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The path to Mariano's isn't paved with concrete--yet by Bonnie McGrath

Who would ever think that the installation of a new concrete sidewalk, creating a convenient path for the residents who live in the south portion of Dearborn Park to get to [Mariano's](#) could cause trouble?

Well, apparently it has. Even though it should enhance life in the neighborhood at no cost.

Word is that townhouse dwellers along the soon-to-be concrete path don't like a more, well, ahem, "formal" pathway along Dearborn to the store at 16th Street--because they feel their privacy is being violated. They're complaining about it and blaming the school at the [Daystar Center](#) for the intrusion.

Which is really weird--because the school is on the other side of Dearborn and has absolutely nothing to gain from a new footpath across the street.

As one neighborhood maven recently pointed out, the plan to set the path--which leads out of [Dearborn Park](#) at 15th Street --in concrete has been in the works for years. It's simply coming to fruition.

Dearborn Park residents have been using the dirt path for quite a while already. The only thing the latest news should bring is cleaner shoes.



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 - Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
 - Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
 - Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
 - Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the Chicago River to Lake Michigan.
- www.Southloopneighbors.org**

Have You Ever Thought About Showing Off Your South Loop Home? You Can!

Saturday, October 10 from 12 to 5

By Jim Michaels, Board Member and Membership Chair



If you would like to be a part of this year's SLN Loft Walk, we would love to have you. Want to show off your renovation? A fabulous restoration? Do you have a very cool, very beautiful place?

Have you ever wanted to volunteer that day as a "docent" so you can tour and view the homes of others at no charge? However you wish to donate your time, South Loop Neighbors needs your help and welcomes your participation.

If you live in any South Loop Loft building—or know someone who does, and would be willing to show off your home with SLN for the day, contact Jim at jim@southloopneighbors.org. We are looking for variety and interesting spaces!

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5 things lately in the South Loop I don't understand

By Bonnie McGrath

Living in the South Loop for almost 21 years, I generally have no trouble understanding my neighborhood. But lately, a few things have happened I don't understand.

Is it Tiny Dancer's influence on our South Loop culture? (Because [he sure doesn't make any sense.](#)) Or is it me? Or are inexplicably weird things happening in the neighborhood? Like these:

1) First on the list has to be the [pink bunny slippers that landed on all 212 feet on the Agora legs](#) sculpture in the southwest corner of Grant Park at Roosevelt and Michigan around Mother's Day. Which stayed on for a couple of weeks. Knitted by a national knitting group--35 knitters from 15 states used 250 pounds of yarn over 2000 hours--the knitters spent a lot of everything on this silly project. And for what?

They were making the big legs more comfortable, they said, giving them a "rest." Really? If you ask me, they would have spent their Mother's Day time and money and energy a lot more sensibly by knitting baby blankets and booties for poor children. Why slippers for an inanimate legs sculpture? Added warmth for poor children seems a lot more sensible to me.

2) How come everyone I know in the neighborhood turns up their nose at [milkweed](#)? Not only is it free, native, hearty, sweet-smelling and provider of a home for migrating butterflies--not to mention food for their offspring along the way--the Chicago Tribune says [here](#) that Cook County officials are currently passing milkweed out and begging people to plant it for the Monarchs, whose numbers have been down, down, down in recent years. Perhaps as a result of everyone hating milkweed.

What's the deal, South Loop? Weeds are an arbitrary classification. Plant some milkweed. Attract some butterflies.

I have a front yard full of it myself. And I never planted one. They just grew. If you're good to your "weeds," they'll be good to you.

3) I couldn't believe that our in-water boat show at the 31st Street harbor [was cancelled](#). And although we are getting [our usual boat show at McCormick Place in January](#), it's going to combine the usual power boats with sailboats--which previously had their own show at Navy Pier.

What? Not enough lake out there for you, Chicago, to maintain three totally unique boat shows? Or not enough South Loopers and their friends and relatives willing to patronize them?

4) With all the big sporting events in the South Loop--[the NFL thing](#) on Congress and Michigan; the [DEW TOUR](#) of skateboards and BMX at Roosevelt and Michigan in the [new skateboard park](#)--how come our local businesses don't seem to be getting extra business during same? Not that that's so terrible for us residents. It's always nice to still be able to get a seat in one of our local restaurants even though people from around the world have alighted in the 'hood to partake of the football draft and such.

It just seems to me as I walk the streets during these events that the participants go into the Loop proper to eat and drink. Or go home.

I hope our [new Aurelio's at Roosevelt and Michigan](#) gets the business it wants and deserves after Bears' games at Soldier Field this Fall.

Right now, the only sporting event that seems to attract people and keep them in the heart of the South Loop is [when the Stanley Cup visits The Scout](#) at 13th and Wabash. And that a successful business does not make. Although The Scout does pretty well even when the Cup isn't visiting.

5) Why don't people take advantage of a very pleasant perk that I found out about during my spring planting weekend several weeks ago? Walking home with your stuff in a Home Depot "grocery" cart. As long as you bring it back.

It all started when I realized in mid-May that both Jewel and Ace Hardware--both easily walkable from my house at Roosevelt and State--weren't getting the abundance of annuals that they usually do.

Frantic one night about 9 PM, I called Home Depot at Roosevelt and Clinton to place an order for 10 flats of what I wanted. I told them to pack them up (figuring five flats in a huge bag, one for each arm) and I would walk over momentarily to pick them up. (Actually, getting the right person on the phone to do this was not exactly easy, but I finally did.)

In any case, when I got there, the flats weren't packed because the guy I talked to thought they would be too unwieldy to carry. But they were nicely packed in a grocery cart, and the salesman offered to let me roll it home--as long as I brought it back.

"But you'll be closed by then," I said.

"That's OK," he said. "Just leave it in front of the door."

Which is what I did. Up and back and up and back was three miles all together--which was a good constitutional on a nice Spring night. (Continued on next page)

Bonnie McGrath

Visit my blog: <http://www.chicagonow.com/mom-think-poignant/>



OPINION

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the editor or South Loop Referral Group.

And by the way, when I got back, not only was the store closed--but every plant for sale was outside in front. There for the taking. If I were a dishonest person, I could have used that cart all night, gone back and forth and cleaned them out.

Don't get any ideas. **Bonnie McGrath**

Mondays with Mike: Here's stuff that works. Let's do more of it.

Published July 13, 2015



by [mknezo2014](#)

Published July 13, 2015 Mike Knezovich , Mondays with Mike

Been cogitating on a bunch of stuff since last weekend, which saw hundreds of thousands of Grateful Dead fans come to our neck of the woods. I started on one topic but it sort of got out of control so I'm backing off and am going to keep it short here.

The upshot is what most of us know, whatever our self-identified political stripe is: politics gets so stupid that we're never talking about what works and what doesn't, at least in a rational, evidence-based way. Everything is reduced to symbols, moral finger-wagging, fear, hate, ad hominem attacks—you know the drill.

But there are people working to solve intractable problems—and they're doing things that seem to be working. Here are articles about two of them:

In Colorado, providing young women long-term birth control has cut the rate of teen pregnancy by 40 percent (and reduced abortions by 35 percent). [Read this piece in The Washington Post](#)—I did and I also read some other pieces about it, and it doesn't seem to be an illusion. So, to those squawking about the demise of the traditional family, and abortion, if you really care, you should at least consider this solution.

In Utah, [The New Yorker reports](#) those crazies out there are reducing homelessness by—drum roll—giving people places to live. Yes, yes, it unnerves all of us who obsess about anyone getting anything free—but read it. It makes perfect sense. Provide some stability up front to a homeless person and that person has a much greater chance of maintaining that stability than they ever do attaining it in the first place. When you're homeless, it's tough to solve problems.

These are great efforts that yield long-lasting benefits. To everyone. There's hope, but we've got to neutralize the numbskulls somehow.



From the Editor

You'll notice a number of articles in this issue which talks about current issues such as taxes, budget cuts, and some common sense approaches to complex problems. Good for Toni Preckwinkle who was elected on the campaign pledge to cut taxes in Cook County . We now have a more efficient government and have enjoyed lower taxes for several years. Now, she recognizes that you can't keep cutting without hurting basic services that are important, and to fulfill our obligation to pensions too. (page 10). Budget cuts are reported for the Chicago Public Schools, except some schools will receive more funding. My fear is for the deserving students who are in the poorer neighborhoods. (page 6). And finally, a group (or a coalition) of citizens who seem to have common sense solutions to funding of schools who need to be heard. (page 8).



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Budgets Slashed at Ogden, Payton; Jones to Gain Nearly \$1.5 Million

By David Matthews | July 13, 2015 5:57pm

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DOWNTOWN — The growing Jones College Prep in the Loop will receive nearly \$1.5 million in new funding next school year, a rare bright spot on a budget day when neighborhood schools across the city were told to slash \$60 million.

Jones, 700 S. State St., will receive about \$1.45 million more to boost its total 2015-16 budget to nearly \$10.1 million, Chicago Public Schools said Monday.

The acclaimed selective-enrollment high school opened a new building in 2013 and is also projected to boost its enrollment by 234 students, to 1,670, next school year.

"Money follows the students," CPS Chief Financial Officer Ginger Ostro said during a conference call on the school budgets Monday.

Jones' good news came as CPS officials outlined sweeping systemwide budget cuts in the face of a colossal budget deficit that has soared to more than \$1 billion. CPS delivered budgets to schools Monday, and Ostro said 238 schools would see increased funding, at a total of \$68.5 million, while 416 had budgets cut by \$99.5 million.

Elsewhere Downtown the Ogden International School had its budget next year cut by \$506,000, to

\$9.28 million. Most of those cuts are to "supplemental funds" outside the classroom, though, and like Jones, enrollment at Ogden is also expected to increase — by 37 students — next school year.

Ogden Principal Michael Beyer deferred questions to Ogden Local School Council Chair Tracy Shine, who said a special budget meeting will be held within two weeks to determine specific cuts.

Enrollment is expected to stay the same at Walter Payton College Prep, 1034 N. Wells St., but its budget next year will also be cut, by about \$362,000, to \$6.03 million. Like Ogden, most of Payton's budget cuts will also be to supplemental funds.

Payton Principal Tim Devine and Jones Principal Joseph Powers did not return messages seeking comment.

Here are the budget figures next year for other Downtown schools. Noble Academy, which operated out of 17 N. State this past school year, is moving to 1443 N. Ogden Ave. in the fall.

- Salazar Elementary, 160 W. Wendell St.: -\$112,243 (-5.26 percent)
- South Loop Elementary, 1212 S. Plymouth Court: +\$149,037 (+3.22 percent)
- Noble Academy, 17 N. State St. (Charter): +\$1.88 million (+89.95 percent)
- Noble Muchin College Prep, 1 N. State St. (Charter): -\$383,556 (-4.23 percent)
- Perspectives Joslin Campus, 1930 S. Archer Ave. (Charter): +\$21,571 (+0.52 percent)
- National Teachers Academy, 55 W. Cermak Road: +\$155,454 (+4.18 percent) <http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/>



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If you go to the web site, there is a sample of the music. You will be signing up fast after you hear that!

Here are the dates for the performances at the Symphony Center.

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- January 20
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\$200M in cuts- Our Statement

We are alarmed but not surprised about the announcement today that CPS will be making \$200M in cuts that will in part impact operations at the school level. This crisis has been years in the making, and while we could spend hours detailing all the terrible decisions that have been made along the way to get to this point, now is the time to push for sustainable solutions so that all parties – the state, city and CPS-can adequately address this situation and put our school district on a path towards health and not further austerity.

There are a few cuts that CPS has proposed that make sense. It seems they have finally realized that they need to put a hold on some charter spending and have put a hold on charter start-up costs as well as some AUSL costs. However, the real problem is authorizing new charter schools in the first place when there is already a surplus of charter seats. We also think they should put a hold on the proposed selective-enrollment high-school that has been announced.

In addition, we are very concerned over CPS's proposal to "right-size" special education staffing, consolidate engineers, cut sports programs, and more. And while CPS does plan to reduce funding to Network Offices, we have suggested other Central office department be reduced, including Offices of Innovation and Incubation, Accountability, and Family and Community Engagement. Yet, even if these cuts are made, CPS will not be able to come close to solving their financial problems without real sustainable revenue solutions from the state and city.

Here is some more info from the CPS document on what they plan to cut from this [WBEZ](#) article:

Eliminate 1400 positions across CPS (350 are currently vacant):
\$17.4 million to Network Offices -- new teacher development & start-up funding for any new turnaround schools

\$15.8m by eliminating startup funding for newly approved charter, contract & alternative learning options

\$11.6m reduction to PD funding at turnaround schools

\$11.1m reduce facility repair & maintenance budget by 25%, share engineers across more schools, "eliminate some outsourced positions by limiting access to unused space at some schools"

\$9.2m shift HS start times 45min. later; reduces transportation costs somehow

\$3.2m in funding to elementary school sports teams (5300 coach stipends cut)

\$2.3m change magnet school transport policy to pickup students w/in 2 miles of homes

Email us if you have questions: info@ilraiseyourhand.org

- See more at: <http://ilraiseyourhand.org/content/200m-cuts-our-statement#sthash.YmSoBCxB.dpuf>

Other articles on the cuts:

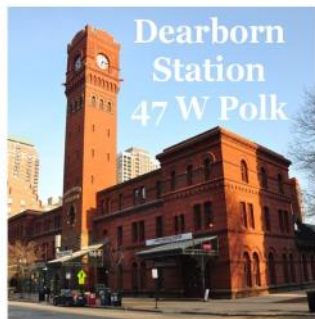
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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

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One step at a time published July 2, 2015

Twenty-five short years ago, the United States Capitol had no wheelchair ramps. You read that right. The monument that pretty much defines American equality and justice was inaccessible to people using wheelchairs.

In 1990, activists in Washington, D.C. struggled out of their wheelchairs and crawled up the Capitol steps to urge lawmakers to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Capitol Crawl and other demonstrations across the country were modeled on tactics used in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and they helped push legislators to pass the ADA on **July 26**, 1990 — 25 years ago.

While the memoir classes I lead are on a short hiatus, I've been dedicating more time to my part-time job at Easter Seals Headquarters in Chicago. I'm the Interactive Community Coordinator there, which is just a fancy title that means I moderate the [Easter Seals Blog](#). I keep my ear open for articles and issues concerning disabilities and recruit guest bloggers to write posts about those topics. They email the posts to me, I edit them and add html code, and, presto! Their posts get published.

Come to think of it, You have Easter Seals to thank — or blame — for this Safe & Sound blog. It was at Easter Seals that I learned to use the blogging tools, and now this month at Easter Seals we are “celebrating one of the most important civil rights legislations of our time.”

Accessible design is so common now that some people find it hard to remember life without curb cuts, wheelchair ramps and Braille on elevator buttons. An [NPR reporter interviewed Katy Neas, a colleague](#) of mine from Easter Seals Headquarters to remind us what things were like back in the 20th Century.

Katy told the reporter that back then too many people with disabilities were out of sight and out of the minds of the general public. “There was a lot of ignorance about the interests and abilities of people with disabilities,” she said. “Discrimination and low expectations were part of the mainstream

culture. Why would someone who uses a wheelchair want to go to the movies? Why would someone who is blind want to eat in a restaurant?”

That last quote stopped me in my tracks. We've come a long way, baby. I learned at work that 25 years ago, Easter Seals hired a Minneapolis ad agency to create [posters for adults and children with disabilities to bring along to protests and events](#) across the country. The posters were used in print public service announcements, too. More from the NPR story:

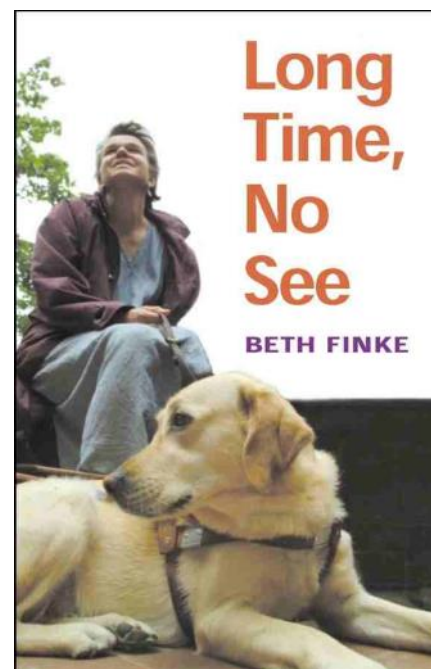
As an outspoken advocate for the ADA, Easter Seals created a series of powerful posters that illustrated the dilemmas — and desires — of disabled Americans and helped the country understand the reasons for, and responsibilities resulting from, the anti-discrimination legislation.

We've still got a ways to go (25 years after the ADA was passed, the unemployment rate among people who are blind still hovers around 75%) but we really have come a long way in a short time. Just [look at the posters](#) now for an idea of what things were like for people with disabilities back in the dark ages. Happy Independence Day to Americans with Disabilities.

Beth Finke's books: “Safe and Sound” and “Long Time No See” can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.



Disable demonstrators crawl the Capitol steps. Photo: Action for Access, Tom Olin



Checkerboard City: A Taxing Woman

Back in 2010, when Toni Preckwinkle was running against incumbent Cook County Board President Todd Stroger, she successfully used Stroger's one-cent sales tax hike as a



Cook County board president Toni Preckwinkle and CNT vice president Jacky Grimshaw/Photo: CNT -

campaign issue, going as far as to make an ad with a Benjamin Franklin impersonator. "I used to teach my history students about Ben Franklin," said Preckwinkle, a former high school teacher, in the spot. "A penny saved is a penny earned." After she was elected, Preckwinkle rolled back the sales tax to the current 9.25-percent rate. As president, she's generally been credited with improving the efficiency of the county government and cutting costs, avoiding the allegations of patronage and incompetence that hounded Stroger. However, to address pension obligations, Preckwinkle is now calling for a return to the higher county sales tax. In response, a Crain's magazine cartoonist recently portrayed her as a mad scientist crying, "It's alive!" as the 10.25-percent tax rises from the operating table like Frankenstein's monster. There's a saying in politics, "Never let a crisis go to waste." Accordingly, The Center for Neighborhood Technology and the Active Transportation Alliance are using this moment when the Cook County commissioners may vote for a tax hike to promote their Transit Future funding campaign. They're asking the commissioners to simultaneously create a dedicated revenue stream for public transportation infrastructure in the county. CNT vice president of policy Jacky Grimshaw explained the reasoning behind this new push. Read the rest of this entry » - See more at: <http://newcity.com/#sthash.zhu11ddr.dpuf>

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Pathways Youth Program, through Blind Services Assoc., a non-profit organization, sells milk chocolate and white chocolate pretzels for \$1 each. This year's event will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd in Front of Grace Place, 637 S.



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Chop Set to Open at Roosevelt Collection Today

Thursday, July 16, 2015

It appears that Chop, the new steakhouse at Roosevelt Collection is opening (via Crain's):

Jovanis Bourgoub's new steakhouse, Chop, is set to open tomorrow, (actually 7/16) for dinner in the Shops at Roosevelt Collection.

The upscale, 2,300-square-foot, 99-seat restaurant, which also will open within the next two weeks for lunch and weekend brunch, aims to appeal to both shoppers and residents of the area with a varied menu that includes six burgers, five salads, four seafood dishes and three pastas. But its calling card is grilled meats, including a \$29 14-ounce double bone-in Berkshire pork chop, a \$39 rack of lamb and seven cuts of steak ranging from a \$19 fried steak to a swashbuckling \$64 40-ounce porterhouse.

This is a bit of a milestone moment for Roosevelt Collection as it's the first real restaurant of significance to open in the complex. As we wrote about last week, [getting one to open has been a challenge](#).

We're curious to see how this restaurant fares. Bourgoub obviously has had some success running restaurants (this is his fifth), so that's a good sign.

However, the location feels tough to get to and won't benefit from a highly visible spot. On the flip side, there are numerous businesses and the popular ICON movie theater that could help them have steady business. Guess we will see.

<http://www.sloopin.com/>

Wingers USA Opens at 606 S. Wabash

A reader writes:

The new restaurant in the 600 South Wabash block opened today. I went there because I live in the building. It's fantastic. The menu is quite unique and the prices are about the best you will find in the Sloop. Please give them a look see and a write up. As a low-income and disabled resident of this neighborhood, I believe eateries that are inexpensive and good deserve to be recognized. We are not all wealthy in this neighborhood, so it's nice to find a reasonable place to eat for us.

The restaurant the reader is talking about is Wingers USA. As a reminder this was the restaurant that replaced Bull Chicks

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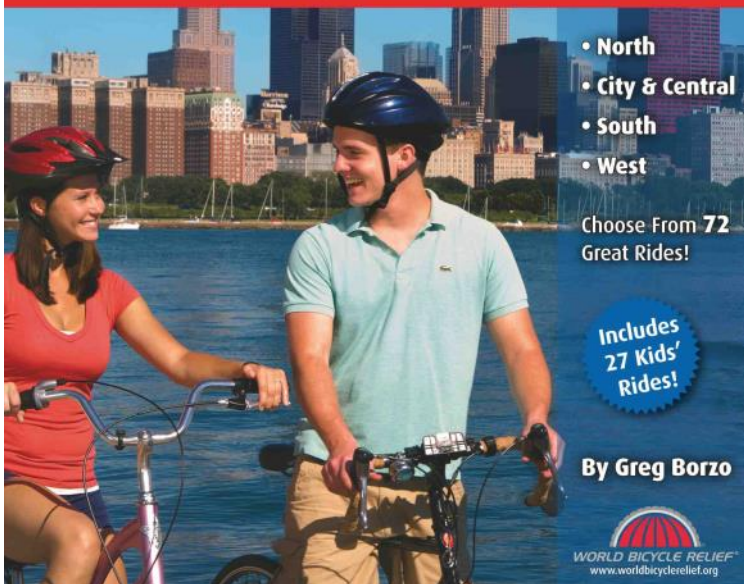
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“Where to Bike” available at Sandmeyer’s Bookstore, Amazon and other places.

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HOLY TRINITY IN THE LOOP BRINGS TRADITIONAL LITURGY, PROGRESSIVE THINKING TO SOUTH LOOP.

Meets need of rapidly growing neighborhood.

Holy Trinity in the Loop, an extension of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wrigleyville, began weekly Saturday evening services in February, 2014. **Holy Trinity in the Loop meets Saturdays at 5 pm at Grace Place in the South Loop and is member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).**

All are welcome at Holy Trinity in the Loop. At every service, Pastor Craig states, “Whoever you are, whatever the color of your skin, whoever you love or marry, or whatever you think of organized religion, you are welcome here.”

The new worshipping community offers wine receptions following most services and anticipates volunteering in the South Loop neighborhood in the future.



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The 1000 S. Clark Apartment Building slated for 29 stories

is close to topping off. The building on the right shows a rendering by JDL Development, LLC. The photo on the left was taken July 15, 2015.



"Flagship" Aurielo's Now Open at Roosevelt and Michigan

And just like that, the "flagship" Aurielo's Pizza has opened at the corner of Michigan and Roosevelt.

A reader writes:

The new Aurelio's pizza is now open at the SW corner of Roosevelt and Michigan.

If that's not proof enough, you can check out their [Facebook page](#) and the "now open" picture:

<http://www.sloopin.com/>

Castle Keepers Realty welcomes **Cynthia Draper Hill** as a new Associate Broker. Cynthia brings a wealth knowledge and experience having served as Managing Broker for Century 21 Enterprise Realty and Sales Manager for Betts Realty Group. Cynthia has served on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Association of Realtors. Cynthia is excited about joining a boutique real estate firm dedicated to service and professionalism for every client that comes through our door.



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At Dearborn Station Atrium

Next Meeting Fri
July 24 at
Au Bon Pain

South Loop Referral Group is a professional organization, made up of individuals with a high level of skill and passion for serving their community. The members all live and work in the south loop area: which means they are well known locally with many resources and testimonials. A referral groups goal is to have only one representative from each category. The quality of their work and the care they provide makes them truly unique, and whether you are looking for a printer, a banker or a contractor, you can be sure whomever you hire from our group, will be attentive, on time, and competitively priced.

The group also serves as a rainmaker, encouraging local business development and supporting a thriving professional community in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood through motivation, communication, and education.



Summer Dance

Friday, July 24, 2015

Joel Paterson and the Modern Sounds ('30s and '40s Swing)

www.joelpaterson.com / www.facebook.com

Dance Center Chicago (East Coast Swing)

www.dancecenterchicago.com / www.facebook.com

Saturday, July 25, 2015

La Dynastia Freddy Kenton, Jr. y su Orquesta (Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton)

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www.laboriqua.com / www.facebook.com / twitter.com

Sunday, July 26, 2015

DJ Lawrence Peters (Country)

lawrencepeters.com / twitter.com/lpetersoutfit

The Galaxie (Country Line Dancing)

Friday, August 7, 2015

Sons of Susan (Jazz, Blues, Swing, Western Swing and Hokum)

www.sonsofsusan.com / soundcloud.com / www.facebook.com / myspace.com / twitter.com

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Saturday, August 8, 2015

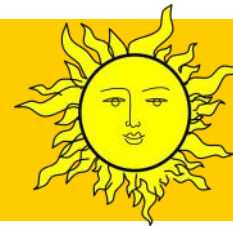
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Sunday, August 9, 2015

Megitza (Polish and Carpathian Folk Music)

www.megitza.com / soundcloud.com / www.facebook.com / instagram.com / twitter.com

Ethnic Dance Chicago (Polish, Carpathian Basin and Romani folk dances)

www.ethnicdance.net / www.facebook.com / twitter.com

Friday, August 14, 2015

The Fat Babies ('20s and '30s Jazz and Swing)

www.thefatbabies.com / soundcloud.com

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Saturday, August 15, 2015

Orquesta Charangueo (Afro-Cuban Jazz, Chachachá, Cuban Son and Mambo)

Arthur Murray Dance Center (Salsa)

chicagoarthurmurray.com / www.facebook.com

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Weepin' Willows (Patsy Cline Cover Band)

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Jeffrey Cannon and Nicolle Wood (Country Two-Step, Western Swing)

THE DEARBORN EXPRESS

This publication is sponsored by the South Loop Referral Group, a professional and business networking group. It is our mission to provide the Printers Row area with current news and to promote local businesses and organizations. This publication will be distributed through email to individuals who wish to receive it. It is our hope that we will be able to expand our features and publish every 20 days. If you have any questions or would like to contribute information, please email us:

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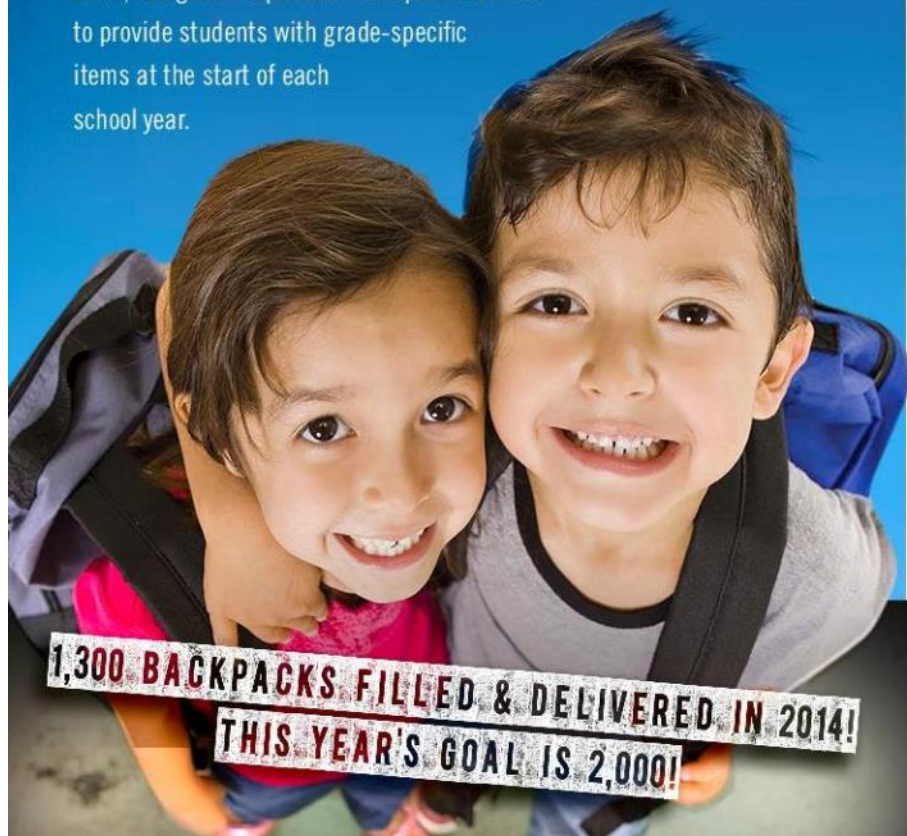
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- **July 27 – July 31**
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- **August 3 – 21**
Sort supplies into backpacks
- **August 29**
Back to school event

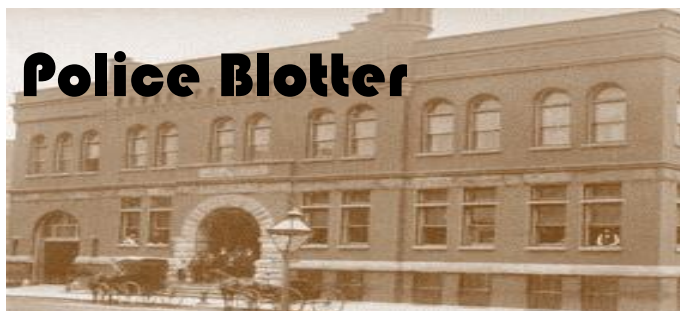


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Strong armed robbery on street

THURS, June 18 at 1:45 pm
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Aggravated Battery with knife on street

FRI, June 19 @ 3:40 am
100 W Harrison
Armed Robbery with hand gun on sidewalk

SUN, June 28 @ 9pm
1100 S State
Armed Robbery at CTA Station

WED, July 1 @ 1:08 am
800 S State
Strong Arm Robbery on street

SAT, July 4 @ 11:15 pm
800 S Clark
Strong arm Robbery at residence

SUN, July 5 @ 3 pm
800 S State
Strong Arm Robbery on sidewalk

SUN, July 5 @ 6:40 pm
800 S State
Aggravated Battery at CTA Station

FRI, July 10 @ 2 pm Armed Robbery with dangerous weapon on CTA Train, State & Roosevelt.

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Robber hits bank in the Loop

July 7, 2015



A Man walked into a Loop bank Tuesday afternoon and made off with cash after indicating he had a gun, authorities said.

No one was injured in the robbery, which occurred around 1:25 p.m. at the Fifth Third Bank at 601 S. Clark St., according to police and the FBI.

The man entered the bank and handed a teller a note implying he had a weapon, police said. The teller handed over an undisclosed amount of money and fled.

The robber was described by the FBI as white, 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-8, brown hair and large build. He was wearing a green sweatshirt and jean shorts.

By [Chicago Tribune staff](#)

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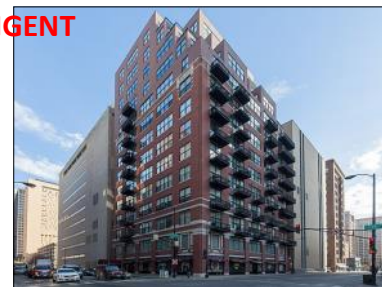
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