexual abuse after stopping him near the scene shortly after the attack, according to a Chicago Police report of the incident. The victim identified the man as her attacker, police said.

The attacker had approached from behind around 10 p.m. and put his arms around the woman’s chest in the 7000 block of N. Sacramento Blvd, police said. The attacker allegedly shushed the victim and told her to keep quiet as she fought back against his hold. He then

covered her mouth and began groping her crotch, according to police.

The victim was able to pry his hand from her mouth and began screaming, police said. The attacker let her go and ran while the victim ran to a friends house on Estes Ave and called police. Officers investigating the call found a man matching the victim’s description and covered in perspiration walking south on Rockwell Ave from W. Lunt and took him into custody, police said.

Police charge suspected car burglar with heroin possession

Police arrested a 31-year-old man in Loyola Park August 9 and charged him with possession of heroin. Officers investigating a midnight call reporting a man for trying car door handles in the 1100 block of W. Morse Ave found a man matching the description on a bench in the park.

The man approached officers as he saw them enter the park, according to police. After being told he matched the description of a potential burglar the man consented to a search, where officers found several grams of heroin

in a plastic bag, according to a report of the incident. The man had no other property on him beyond the drugs, police said.

Pair robbed at gunpoint in Rogers Park

A man and woman were robbed at gunpoint on a Rogers Park sidewalk August 7, according to police. The male victim, 41, and the female, 23, were in the 2100 block of W. Birchwood Ave around 2:20 a.m. when they passed two men standing near the mouth of an alley, according to a Chicago Police report of the incident. After passing by, one of the men told them to, “Hold up,” as he approached carrying a chrome-colored handgun, police said.

The robbers patted down both victims and took a new iPhone 6, the woman’s purse and several credit cards, police said. They ordered both victims to run and not look back, according to the report. The iPhone could not be tracked because the battery was dead and no arrests were made in the case, police said.

— Compiled by Mark Schipper

Prison for catalytic converter defendant



Joshua Morris

Joshua Morris, one of two men arrested after a Chicago Police unit on an unrelated, secret stakeout happened to see them saw a catalytic converter off of a stolen vehicle, was sent to prison this week. Morris received a three year sentence in exchange for pleading guilty to receiving or possessing the stolen vehicle. His co-defendant, Miguel Soto, received 3 years probation, a fine, and restitution in exchange for an identical plea earlier this month.

On October 3, 2014, covert Chicago police officers working on an unrelated investigation were conducting surveillance from an undercover vehicle near the L tracks at Roscoe and Clark. Unable to break their cover, the officers relayed play-by-play action to 19th district cops as Morris and Soto parked a stolen car directly next to the undercover vehicle, got out, sawed off the stolen car’s catalytic converter, and then drove away in a second car. Morris and Soto were arrested less than one block away.

Photo and story by Crime in Wrigleyville

PARKING from p. 5

Now, residents in the 49th Ward hope the recently completed parking structure at 7331 N. Sheridan will relieve street parking congestion in the densely populated Rogers Park neighborhood.

has provided approximately 5,000 square feet of green space at ground level and approximately 800 square feet of greenery in perimeter planters on the roof deck, slightly more than originally planned.

Moore said, “Regardless of whether or not you own a car, the structure will make it easier for all of us to accommodate guests from outside our neighborhood by providing them a convenient alternative to store their car while visiting. In short, this new parking structure promises to make life a little easier for many Rogers Park residents.”

The facility is managed by LAZ Parking, one of the largest parking operators in the



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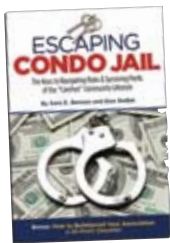
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Inside columnist speaks about “escaping condo jail” at the Book Cellar, August 27



Are you a condominium owner who is having problems with your condo association board or management company? The popular Inside Publications columnist Don DeBat and his coauthor Realtor Sara E. Benson will present valuable information from their book “Escaping Condo Jail” from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 27th at The Book Cellar, 4736 N. Lincoln Ave. in the Lincoln Square neighborhood.

The popular book explores the myths about owning a condo and exposes the important and little known truths about the “carefree” condominium and homeowner association lifestyle—which is not always so carefree.

The authors will give a presentation on some of the current problems affecting condo owners, discuss the content of their new book, and answer questions from interested homeowners during the consumer education session. Condo owners are invited to e-mail their questions in advance to: EscapingCondoJail@gmail.com.

Don DeBat, who writes the popular The Home Front column in Inside’s News-Star, Booster and Skyline and Ms. Benson have made real estate the focus of their professional lives. Both are veteran condo owners and residents, and it is their own experiences with the underbelly of condo living that led them to write “Escaping Condo Jail.”

All interested attendees will receive a free copy of the authors’ 35-point check list on “How to Bulletproof Your Association’s Biggest Asset: The Money.” Autographed paperback copies of “Escaping Condo Jail” will also be available at the event for \$24.95.

“Escaping Condo Jail” includes a critical 10-point buyer-awareness advice list, and showcases 15 “Exit Strategies” on how to get out of condo jail—a virtual treasure trove of little-known action plans from how to benefit from a “naked mortgage” to negotiating “cash for keys.”

For decades, the condominium lifestyle has been glorified as carefree, chic and glamorous. However, steep maintenance fees, restrictions on day-to-day living and limited personal freedoms are three very real costs you might not have considered when buying a condo on the promise of a carefree lifestyle.

A big shocker: Most homeowner associations are run by unpaid, untrained volunteers who are managing their share of an annual \$90-billion industry. That’s your real-estate investment and your money! Can you imagine putting your neighbors—who are strangers—in charge of governing your life and your money? That’s what you likely have done if you are a condo owner.

Today, four out of five real estate sales are in condominium or homeowners association communities. There are lots of great communities out there, but you need to know that there are some very real horror stories, too. The book does not condemn all condominium, cooperative apartment and homeowner associations but seeks to help you avoid unseen dangers and pitfalls. “Escaping Condo Jail” is a veritable war chest of invaluable information for owners, would-be purchasers and board members.

In addition to the Book Cellar, “Escaping Condo Jail” is available at the bookstores and newsstands listed below.

- Powell’s Books, 1218 S. Halsted St. near the University of Illinois’ Near West Side campus.
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Café, 4018 N. Cicero Ave. 773-545-7377.

• Chicago-Main Newsstand, 860 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL, 847-425-8900.

“Escaping Condo Jail” is also available in the Chicago Public Library system and on www.Amazon.com as a paperback for \$24.95 or Kindle book for \$15.95. For more information, call 312-833-2955 or visit www.info@EscapingCondoJail.com.

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More than 200 people attended the third annual “birthday benefit” for Mother Cabrini on July 15 at the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, 2520 N. Lakeview Ave. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850.

The evening began with a festive Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the Shrine and moved across the park to The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Guests and supporters of the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini enjoyed music and cocktails in the lush garden on a cool summer night. Later they enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and participated in an fast-paced auction that raised vital funds for the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

The National Shrine’s fundraising committee, led by

MOTHER CABRINI see p. 11

Chicago area exchange students enrich their host families and the city



The Lee's children Tyler, Cami, Connor and Hayden with Gustavo second from right

BY MIRA TEMKIN

What's it like to host an exchange student from another country and have them live with you and your family for a year? "It's a very rewarding experience," said Traci Lee. "They live with you, go to school, share your family's traditions and become immersed in American culture." Traci and Bill Lee have hosted exchange students from American Field Service (AFS-USA) for five years. "Every year is different because each student is different," commented Traci.

Last summer, high school junior Gustavo from Maringa in Parana, Brazil began living with the Lees while attending Niles West High School in Skokie. During his exchange year, Gustavo played soccer, participated in theater and auto club and learned more about life in America.

Gustavo's first reaction when he arrived at O'Hare was shock at the number of new cars on the road, something he wasn't used to seeing. In addition to the many cultural differences between the United States and his native Brazil, Gus was surprised at how hard people worked to support their families. "He saw there was a not a time to relax," said Traci. "And that was very different from Brazil where people were able to spend more time with their families."

At Niles North, Gus was thrilled to see all of the extra-curricular activities that were available for students. "If he wanted to play soccer at home, it was through private organizations," said Traci. "Gus was also surprised at how competitive high school was and he had to work diligently to do well. He wasn't used to having so much homework." Chipotle burritos and Buffalo wings became Gus' favorite foods.

Traci, who works for American Field Service (AFS) as a Team Development Specialist says that last year the organization placed around 75 students in the Chicago



From left, Gustavo, Traci Lee and daughter Cami Lee at a Train concert. Photo by Traci Lee



Exchange students volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository and clean up the 12th Street Beach in Chicago. Photo by Traci Lee

area. The exchange students must meet stringent criteria to be accepted into the program, based on grades, income level and an interest in math, engineering or technology. AFS also sponsors activities through the year for all of the students in the area such as Halloween and Christmas parties, a scavenger hunt in downtown Chicago and other social gatherings to engage the group and foster camaraderie.

Another important aspect of the program is two National Days of Service in which Chicago area exchange students "give back" to the community. In November, the students volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository and in April, they clean up the 12th Street Beach in Chicago, Traci says, "For many of the students, this is their first time volunteering. Where they come from, a culture of service doesn't exist. AFS feels it's important for them to have the experience of giving back."

Traci observed that the Brazilian students were much closer to each other than the students from Germany or Italy who

seemed to want to spend time with their new American friends instead of their compatriots. "The Brazilians all wanted to hang out together and we had to encourage Gus that one of his objectives in coming here was to improve his English and make new friends," added Traci Lee.

"Gus was a very sweet boy and extremely helpful around the house. He was very eager to please and enjoyed playing outside with my son. When it was time to go, he left loaded down with abundant luggage, memories and a place in the heart of our family," Traci said.

Gus truly enjoyed his experience here and would love to return for college. But, as Traci explained, "In Brazil, the local university is free and parents don't anticipate having that expense."

Does Traci Lee's have any advice for other U.S. families who want to host exchange students? "Be open to the cultural differences" and "Be honest about the rules of your house and communicate your expectations. Don't let small issues turn



Gustavo enjoys the sights of Chicago with unidentified friends from the American Field Service. Photo by Traci Lee

into bigger ones," is her best advice. "But be prepared for a wonderful, life changing experience."

Linda Mellis, co-chair for the Chicago Area chapter of AFS and an active 15 year AFS volunteer, agrees. "The entire family learns about the customs of another country. Through social gatherings, the family meets other like-minded families and makes lifelong friends, while family member learn what it means to be a global citizen of the world. In addition, the long-term joys of staying in touch often include visiting the student and meeting their family in their home country."

As the new school year approaches, the Lee family will again host a student-- this time a boy from Hungary. When asked what her family gets out of this experience, she replied, "We really love adding on a new family member."

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The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini was built in 1955 to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mother Cabrini, who 10 years earlier had been canonized as America’s first citizen-saint. In the 67 years she lived, Mother Cabrini founded 67 different institutions

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Mother Cabrini founded Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1905. It was the place where she lived, worked, and later died. The Shrine dedicated to her honor was originally built as a chapel inside the hospital. The chapel became its center of worship and prayer for patients and staff. It was looked

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10 CH 33394

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, -v-
TAM TRAN AKA TAM K TRAN, HARRIS N.A., PACIFIC GLOBAL BANK, NORTH SHERIDAN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF TAM TRAN AKA TAM K TRAN, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 18161
5018 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 3N Chi-

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cago, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 10, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 10, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: UNIT 5018-3 AND P-6 IN THE NORTH SHERIDAN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: LOT 17 (EXCEPT THE EAST 7 FEET THEREOF TAKEN FOR WIDENING SHEFFIELD AVENUE NOW SHERIDAN ROAD) IN BLOCK 6 IN ARGYLE, A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN FUSSEY AND FENIMORE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN WITH LOTS 1 AND 2 OF COLEHOOR AND CONNARD'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 IN

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SAID FUSSEY AND FENIMORE'S SUBDIVISION, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED JANUARY 31, 2002 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 002011205 AND AMENDED BY FIRST AMENDMENT RECORDED JANUARY 31, 2002 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0020130161 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS.
Commonly known as 5018 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 3N, Chicago, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-406-035-1008, 14-08-406-035-1014. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$322,087.79.
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, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or frac-

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tion thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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.
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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney:

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MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 651-6700 Please refer to file number 14-018275. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, -v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUSANNE M WINBUSH, IF ANY, 5858 SHORE MANOR CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, PETER WINBUSH A/K/A PETER A. WINBUSH A/K/A PETER ADE WINBUSH A/K/A PETER WINBUSH, ADAM WINBUSH A/K/A ADAM K. WINBUSH, THOMAS QUINN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, SUSANNE M. WINBUSH A/K/A SUSANNE WINBUSH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
14 CH 12950
5858 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 407 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 June 30, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 1, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5858 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 407, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-402-041-1024. The real estate is improved with a high rise condominium; no garage. 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. 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• OPEN SATURDAY 12 - 2 BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED TOWNHOUSE •



506 EAST 32ND STREET - \$495,000

One block from the lake, this three-bedroom townhouse is only minutes to downtown Chicago and Hyde Park. The pristine house has been wired for sound and has updated bathrooms, hardwood floors and a wood burning fireplace. There are stainless steel appliances in the new designer kitchen, as well as granite counters and an island. Balcony stairs lead to a deck and beautiful gardens. The first floor office can be a fourth bedroom. Two car garage plus two additional parking spaces.

• BRIGHT ONE BEDROOM WITH GARAGE •



1530 EAST 59TH STREET - \$114,900

A wonderful vintage four-room cooperative, at Midway Apartments, is now available to be your delightful retreat! 1920's elegance and attention to detail is evident in this light-filled residence. While the apartment retains original French doors, lovely oak floors, high ceilings, built-in cupboards and a wonderful floor plan, there are also new thermal pane windows and a lovely new kitchen. A garage space is included.

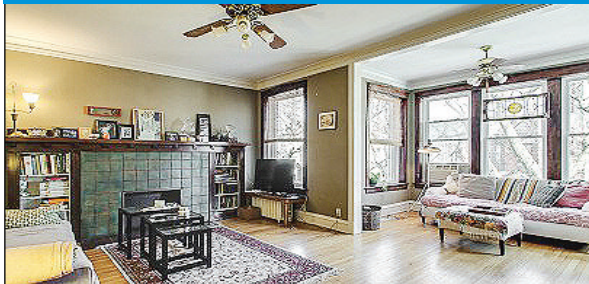
• PRICE REDUCTION! BEAUTIFUL THREE BEDROOM •



5343 SOUTH HARPER - NOW \$279,000

In beautiful condition, this second floor condominium has two full baths, hardwood floors throughout and a ventless gas fireplace in the living room. The kitchen, with a long island granite counter top, has great work/ prep space as well as stainless steel appliances and a washer and dryer. The residence has gas forced air heat and central air conditioning. There is a private balcony. Only steps to shopping, new restaurants and the Hyde Park theater.

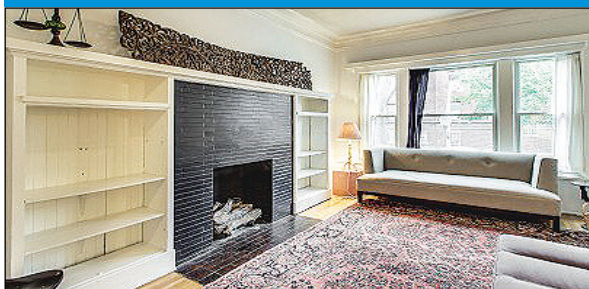
• PRICE REDUCTION! SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM •



5416 SOUTH DORCHESTER - NOW \$159,900

This gracious vintage two bedroom condominium is in a well maintained six-unit building. Generously sized rooms have hardwood floors throughout and newer windows. The formal dining room and kitchen both open onto a newer private back porch and outdoor space that provides for individual garden plots. There is an in-unit washer and dryer. This residence is well located in the Ray School district, near parks, tennis courts, shopping and transportation.

• PRICE REDUCTION! CHARMING ONE BEDROOM •



5101 SOUTH INGLESIDE - NOW \$95,000

This comfortable and very well priced one bedroom condominium, in a brick vintage building, has an updated kitchen and bath and a separate dining room. The apartment has hardwood floors, an in-unit washer/dryer and a gas fireplace. Close to transportation to downtown Chicago, the property is an easy walk to the University of Chicago.

• NEW LISTING! SOUTH EVANSTON TWO-FLAT •



1201 CLEVELAND — \$467,000

Built in 1910, this stucco two-flat, on a wonderful residential South Evanston street, could easily be converted to a spacious 2,500 square foot single family home. Currently, the property consists of one two bedroom apartment and one three bedroom apartment, both of which are rented. These spacious, bright and airy residences have hardwood floors and separate dining rooms. The building has a nice front porch, front and back yards and a two-car garage. Very well located, the property is close to schools, parks and public transportation.

• NEW LISTING! ELEGANT HEDGEROW TWO BEDROOM •



5400 SOUTH HYDE PARK BLVD - \$320,000

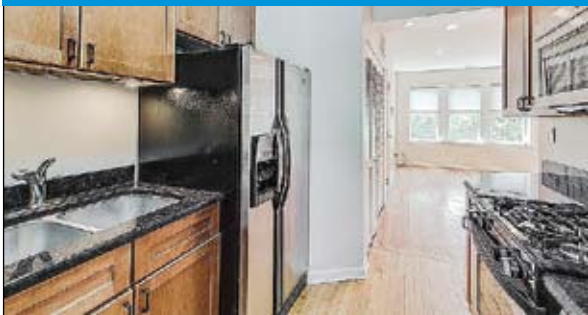
This unique two bedroom condominium townhouse is a very desirable end-unit on the first level of the East Hyde Park Hedgerow complex. The house has a two story living room with floor to ceiling windows, lovely hardwood floors throughout, a separate dining room, a large kitchen and a wood burning fireplace. There is an extra study/office nook overlooking the living room. The house has a private deck patio and one garage space. The Hedgerow complex is gated and has a stunning interior atrium.

• TOO NEW TO PICTURE! UNIQUE VINTAGE STUDIO •

1520 EAST 59TH STREET - \$69,500

This oversize vintage studio — in a great University of Chicago campus location — has both a living room and a small study. On a third floor, this condominium has a good deal of natural light. Hardwood floors are covered by carpeting. A private porch is a bonus.

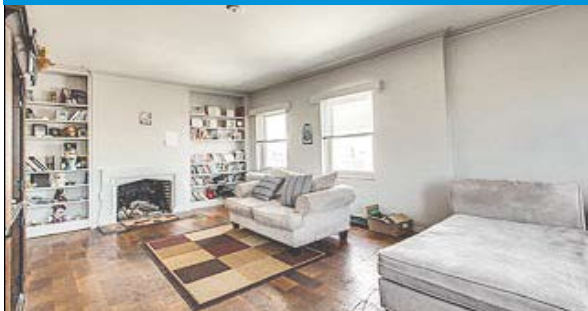
• TWO BEDROOM WITH ROOF DECK •



3722 WEST SCHOOL STREET - \$159,000

Abundant sunlight enhances this delightful two-bedroom condominium in an intimate 12-unit building. A wonderful kitchen has stainless steel appliances, 42" upgraded cabinets and granite countertops. The apartment has hardwood floors, French doors, a marble bath with a jacuzzi tub, an in-unit washer/dryer and storage. A bonus feature is a private 300 square foot rooftop deck with outdoor furniture. Walking distance to the Blue Line — and easy street parking.

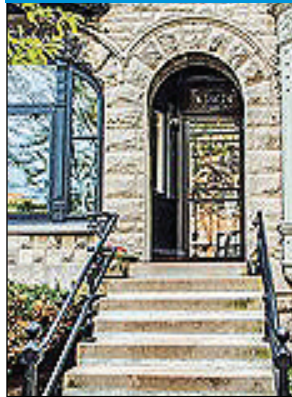
• ONE RESIDENCE PER FLOOR •



1321 EAST 56TH STREET - \$265,000

Tower Homes was designed in 1929 by renowned Chicago architect Henry K. Holsman. This seven room cooperative residence has wonderful vintage features which include a wood burning fireplace, arched door frames and elegant cork floors. Marvin windows have been installed. Only one apartment per floor, this high floor apartment has wonderful light and views in all directions. Parking is included in the price. Owners who want to garden can have individual plots.

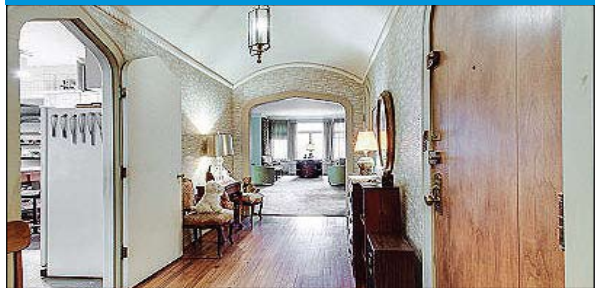
• OPEN SUNDAY 12 - 1:30 DELIGHTFUL VINTAGE HOUSE •



5403 SOUTH DORCHESTER - \$550,000

This classic Hyde Park 1880's grey-stone exudes vintage charm. The four bedroom home retains exquisite original stained glass windows, a beveled glass door, fireplaces, and a private backyard. The main level has a beautiful living room, a separate dining room and an open kitchen with a breakfast room. Perfectly located near schools, parks, shopping and the University of Chicago campus.

• OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 3 RARELY AVAILABLE CAMPUS COOPERATIVE •



5750 SOUTH KENWOOD - NOW \$589,000

This 2,500 square foot vintage apartment - in a handsome six-unit elevator building - has high ceilings, hardwood floors, abundant closets, a wood burning fireplace and graciously proportioned rooms. There are three bedrooms, three baths and an elegant dining room. A 14x11 foot sun room overlooks the private back yard. On the third floor, this residence has a good deal of natural light from original etched windows.

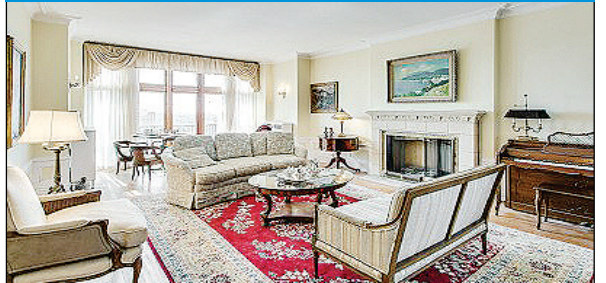
• OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 3:30 HISTORIC BRONZEVILLE HOUSE REDUCED TO \$327,000 •



459 EAST OAKWOOD

Built during the Columbian Exposition, this interesting house retains its vintage character after having been beautifully updated for the 21st Century. There are five bedrooms, a living room with a fire place, two full baths and one powder room, a dining room and a family room or study. The large lower level has a third new, full bath as well as a wet bar with a sink and refrigerator, a laundry room and lots of space for extra living. There is a one car garage.

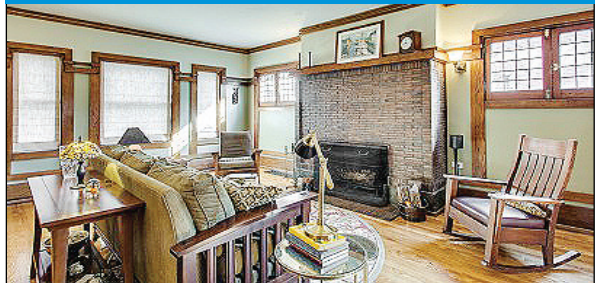
• 7TH FLOOR FOUR BEDROOM, LAKE VIEWS, PARKING •



5421 SOUTH CORNELL - \$369,000

This elegant four bedroom, three bath condominium occupies the entire 7th floor of a highly desirable East Hyde Park elevator building. The eight room apartment has lovely lake and city views, hardwood floors throughout, high ceilings, a formal dining room, an original pantry and a breakfast room/study adjacent to both the dining room and the kitchen. There is in-unit laundry, a private balcony and one assigned parking space.

• PROFESSORS' ROW HOUSE WITH PARKING REDUCED TO \$1,999,000 •



1217 EAST 56TH STREET

This historically significant Prairie School house, designed in 1908 by Tallmadge and Watson, has undergone a meticulous interior and exterior renovation, including a new top-of-the-line kitchen, a fabulous "conservatory" room at the rear of the house and new baths, roof, plumbing, electrical system, skylights and installation of two forced air furnaces and air conditioning. Important vintage features of this elegant house include extraordinary oak woodwork and trim, double hung and leaded glass windows and doors and a stunning Roman brick wood-burning fireplace in the living room. The twelve room house has five bedrooms, four baths and a powder room, two sitting rooms and a lower level family room. Fabulous one car carport/ gazebo with radiant heat floor.