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Argo Tea, once the lone vendor located at Connors Park, 861 N. Wabash Ave., has abandoned their former location and now the pocket park has now fallen into disrepair.

'Connors Park is a horror show'

New plans brewing
for former Argo Tea site

BY FELICIA DECHTER

What's going on at Connors Park, 861 N. Wabash Ave.?

Seems neighbors are a bit steamed about the site of the abandoned, former Argo Tea structure in the park, which has been vacant since last year and is an eyesore. But fear not, there are new plans brewing for the site.

Connors Park supervisor Jason Zaffaroni said the Chicago Park District's [CPD] concession department is working on bringing a new vendor in.

"I know they've been in negotiations," said Zaffaroni. "I'm hoping by summer but I'm not part of the negotiations."

Zaffaroni said Argo moved out pre-pandemic, which means that site has been vacant and a thorn in neighbor's sides for a while now. He said he can't disclose who may move in until the deal is finalized.

But one thing is certain to dismay those living near the park: The glass mega-structure on the



Where once an open-air fountain splashed, now a stripped and abandoned commercial storefront rots away in public view.

tiny triangle park will stay, said Zaffaroni. He also told me that he was going to walk over to the park and any issues he saw, he said he would document and "send to our proper department."

That's because there are issues in the park, which seems to really only be enjoyed by dogs and pigeons these days.

There are chunks of sidewalk missing, a small downed tree, and the glass structure is a monstrosity.

Let's just say that today, that park today is nobody's cup of tea.

It now sticks out like a sore thumb in a city of broad shoulders.

It's definitely not the picture we want to paint for those visiting our fair city's most tony Near North Side and Gold Coast areas.

"Connors Park is a real horror show, mostly used now by dog walkers," said Hallie Metzger, who lives nearby. "It's certainly not a nice place to sit and relax, read a paper, etc. What I'd really like to see is the complete removal of the Argo Tea structure, the recreation of the old fountain, and new landscaping," said Metzger.

"Barring that, Argo Tea should replace that hulking building with a small kiosk similar to the one in Mariano Park but also restore the fountain. Maybe once that's done Tiger (owner of Whispers, the café in Mariano Park) might like to take it over!"

Beyond that, we need to reexamine the whole issue of public/private partnership, said Metzger. "Unless the 'public' part is well-protected, it's a rip-off just waiting

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New Airbnb regulations take effect

BY ALD. MICHELE SMITH
[43RD]

For too long, communities throughout Chicago have suffered from out of control "party houses." Therefore we are pleased to announce that all aspects of the Short-Term Rental Reform Ordinance my staff and I spearheaded last year are now in effect.

The office of Business and Consumer Affairs [BACP] has launched the new Shared Housing Registration Portal. The new system will give the City much more oversight over short-term rentals.

Enhanced enforcement authority includes extending the prohibition on one-night rentals (until

BACP and Police promulgate rules indicating the measures needed to allow the resumption of one-night reservations); Broadened definitions to enhance the prohibition on parties being held in short-term rental units, and increased penalties and a quicker path to revocation of a registration for violations.

Increased local community controls now permit residents to petition to exclude short-term rentals in their precinct in the 43rd Ward, which was not possible under the earlier law.

Through the new Registration Portal, hosts, both new and renewal applicants, must apply directly to the City instead of using

a platform for registrations. This allows BACP to verify host identify and primary residency at the point of intake, cutting down on fraud.

We've improved our ability to crack down on illegal / ineligible rentals, as hosts are prohibited from advertising or renting a unit without a City-issued registration. And no longer can an applicant list their unit while their application is pending or under appeal).

Additionally, intermediaries such as Airbnb are prohibited from processing a rental transaction for a unit without a valid registration. There is also a new \$125 registration fee to be paid for by the host applicant.

Last week to help support local media

Forty-three independent Chicago-area media outlets have joined forces to raise funds in a month-long campaign. That campaign ends this Friday.

The for-profit and nonprofit organizations represent a wide cross-section of Chicagoland's community media.

The public can give at savechicagomedia.org through June 11, 2021. The website offers the option to donate one amount to be split evenly among all of the outlets, or donors can select one or more outlets to give a specific amount.

This is the second annual Chicago Independent Media Alliance [CIMA] joint fundraiser. The 2020 campaign, put together in three weeks, raised more than \$160,000 for 43 members, including \$60,000 in matching funds from local foundations. More than 1,000 individuals donated, with two-thirds opting to support all outlets, including this newspaper.

One of the positive side effects of the effort was new visibility and amplification of a wide range of media voices.

Your local newspaper appreciates your help!

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Man critically wounded in apparent shootout on Loop street corner

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man was critically wounded in an apparent shootout on a busy Loop street corner June 6, according to a CPD report. Police confirmed shots were fired at least two other times in the downtown neighborhood Saturday night and early Sunday, but no injuries were reported in the earlier incidents.

Around 2 a.m., a bullet struck the shooting victim in the left side of his back and exited through his right shoulder in the 200 block of N. Wabash. The man's friend sought help from police who were in the area. Those officers reportedly found the victim lying on the southeast corner of Wabash and Wacker near Hotel Monaco.

Investigators found about 12 shell casings from two different handguns near the victim, and three windows in nearby buildings were damaged by gunfire. But the victim's friend refused to cooperate with police and declined to give the victim's name to authorities, according to the police report.

The victim, believed to be in his late teens, was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition. Area Three detectives are investigating.

About 30 minutes before the

shooting, patrol officers reported hearing gunfire and seeing people running for cover near the intersection of Wabash and Harrison. No injuries were reported, but police found shell casings on Harrison Street.

Another "shots fired" incident was confirmed in the Loop on Saturday night. Witnesses, including two off-duty police officers, reported hearing and seeing shots fired in the 700 block of S. Dearborn around 10:15 p.m.

Once again, no injuries were reported, but the front glass of a business was shot out of a nearby restaurant.

Armed carjackings

Two men carjacked a driver at gunpoint on Lake Shore Dr. near Grant Park and abandoned another stolen car at the scene June 6, according to a CPD report. It the latest case in what appears to be a fresh surge of vehicular hijackings in the city.

The offenders reportedly bumped into the back of the victim's Mercedes sedan with a stolen car as he waited for the red light to change on southbound Lake Shore Dr. at Monroe around 8:35 a.m.

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If you're complaining, it better be good



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"Give me your ticket, I'll punch it for you."

That's what my mother said whenever someone was complaining about something that could not be fixed, resolved or mended.

Always sounded like something from British Transit. "Punching your ticket," your bus ticket.

My mother was never a particular fan of British public transit. But she was an expert concerning useless gestures, or recognizing the futility of wheel-spinning, useless worrying and complaining.

I suspect that was true because she was a realist. A pure Rooseveltian (FDR) Democrat. An optimist who was always ready to roll up her sleeves and pitch in.

What she had no tolerance

for was complaining. Giving up. Quitting. Not while she drew breath.

Not taking things for granted was an important part of life for her generation. How could they as the children of immigrants, many born after the Great War. Educated in comprehensive schools and entering the work force before World War II.

Not only surviving the Depression, but Prohibition, WWII, the Cold War and the 60s and emerging feminism.

Culture became an unsettled quotient after all the boys were off to war. Three brothers in uniform and all her pals spread around the world in khaki was a sobering experience for my mother.

She'd heard Hitler's voice. And Churchill's. And the Roosevelts, Franklin and Eleanor. And Chicago Mayor Ed Kelly, a crowd pleaser and confidence builder. Politicians, then, focused on getting the nation and the city out of the cataclysmic nightmare that threatened the world.

So if you were complaining, it better be good.

When your whole family is battling for liberty and everyday freedom, it's no time for cheap self-pity or selfish complaints.

"Give me your ticket, I'll punch it for you" was the perfect retort to the aches and pains of the self-absorbed, self-focused, whiners in life.

There wasn't much you could do when you shopped for food needing a ration cards. When there was little petrol for non-critical use. No sugar. No tea. When conserving on electricity and gas was a critical fact of life during the hardship of war.

The alternatives were of little real help. Like punching your bus ticket. You enjoyed the people you had around you, you shared the

vittles of everyday life, and the sweet treats that sometimes came your way from Stop & Shop.

But complaining got you nowhere.

So complaints were reduced to a minimum in our house. Treated with the usual humor and hilarity reserved for ironies running around our ankles. Left to smolder and explode, complaints had nothing good to offer.

The act of complaining had little to bestow except a meaningless ticket punch.

I often think of that wisdom today, especially after having to endure the meaningless complaints of younger generations of Americans who think they are entitled, and are convinced they are special, after mediocre educations over-manhandled by creepy parents who bully school administrators and school districts.

My Catholic education made few provisions for parental participation. I think my father spoke to my fifth grade nun once. That was enough from him. Especially since graduate schools didn't need to engage students until they were actually old enough to know what careers they might pursue. Not everyone needed to be encouraged to be an attorney.

In less selfish eras of American life you learned growing up that too much focus on yourself was a weakness of character. It made others feel funny about your self-indulgence, and it rarely improved your grades.

In my youth, it was imperative someone didn't get too big for their britches. Psychologically. In an Irish family that almost comes with a guarantee. We could always count on our mom snapping us back to reality with her ironic judgment of conditions. With shallow sympathies. "Give me your ticket, I'll punch it for you."

Wish Eileen was still with us. She'd be a great companion for the self-obsessed age in which we live. She could really do a job on cell phones, social media, over-the-top coffee drinks, phony milks, e-mails, too many city dogs and Mayor Lightfoot, especially her "lost" emails.

Mother would delight in people's growing love of antiques, expanded home baking, the timeless fried chicken at Jack Gibbon's, the popularity of fish on menus, Netflix, good Rose wine, and the

lessening of complaints with origins in family life.

What would delight her most of all would be the way that Chicago continues to thrive despite the nightmare of political leadership.

The refreshment of Chicago restaurants following the pandemic provide a healthy expression of what makes Chicago work and grow. I suspect she'd have spotted the younger faces among Chicago politicians whose brightness is a strong signal of what lies ahead, post-Lightfoot, post-Preckwinkle, and the disarray of the business of the county's courts.

She'd applaud the discoveries of secret shenanigans by the Inspector General and the continued interest of federal law enforcement with local politicians. In some circles she's batting .500 with her predictions from decades ago over who would eventually wind up in a prison cell. She'd be amused at these hubris-infected politicians who can't stop complaining about being persecuted over such inevitable wrong doing. But they would be useless complaints to her, deserving of only one response.

In Chicago we remember not every social issue can be cured. Not every urban outrage can be healed. Not every neighborhood wound can be mended. Though that doesn't mean we give up trying or wash our hands of causes. It just means we work harder and complain less. We dig deeper, work longer, struggle more resolutely than we did before. Not every idea is a great one. Not every elected official is a winner, even if they get more votes. Not every winner should march at the front of the parade. "Give me your ticket, I'll punch it for you."

RENAME DOESN'T WORK: Nice to see it isn't just the city who can't get it right. The Chicago White Sox are facing a backlash after changing the name of a stadium watering hole from "Loretta's Lounge," to "LaRussa's Lounge," after the team's manager **Tony LaRussa**. In 2005 **Loretta Miele** was honored for 60 years of service to the White Sox team. She died in 2014. Now they've knocked out Loretta. No one wins here. Shame.

LATIN SCHOOL TENTS: Some questions. Why would any institution want to create such hard feelings in a neighborhood

where "getting along" is a tradition? Why does Latin School rub everyone's nose in their White privilege? Why can't the institution demonstrate any grace when engaging their neighbors? Why are Latin School parents so caustic and cheery in their attitudes? Who's running Latin School these days, the usual nasty effete? Neighbors need to start dissecting the unfriendly beast and its leadership. Some great issues to confront them with as we move into mayoral election cycle soon. Put the Chicago Park District under the microscope, too.

SILVER LINING: Dr. **Sandy Goldberg** and A Silver Lining Foundation will host its 19th annual "Tasting Stars" event on Saturday, June 19. The virtual event will benefit the nonprofit and its Buy A Mom A Mammogram program, which provides access to cost free screening mammograms and other diagnostic procedures to uninsured and underinsured individuals. <https://www.tastingstars.org>.

HOLLYWOOD ON WINCHESTER: Innertown Pub, long a Chicago landmark in the 'hood here for hipster meetups and queerdo shenanigans looked like the backlot at Paramount this week as cast, crew and techsters worked 'til all hours, cinematically. Flood lights signaled that the curse of COVID was lifting as people readied for their close-ups. So many productions coming back to life.

CHICAGO PERSONIFIED: Celebrating a birthday, honorary Old Town Mayor **Shelley Howard** who lives everyday like it was

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Three weeks from deadline, Boston-based developer finally meets with chamber members

Still expect to be given community's parking lot

STORY BY PETER VON BUOL

With less than a month to go before a Boston-based development company, The Community Builders [TCB], may be given the city parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave. to redevelop, company officials finally hosted a nearly one-hour sales presentation June 1 with members of the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce.

While this newspaper was blocked from attending the meeting, we did receive a recorded copy of it from a chamber member.

Scheduled to be a two-hour meeting, at the meeting's start, Kirk Albinson, a project manager for TCB, suggested shortening the meeting's length.

"How much time do we have allotted for time? We want to be mindful of everyone's schedules," said Albinson.

In response, the chamber's membership services director, Katie Kraus, suggested it would be best if the meeting took less than the original two hours.

Presented with that opportunity, Albinson and Will Woodley, regional vice president for real estate development, used their time wisely. They filled up most of the time to give a non-stop sales-pitch about why they should be given a multi-million dollar city asset to build a residential property for their company which will be worth tens of millions of dollars. Today, that asset provides critical parking for those who shop, dine, and use the services offered in Lincoln Square. The parking lot also has served as festival space for Lincoln Square's annual festivals, including German Day, Maifest and AppleFest.

Throughout the meeting, Woodley stressed he had to move quickly to get in all the details about the project. This meant the time allotted to questions from the members was greatly reduced.

Questions were only asked at the very end of a meeting that had been less than an hour in length. Despite claims that had been made by Ald. Matt Martin [47th], this was the first time this newspaper has been able to verify that officials from TCB had talked to the Chamber's membership. The chamber staff was notified of the project at some point in the spring or summer of 2019, and also chose not to host a general informational meeting with their membership over the plan.

"We're really happy to provide this overview today of our development concept for 4715 N. Western to the chamber. We've met with a number of organizations and businesses in the past, but you know, the opportunity to meet with businesses collectively like this is truly appreciated. We're gonna be mindful of time. So, we're going to move through the presentation relatively quickly," Woodley said.

Throughout his presentation, Woodley

stressed he had to go over a lot of details but had to do so quickly. He offered basically the same rote information that was given in their May 11 virtual meeting.

"I know probably not everybody saw that longer [May 11] presentation. So, we do want to go over that. Also, the site, the context, the design, we will speak relatively briefly about the apartments, but we're more than happy to answer questions," he said.

Without providing any examples, Woodley told those in attendance there has been "misinformation out there" about a proposal in which his company will be handed a parking lot and taxpayer dollars to build a mixed-used building which will help TCB gain vast new wealth.

Woodley said his company's number one goal has not been to build something that would greatly benefit TCB financially but rather to provide Lincoln Square with a "better gateway." He never mentioned when TCB first became interested in the site, how his company became aware of the opportunity to acquire it for free, and why no other developers are allowed to bid on the project.

"We just want to be upfront that we've always had two main goals [with] this site. And the first is to provide a better gateway to Lincoln Square while still providing public parking. We believe the development concept can improve the connection between Western and Lincoln avenues, particularly Western, that gateway to the Lincoln Square small business district." Woodley attempted to downplay the loss of what is officially known as City of Chicago Parking Lot 70 and the effect it would have on area businesses.

"There's currently 43 public parking spaces in question. And we're proposing 40 spots on the second level," he said. Woodley then spent the next few minutes discussing how the apartments in his company's new building will be rented out to "the workers who work in Lincoln Square" before returning to a discussion of the parking lot.

According to Woodley, the elimination of three parking spots is actually an example of how his company's development preserves parking spaces. To deflect from the elimination of the surface parking lot, Woodley tried to create a strawman argument about that city parking lot. "Just a couple more clarifications. The development concept does not eliminate all the public parking, it actually preserves it and does not redevelop the parking lot used for the Farmer's Market." Nobody has ever tried to say it was that parking lot, only that it was the primary customer parking lot serving the farmer's market.

Woodley also downplayed how it has been used in the annual German-Ameri-

can Fest, Maifest and AppleFest festivals. In the past, these events have all used the parking lot as part of their festival grounds and for logistics. Rather than ask for input from Lincoln Square's cultural institutions including the DANKHaus, Davis Theater, the Old Town School of Folk Music and the Niedersachsen Club, Woodley cited his own limited experience at their festivals as the reason why the property should be given to his company for free.

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"From my own personal experience, as well as I think just understanding those events, the largest tent, and most of the food and beverages, is actually not on this parking lot. It's at the Farmer's Market parking lot on Leland. But, we do know that parking lot is used by those festivals. Our hope is that those festivals, there would be opportunities for a bit of reconfiguring so that those festivals could continue to, you know, be celebrated successful events." Woodley said of a German Day Fest festival now celebrating its 100th anniversary.

After admitting TCB's development would make it more difficult for Lincoln Square to host large cultural festivals, Woodley ironically launched into his company's talking points about how TCB developments "strengthens communities."

"Our mission is to build and sustain

strong communities where all people can thrive." Later he admitted the parking lot has been important to area businesses. However, he added the lot does not provide Lincoln Square with a visual gateway. His company's five story building would provide a gateway.

"The parking lot is important, and it gets used throughout the week. But it is rarely at capacity," he said, citing its usage during the COVID-19 economic lockdown, when local cultural institutions such as the DANKHaus, the Old Town School of Folk Music and the Davis Theater were all unable to host evening shows and events. Many of their attendees come from not just the surrounding neighborhoods but also from farther away, including the suburbs, and park in the city's parking lots.

About 40 minutes into the meeting, Woodley began a short question and answer session with chamber members. Like the May 11 meeting, only about 10 minutes were allotted to this part of the meeting and only a handful were asked. Two of these were asked by a community activist known to the developers.

Helene Wineberg, head of Forward Chicago, a community organization associated with former 47th Ward Ald. Ameya Pawar, was effusive in her praise for TCB.

"I think this is a fantastic project. I can't wait for you guys to come and make this happen. Our neighborhood needs to hold everybody. This is the perfect spot. Maifest is nice but it does not give much to the community. It benefits the German clubs. And most restaurant people I know are not big fans of the GermanFest, just in terms of business and everything. So, I don't think holding anything for that is important," said Wineberg.

While Wineberg's first comments were about how she was not going to miss the German festivals, her latter comments were to support the construction of the apartment building.

Fatherhood symposium set for June 12

The Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood, a state board established in 2004 to promote parental involvement – particularly by single and divorced fathers – in the upbringing of their children, will present its 18th annual symposium at 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

The symposium will be conducted via Zoom, and available to everyone in the state.

The lineup of speakers include ICRF Chairman Jeffery M. Leving, Desmond Clark, former Chicago Bears tight end, talking about his experience as a divorced

dad; Rep. LaShawn K. Ford, speaking about what's happening on the fatherhood front in Springfield. Adam Ballard, a disabled dad, will speak on the challenges confronting fathers with disabilities.

The event is free and available to the public. "This symposium each year puts the focus on the important work we do to support and promote fathers, whose value in raising children cannot be overestimated," Chairman Leving says.

For the Zoom link, contact Jennifer Whiteside at Jwhiteside@LevingLaw.com.



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Police Beat...

Robber shoots man near Magnificent Mile

A man was shot during an armed robbery near the Magnificent Mile June 3, police said. No arrests have been made.

According to CPD, the 24-year-old victim was walking near the 500 block of N. Wabash when the offender pointed a handgun at him and demanded his property around 2:09 a.m. The victim reportedly gave the robber his iPhone and a fanny pack.

Police said the victim then chased the offender, who fired several shots before jumping into a silver car and leaving the area. One bullet struck the victim in his hip. He was taken to surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition.

Witnesses saw police recovering evidence from a sidewalk outside Havas, an advertising agency on the northeast corner of Wabash and Grand.

The gunman was described as a Black male wearing a yellow hoodie. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Man charged with murder for May 2020 shooting in Rogers Park

Prosecutors have charged a man with fatally shooting 22-year-old Jemel Murphy in Rogers Park one year ago. Desmen Williams, 29, was ordered held without bail by Judge Charles Beach during a bond court hearing Thursday morning.

Murphy was apparently not the intended victim of the shooting, according to a summary of allegations that prosecutors presented to Beach.

Prosecutor said Williams got into an argument with a person who was with Murphy outside a restaurant near the Howard CTA station around 3:15 p.m. on May 6, 2020. At one point, the other person punched Williams, who pulled a crowbar out of his Jeep, which was parked nearby, prosecutors said.

A witness broke up the confrontation, and Williams drove away in his black Jeep after saying he would be back, according to prosecutors.

About 40 minutes later, Murphy and the person who was in the confrontation with Williams were standing in the 1600 block of W. Jonquil Terrace when a black Jeep rolled up and its driver began shooting at them, prosecutors said.

One bullet passed through Murphy's arm and lodged in his chest. He died of his wounds at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. The person who argued with Williams allegedly identified him as the shooter.

Cellphone location data, police surveillance cameras, and a CPD license plate reader put Williams' phone and Jeep in the area of the shooting, according to prosecutors. Police located and impounded Williams' Jeep two days after the murder. Investigators executed a search warrant on the vehicle and found a crowbar inside and gunshot residue on the Jeep's interior, prosecutors said.

Cops arrested Williams on Tuesday in the 6100 block of N. Washtenaw and impounded the car he was allegedly in. Officers who executed a search warrant on that vehicle found a loaded handgun, cannabis, and ten bars of psilocybin inside a fanny pack, prosecutors said.

Williams has a license to own firearms in Illinois, but he does not have a concealed carry license, according to prosecutors. He is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

15 armed robberies in 9 hours, CPD again orders detectives to sit in cars rather than investigate crimes

Armed men committed at least 15 armed robberies and a carjacking between June 3 and 4, in a crime wave that stretched from the South Loop to Streeterville to Lincoln Square and Rogers Park. No arrests have been made.

The incredible spree unfolded hours before every Chicago Police Dept. detective assigned to handle robbery cases will again be ordered to spend the weekend sitting on street corners to maintain "visibility" rather than investigating crimes.

According to police records, the robbery streak began around 9:10 p.m. June 3 when a man got out of a dark blue Ford Fusion and robbed a woman at gunpoint as she walked her dog in the 1900 block of N. Hudson in Lincoln Park. Minutes later, the same offenders robbed a man at gunpoint near Seminary and George in Lakeview. Investigators have determined that the Ford Fusion was recently carjacked in southwest suburban Blue Island.

But those were just the beginning. Between 2:45 a.m. and 7:15 a.m., police responded to at least 13 calls of armed robberies involving men who jumped out of vehicles with handguns:

- At 2:55 a.m., four men robbed a woman at gunpoint outside a hotel on the first block of E. Grand. The crew then fled in a blue car.

- The same car was used by four men who robbed two people at gunpoint outside Walgreens, 1601 N. Wells, in Old Town around 3:10 a.m.

- Around 3:17 a.m., two construction workers were robbed at gunpoint by four men who got out of a Ford Fusion with handguns on the corner of North Ave. and Throop, which is northwest of Goose Island.

- About 10 minutes later, four men got out of a car and robbed a man at gunpoint as he sat in a car on the 1600 block of W. Belmont in Roscoe Village.

- Minutes after that, four men jumped and robbed a victim on Irving Park Road near Ashland Ave. in Lakeview.

- Then, two men got out of a blue

sedan and robbed a man at gunpoint near Western and Lawrence avenues in Lincoln Square.

- Shortly before 4 a.m., four men got out of a blue vehicle and robbed a victim in the 1800 block of W. Peterson.

Then, the robberies moved downtown:

- Around 4:25 a.m., a group of men got out of a black Jeep Cherokee and robbed a victim who was walking in the 900 block of S. Desplaines.

- At 5:35 a.m., four men got out of a black SUV with guns and robbed a woman of her backpack on the 1400 block of S. State St.

- Shortly before 6 a.m., a group of men displayed handguns and robbed a man outside the UIC Pavilion, 525 S. Racine.

- Minutes later, four men robbed a victim in the 1100 block of W. Van Buren. Police found a wallet belonging to one of the earlier robbery victims at the scene.

- Around 6:15 a.m., two men walked up behind a woman and took her purse at gunpoint on the 300 block of E. Ohio in Streeterville. They fled in an SUV that was waiting for them inside a nearby parking garage.

- At 6:20 a.m., a man was carjacked at gunpoint on a parking lot at the corner of Columbus and Illinois in Streeterville. The victim told police a group of men took his phone and wallet, then drove away with his 2021 Mazda CX-30 rental car, which has Michigan plates.

All of the robberies involved Black males between 17- and 23-years-old who wore bandanas, ski masks, and other face coverings, according to CPD reports. One of the vehicles they used is a blue Toyota that bears a license plate beginning with CF164. Another is the carjacked Ford Fusion, which bears an Indiana plate that begins with 233.

Less than two hours before the robberies began on June 3, CPD's five detective division commanders were informed that all investigators who handle robbery, burglary, and theft cases will be required to work in uniform beginning with Friday's evening shift and extending through Sunday night, according to emails provided to this reporter.

Rather than investigating crimes, the detectives will be assigned to sit in squad cars on corners in areas of the city that have high shooting and homicide rates. CPD has been pulling detectives from their cases to carry out similar missions since May 7. Detectives assigned to homicide units and gang investigations won't be used for corner-sitting, according to the plan.

"They're higher salary and should be investigating crimes," a CPD source said when the program was announced last month.

The union representing Chicago's rank-and-file police officers is urging detectives to protect themselves from accusations of non-productivity by filing memos every time they are taken away from investigations to camp out in a car under the new tactic.

"Aspects of this investigation have been delayed due to the involuntary assignment," a sample memo from the union reads. Among the duties the draft document says will be affected by reassignment are "residential canvasses, video canvasses, interviews, follow-up calls, evidence

identification, evidence preservation, evidence submissions, policy review, report writing, [and] warrant writing."

Four hospitalized after crowd beats driver who struck ATV rider near Montrose Harbor

Four people were hospitalized after a driver struck an ATV rider with his car and bystanders then pulled the motorist from his vehicle and beat him near Montrose Harbor June 3, police said.

Videos posted to social media show a sedan that smashed into an ATV on a bridge in the 4500 block of N. Simonds Dr. At least four motorcycles and another ATV were strewn across the bridge as police investigated the scene around 10 p.m.

Police said three men were riding in a black Honda Civic when it crashed into a dirt bike that a 31-year-old man was riding at 9:45 p.m.

After the collision, a group of men pulled the 20-year-old driver from the Civic, put him in a chokehold, and beat him in the face with their hands and feet, a police spokesperson said. He is in serious condition at Illinois Masonic Medical Center. The other two occupants of the car and the ATV operator were taken to Masonic in unspecified conditions, police said.

The first officers on the scene reported three people were on the ground, and at least one was unconscious. Police at the scene said CPD's Major Accident Investigations Unit, which handles crashes that involve serious injury or death, had been contacted.

A police spokesperson said no one is in custody, however, police records provided to this reporter show two people have been detained.

Gunman in Diversey River Bowl shoot-out was on bail for another gun case



Robin Burks

Police found 55 shell casings after three men engaged in a shootout on the Diversey River Bowl's parking lot June 1, prosecutors said as they filed charges against one of the alleged shooters.

Robin Burks, 28, was on bail for a pending gun case when he allegedly exchanged fire with the other men after an argument on the parking lot at 2211 W. Diversey. Burks' pregnant girlfriend was shot in the leg during the incident, prosecutors said.

Burks is the 20th person to be accused of killing, shooting, or trying to shoot someone in Chicago this year while on bond for another felony.

Prosecutors said surveillance video shows Burks talking with a man on the parking lot while pointing a handgun with an extended ammunition magazine at a second man around 12:30 a.m. The other two men took cover behind a car and began shooting at Burks, prosecutors said. Burks allegedly ducked behind another car and returned fire.

After the shootout, Burks allegedly drove his 28-year-old girlfriend to Thorek Hospital to be treated for her gunshot wound. While she was in treatment, police reviewed surveillance video of the shooting and realized Burks was one of the shooters based on his clothing, hair, and other features, prosecutors said. Officers took him into custody.

Burks, sitting handcuffed in the back of a squad car outside the hospital, told a bystander he "had to put their asses in check," prosecutors said. The squad car's surveillance system allegedly recorded his statement.

Prosecutors charged Burks with reckless discharge of a firearm.

Defense attorney Matt Pregarone told Judge Mary Marubio that the case may be a matter of self-defense.

In January 2020, prosecutors charged Burks with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and possessing a high-capacity ammunition magazine in the West Pullman neighborhood. He was on bail for that case at the time of Tuesday's shooting.

Marubio ordered him held without bail for violating the terms of bond in the pending case. She set bail in the new case at \$50,000. If Burks becomes eligible for release, he'll need to post \$5,000 to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

17-year-old faces gun charge after boy's shot on Lincoln Park High School grounds

Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] said the victim of a shooting on the grounds of Lincoln Park High School is not the only person who's now refusing to cooperate with investigators.

"Several of our neighbors who witnessed the incident refused to cooperate with the police," Smith said in a follow-up email to her constituents. Because of their unwillingness to help, the state's attorney was unable to bring charges for the actual shooting," Smith said.

"We strongly believe that providing information when a citizen witnesses a crime is a duty of a citizen, and hope that our neighbors reconsider," the alderman concluded.

The 17-year-old boy who was shot outside the school June 1 is not cooperating with police investigators.

While prosecutors have not yet charged anyone with shooting the teen, another 17-year-old boy arrested after the incident is charged with possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, CPD Sgt. Rocco Alioto said.

The teen who is charged was among three people that police took into custody on the Armitage Brown Line CTA platform after CPD camera operators saw a group that matched descriptions of persons wanted for the shooting enter the CTA station around 7:40 p.m.

Police said the victim was near the school's parking lot on the 2000 block of N. Burling when he heard gunfire and realized he'd been hit around 7:30 p.m. Witnesses flagged down police, who quickly broadcast descriptions of three suspects seen running through Oz Park after the shooting.

Smith encouraged anyone who has video of the shooting to give it to police.

Meanwhile, you'd never know someone was shot by reading the email Lincoln Park High School Principal Eric Steinmiller sent to the school's community June 2. Rather, Steinmiller said only "there were shots fired in the vicinity of two of our school buildings."

Cops found five shell casings in an area that they described as the Lincoln Park High School "courtyard." Steinmiller's email confirmed that the shooting took place "on school grounds."

Steinmiller said he requested "extra security in the immediate vicinity of our school" and offered support for any student who has been affected by the incident.

Police said the victim, who suffered a graze wound to his arm, sought treatment at Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Area Three detectives are investigating.

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Car linked to citywide robbery spree crashed, burned minutes after final heist, leaving passenger dead

BY CWBCHICAGO

A car that police linked to a sweeping armed robbery spree that hit the city June 4 crashed and burst into flames moments after the last hold-up was reported, leaving one of its passengers dead at the scene, according to a source.

A man who was robbed by the crew on the 1100 block of W. Van Buren shortly after 6 a.m. Friday told police the offenders fled in a black Volkswagen and provided a license plate number that closely matched the plate on the crashed vehicle.

The robbery on Van Buren capped off a four-hour spree in which armed men pulled off at least 13 robberies starting in Hyde Park and then winding through

River North, Old Town, West Town, Lakeview, Lincoln Square, and Streeterville, according to a community alert that police released Friday evening.

Investigators found a handgun and robbery proceeds inside the Volkswagen Tiguan, which slammed into a light pole while its driver apparently raced another car on the 7800 block of S. Racine in Auburn Gresham around 6:29 a.m. Friday.

A 20-year-old male passenger was found dead inside the charred Tiguan with extensive burns. The Cook County medical examiner said he died from multiple injuries caused by a motor vehicle striking a fixed object. His name has not been released.

No other occupants were at the scene when police arrived. Inves-

tigators are trying to locate the car's driver, who may have suffered significant injuries during the crash, a source said.

All of the robberies involved Black males between 17- and 23-years-old who wore bandanas, ski masks, and other face coverings, according to CPD reports. The crew used at least two vehicles in addition to the Volkswagen, including a blue Toyota that bears a license plate beginning with CF164 and a carjacked Ford Fusion that bears an Indiana plate that begins with 233. Area Three detectives are handling the investigations. Anyone with information about the crimes can contact them at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern #21-CWP-018.

Letter to the Editor

Hey Ald. Martin and TCB, why not these other locations instead?

Why does Ald. Matt Martin and City Hall continue to push to give away the Lincoln Square parking lot to an out-of-town developer for \$1?

And don't forget the tens of millions of dollars in subsidies, tax credits, TIF funds and "management fees." Or the \$28 million taxpayers may have to reimburse the LAZ parking meter co. for the lost spots.

Is Martin corrupt? No, not him. Weak? Probably. Is he dumb? Definitely.

Remember, he grew up in Arizona. So he was cheering for Charles Barkley over Michael Jordan in the 1993 NBA Finals.

Some 50 years ago, former 47th Ward Ald. Gene Schuler used federal money and eminent domain to acquire land parcels to assemble the parking lot. Any lawyer will tell you that in the USA, it's illegal to convey that property to a private business for their personal use and financial gain. Sadly we don't live in America, we live in Chicago. Ain't one-party rule grand?

Who will benefit from this transfer of wealth from taxpayers to The Community Builders and their big money cronies? Will senior citizens or disabled veterans who need affordable, handicapped accessible housing benefit? Poor families who want to escape Chicago's crime ridden, gang-infested areas?

No, nope, nada, negative!

Now it will be studio and one

bedroom luxury condos for the hipsters and "artists" who can't afford Wicker Park or Logan Square.

Why doesn't TCB use their own money to acquire land for their developments?

Because they want to use taxpayer money.

Some 50 years ago, former 47th Ward Ald. Gene Schuler used federal money and eminent domain to acquire land parcels to assemble the parking lot.

So here are 20 other nearby locations Ald. Martin and TCB should spend their own money on to build their housing:

US Bank, 4725 N. Western Ave., right next to the Lincoln Square parking lot; Fifth Third Bank, 2400 W. Lawrence Ave.; the parking lot at 4826 N. Western Ave.; 4925 N. Lincoln Ave., an unfinished building; the closed police station at Foster and Winchester; the police parking lot at 3230 N. Western Ave., or over the police parking garage at 5400 N. Lincoln Ave.; 3829 N. Western Ave., an empty lot; 2520 W. Addison St., the mostly empty Roscoe Village Plaza; the southeast corner of Belmont-Western-Clybourn, the gas station and car wash is now an empty lot; 4632 N. Western Ave, empty buildings waiting for redevelopment; 2520 W. Brad-

ley Pl., an empty warehouse near soccer fields and gyms; 5467 N. Bowmanville / 2020 W. Rascher, empty industrial building; Chicago Joe's at Oakley Ave. and Irving Park Rd.; 3633 N. California Ave., the closed Gordon Tech campus; 1717 W. Sunnyside Ave., the Philadelphia Romanian Church is moving to Devon Ave. in Norwood Park; 5401 N. Wolcott Ave., a one-acre plot of land; 5500 N. Wolcott Ave., the eight-acre Tempel Steel Plant, and the half dozen parcels for lease or sale along Ravenswood Ave. from Addison to Foster.

So stay strong folks. A huge majority of shoppers, business owners and 47th Ward residents want to save the parking lot. And we can beat TCB and Martin just like the Bulls beat Martin's team, the Suns, in the 1993 NBA Finals.

And please go to savelincolnsquare.org and sign the petition. But don't send any money. See, I'm saving you money already.

Mike Sullivan

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Athenaeum Theatre, Skyline Studios offering summer camps for children

A new series of musical theater camps for youth will be available this summer at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave.

The Skyline Studios Summer Broadway Camps offer children ages 3-14 the opportunity to sing, dance, act and perform in a variety of different programs including age-specific full day, half day and extended care options.

Schedules will be packed with rehearsals, creative drama activities, team-building, games, crafts and fun in the sun at a nearby park.

The sessions culminate with performances of High School Musical, Madagascar, Jungle Book and Broadway Highlights showcases.

In accordance with COVID-19 recommendations, class sizes are limited, and campers will be socially distanced, wear masks, and eat outdoors.

To learn more about safety mea-



sures and for further information about the camp visit skylinestudioschicago.com. To register visit AthenaeumTheatre.org.

The Athenaeum opened at the corner of Oakdale and Southport avenues on Nov. 18, 1911, (on the site of the original St. Alphonsus Church). The Athenaeum's stage has seen almost every form of the arts on his famous stage including comedians, dance companies, politicians, spoken word, theatre companies and others.

Small business grants available in Western Ave. district

The Chicago Department of Planning and Development [DPD] is offering \$150,000-\$250,000 grants this month through the new Western Ave. (S) TIF District Small Business Improvement Fund [SBIF].

"DPD is excited to bring the enhanced SBIF program to another Chicago community," officials

said in a public statement.

Applications are due Wednesday, June 30, with up to \$150,000 in grants available for commercial businesses and up to \$250,000 available for industrial businesses.

For more information or to apply visit Chicago.gov/sbif.

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Sherry Lea Fox



Sean Eshaghy, Mamie Walton.



Among the gathered are Paul Iacono, Dr. Joaquin Brievea, Maria Pappas, Candace Jordan, Kelly Mondelli, Michael Kutza, Charles Jordan.

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his birthday, quietly keeping our neighborhoods (the Triangle, Rush St., the Gold Coast, Wells St.) jumping with the city's best assemblage of friends out on the town. His honor knows how to make a city real. Music. Art. Food and the perfect Martini. Happy Birthday, pal. What would I do without you?

HATS. HATS: After keeping a close eye on the hats of Service Club beauties and showing their élan, I get my turn. After long deliberation this column is announcing the winning choice for Best of Show, the prize being lunch at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with just this columnist. The winner, the 'Lady in White,' **Sherry Lea Fox.**

TOP BANANA: Sean Eshaghy has be-

come of the the savviest and engaging of elementary's hot teachers in Chicago. The pride of the Catholic schools. And best yet, the favorite teacher of the students. The class of 2022 honored him recently with the trophy of a top banana.



Cesar Corrales

BIDEN DIPLOMACY: Former under secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Harvard faculty professor **R. Nicholas Burns** to China, current Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti** to India, former Illinois congressman, Chicago Mayor and long-time **President W.J. Clinton** staffer **Rahm Emanuel** to Japan. **Rep. Claire Cronin** is said to

have the edge for Ambassador to Ireland. Former **Senator Chris Dodd** and **Elizabeth Frawley Bagley**, former Ambassador to Portugal, also mentioned. I like the idea of a place for former mayors. Is there a vacancy open in Upper Volta?

PRAYERS SOUGHT: Everyone is asked to lift the lovely **Patricia Maxwell's** name before the Great Divinity. Pat is beginning a new round of chemo and could use the extra boost. She is so beloved. We know the great one is listening.

Notice of Public Sale
East Bank Storage, located at 429 W. Ohio St., Chicago, IL (312-644-2000), is opening lockers:
7171XL (Wander Stuff)
8502E (Al Stornitsch)
4622X (Sanjay Vohra)
2713X (Tyra Peterson)
1638A (Adrienne Meachum)
for public sale on June 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
Cash only.

Notice of Public Sale
East Bank Storage located at 730 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 312-876-2000, is opening lockers:
5200E - Doherty, Garrett
6000J - Hawkins Way Property / Found Chicago
7570F - Advanced Solution Inc
for public sale.
This sale is to be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 2:00PM.
Cash payments only.

Notice of Public Sale
THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE
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Unit 4018 Aaron Taylor
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORDED CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT R. JAGODZINSKI, DECEASED; BRUCE LANHAM; CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ROBERT R. JAGODZINSKI, DECEASED; Defendants, 20 CH 6509
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, July 6, 2021 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. 10-25-300-043-0000.
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Defendants
17 CH 05235
6431 NORTH WAYNE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 11, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 7, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 6431 NORTH WAYNE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-329-018-0000
The real estate is improved with a tan brick, two story 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. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction 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.
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GRANT PARK FESTIVAL: The Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus return to Millennium Park with a thrilling lineup beginning July 2.

WHO'S WHERE: Chef **Mari Katsumura** announced that Yungen, the high-end Japanese-inspired, Michelin-starred restaurant in the West Loop has now closed permanently... Happy that **Cynthia Olson** has returned from visiting her artist daughter in Colorado. Lunching with her and **Rosie O'Neill** this week was quite a treat... the L'Escarole gang, **Paul Iacono, Dr. Joaquin Brievea, Kelly Mondelli, Michael Kutza, Charles Jordan, Maria Pappas** and **Jennifer Sutton Brievea** tune up for **Candace Jordan's** birthday... in "Hat News" comes word that both **Tracey**

Tarantino DiBuono and **Candace Jordan**, who wowed everyone at the Service Club Hat Lunch, wore fabulous fascinators by Dublin hat designer **Phillip Tracy**, a favorite of Royal weddings... **Mamie Walton**, adored by all, celebrated birthday #93, at the Shanghai Terrace replete with menus flying the Union Jack and saluting her special day... the Peninsula's **Greg Hynes, Sherry Lea Fox** and **Jean Coatar Antoniou** getting some early Joe at Ralph Lauren Bar&Grill... **Frances Renk** at Las Ventanas Resort, taking in dinner and fireworks in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico with plenty of sun and salt air... Huge congratulations to **Cesar Corrales**, one of four dancers who has been promoted to Principal, the highest rank in The Royal Ballet... Just a thought, but wouldn't **Christie's Steve Zick** make a perfect Lord Bridgerton, for Season 2 of the "Enlightenment" saga about the 18th century aristo clan? ... Bondgirl **Diane O'Connell** welcoming San Francisco's **Scott Grainger** and Chicago's **John Miller** and **Joe Angell**, local and visiting financial marketeers, visiting newly rehabbed Four Seasons Hotel.

Without music, life would be a mistake.
-- Friedrich Nietzsche

tog515@gmail.com

North Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF MAURICE S. MARKS, DECEASED, JOSEPHINE SMITH, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MAURICE S. MARKS, DECEASED, JOSEPHINE MARKS SMITH A/K/A JOSEPHINE SMITH, BONNIE KAY SPILLER, DONALD TRENT MARKS, KENNETH R. MARKS, DEBORAH K. MARKS, DOROTHY BRADFORD, WAYNE E. HENDERSON, LAMONT H. HENDERSON, ROOSEVELT MARKS, JR., AUSTIN MARKS, SHELEETA MARKS, JAMES D. SUMRAL, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF GREGORY MARKS, DECEASED, YETTA R. PORTER, THE NORTH TOWN VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
Defendants
19 CH 3073
1317 NORTH BURLING STREET, UNIT B 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 March 9, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 13, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1317 NORTH BURLING STREET, UNIT B, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-113-100-1038
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$264,661.74.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial

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Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction 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.
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Defendants
18 CH 13262
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To combat the nuisance the City Council just passed ordinance #O2021-363 which adds several issues to the list of Code violations punishable by impoundment of a vehicle. Effective June 7, this new ordinance now allows the Chicago Police Dept. to impound vehicles for drifting on any street, highway, or other public way in the City; operation of a non-highway vehicle upon any street, highway, roadway, or any public property in the City, and operating a mo-

tor vehicle equipped with prohibited plate covers or other coverings that obstruct the visibility of the plate.

This ordinance was co-sponsored by several area aldermen who represent neighboring wards impacted by this menace. The Chicago City Council approved this ordinance at the April 21 meeting. Now that the new ordinance is enforceable, "I requested that the Chicago Police Department's 1st and 18th Districts work in tandem to conduct drag racing and drifting and motorcycle enforcement missions," said Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd]. "I asked CPD to conduct a show of force and publicize the results of their missions in order to show the drag racing community that this behavior is unacceptable and violations will be strictly enforced."

In an effort to combat motorcycle noise, drag racing and drifting, the city has taken a number of steps to improve Chicago Municipal Code as well as local infrastructure to deter drag racing.

In 2014, City Council secured approval for an Altered Motorcycle Muffler Ordinance, which amended Municipal Code to allow the CPD to issue citations for altered mufflers without cooperation and coordination with the Illinois State Police. The amendment increased the fines for operating a motorcycle without a muffler from \$100 to \$1,000 per incident.

In July 2019, City Council approval for a Drag Racing and Drifting Ordinance, which increases the fine for drag racing and drifting to no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$10,000 for each offense. The

ordinance also establishes a \$500 fine for operating a motor vehicle with an altered muffler within the City of Chicago.

"Throughout my tenure, I have used the Aldermanic Menu to fund the installation of speed humps, curb extension, jersey barriers, and Police Department cameras to prevent dangerous drag racing and drifting," said Reilly. [We also] "established a "No Cruising Zone" and late-night "No Parking/No Standing/No Stopping Tow Zone" along Lower Lower Wacker Dr., between Stetson and Field Blvd."

Those who witness dangerous driving or vehicles violating the noise ordinance, are asked to call 9-1-1.

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to happen," she said. (I couldn't agree with her more on that).

Formed on a triangle of land bounded by Rush, Wabash and Chestnut streets, Connors Park is a small 0.34 acre plaza featuring a fountain and benches. According to the CPD website, Connors Park is "nearly as old as the city itself." The tiny triangle of land was acquired by the city in 1848, bought from an early subdivider. The city retained jurisdiction until 1959, when it then transferred the park to the CPD.

Throughout its long history, the venerable property was apparently known as both Oak Park and Arbor Rest. Moreover, between 1931 and 1957, a sign mistakenly labeled the park Rehm Arbor, the name of another triangular park nearby.

The site gained its current name in 1970,

when the CPD renamed it in honor of William J. Connors (1892 - 1961), who was active in local politics. Connors rose from deputy municipal court bailiff to state senator, serving seven terms and acting as senate minority leader.

Meanwhile, when Argo Tea first built its big honkin' glass structure inside the teeny park somewhere around 2013, it created a lot of hullabaloo in the community. Things appeared to settle down though, and soon it seemed as if Argo had found itself a nice home inside the park, which is also a popular place with Michigan Ave. shoppers looking to rest their weary feet and take a moment to catch their breath.

George Blakemore has a special interest in Connors Park. When Argo Tea first built the glass building several years ago, the agreement was that because it was located within the park the public could use the

tea house to sit and relax in, whether they made a purchase or not. One day, when Blakemore was doing just that -- relaxing without buying -- he was asked to leave.

Since then, Blakemore -- a well-known activist in the city -- has taken a personal interest in the park. Like Metzger, he would like to see something similar to what's at Mariano Park, a short jaunt away. There, is a small kiosk selling coffee and juice and gelato. "People can sit around or something like that," said Blakemore. "And restore the fountain too."

Another idea Blakemore would like to see if the structure is kept is something that deals with art, as he is an artist.

"I'd like to see a floating art gallery where artists can come in at different times," he said. On second thought, he said, he feels that more importantly the area needs green space so, "It should go," he said of the structure. "The only green space in that area is at Newberry Library (Washington Square Park). Maybe it should go."

Gold Coaster Kelli Heinz thought some-

one else would move into the spot by now. "I hope someone else moves in, it's a great location."

Argo Tea was tight-lipped about the situation and provided no further information. But they are definitely long gone from Connors Park. They picked up their tea bags and took off it seems.

"While we enjoyed our time serving our community in that area, that location is currently managed by the CPD," said Jacqueline Powers, spokeswoman for Argo Tea.

Being part of a neighborhood that's not only steeped in riches but also in our city's history, Connors Park should be a reflection of the best of what the Gold Coast has to offer.

We hope to see it gussied up and with a new tenant soon. Otherwise, please get rid of the ugly glass structure and put the park back to what it once was, a peaceful little sitting area and resting spot.

I just know the neighbors would be steeped with happiness if that were to happen.

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When the man pulled over to exchange information with the offenders near Balbo, the offenders displayed a handgun and took control of his car, police said. The men left behind the car they used to ram the victim. That vehicle, a white Toyota, was stolen in the Loop on Saturday, according to a police report.

Taken in the carjacking on Sunday morning was a 2014 Mercedes E350 that bears Indiana plates that begin with "326," the report said. It was last seen southbound on Lake Shore Dr.

While carjacking reports have declined from the record pace of over 200 cases seen in January, hijackings have continued to occur at a faster pace than last year.

Now, the city appears to be in the midst of another carjacking surge. Among the most recent cases: two armed carjackings were reported in about 10 minutes on June 5 -- one downtown and the other in Old Town. A driver was carjacked at gunpoint on a parking lot near Columbus and Illinois in Streeterville on June 4. Police linked that case to a series of more than a dozen armed robberies that unfolded in the preceding nine hours. Three teens are charged with carjacking a woman in Rogers Park on June 2.

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