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South Loop Neighbors Annual Meeting

South Loop Neighbors held their annual meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 2013 at Jones College Prep High School. **Richard Weindorfer**, President of South Loop Neighbors, reviewed for us the events of 2013. He talked about “Re-use Jones” and how they were able to save the old building, however, not for purposes of a new neighborhood high school which many were hoping for. On two dates during the year, SLN sponsored ‘Breakfast at Grace’, a Saturday morning hot breakfast served to the homeless. There were two Yard Sales, one in June and one in September. There were a number of public meetings whose focus was on local development and presentations by developers and architects. There were member events which were social get-togethers at various venues. They are working with other community organizations such as the Greater South Loop Assoc. and Prairie Avenue District Neighbors Alliance. Also, SLN has assigned liaisons to now four alderman whose wards slice through the South Loop.

Dennis McClendon took over to focus on the past year’s activity of building developments and other physical improvements. He spoke of the “street scaping” efforts on Harrison and Roosevelt Rd to make it more pedestrian /bike friendly. He mentioned the initiative of Columbia College to make Wabash an arts corridor (WAC). He noted the completion of Jones High School. Richard had mentioned earlier the intent of Jones College Prep to open up their facilities to the community starting next Summer. The two lots on

the south end of the block of Dearborn, 776 and 777 S. Dearborn have a plan. The “chip lot” as it is known, is currently planned to be an eight story building instead of twelve stories as originally planned. The twin lot across the street will become the architect’s (Dave Talsman, goodbuildings.com) private residence, 3 or 4 stories, with retail on the first floor. No dates have been projected relating to this development. Amli Lofts have topped off at Polk and Clark. The red brick façade is now being applied to the exterior. The building at 1001 S State (SE corner) by Golub and Assoc. has had scant progress. It is anticipated ground breaking in the Spring or whenever they secure the foundation permits.



Kylie and Sarah, from Jones College Prep, serenading South Loop Neighbors at the Annual Meeting.

Happy Holidays and
A Healthy New Year!



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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

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| Thurs Dec 19 – Sunday Dec 22, 8 & 10pm; Sun 4 & 8pm only | The Bad Plus |
| Mon, Dec 23, 8 & 10pm | Jeff Kier & the Grilly Bros Sextet |
| Thurs, Dec 26 – Weds, Jan 1, 8 & 10pm; New Year's Eve 8 & 11pm | Roy Hargrove Quintet |
| Mon, Jan 6, 8 & 10pm | Guitarist John Moulder Trio |
| Thursday, Jan 9 – Sun, Jan 12, 8 & 10pm | Vocalist Eva Logan Quartet |
| Mon, Jan 13, 8 & 10pm | Trumpeter Scott Anderson NIA Quintet |
| Tues, Jan 14, 7pm til ? | Jasmine Kwong Presents Kids in Danger Fundraiser and Birthday Celebration! |
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
 - 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

We're looking for a few good people

South Loop Neighbors Want to make a difference in your community? Do you want to have a greater input on development in your neighborhood? Would you like to plan an event where you can meet local residents? Are you over 18? Do you live or work in the South Loop? Are you a SLN member or plan to join soon? Then consider becoming part to the Board of Directors for South Loop Neighbors. We're looking for a few dedicated people to help shape our community's future and also have some fun.

Please click on the link below to apply. All applications are due by Wednesday November 13, 2013, so act now.

<http://southloopneighbors.org/BoardApplication.asp>

Get Festive!

Friday, December 20, 2013

On Friday evening, December 20, South Loop Neighbors (SLN) is hosting a holiday social to share the spirit of the season with our friends and neighbors. We will begin at Cloud Gate ("the bean") in Millennium Park. The Windy City Gay Chorus will lead carolers in song. Then we will depart to Brasserie LM to eat, drink and be merry with our fellow South Loopers. Event fee includes two drinks per person, plus a buffet dinner featuring LM's contemporary and classic French fare.



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OPINION

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Greenest in the South Loop in 2013

The South Loop is green. Greener, perhaps, than most other neighborhoods. Perhaps even the greenest community in the city. Thanks to a neighborhood organization--[Alliance for a Greener South Loop](#), headed by neighborhood stalwart Gail Merritt--that aims to keep the recycling bins filled, the energy consumption down and the rain barrels and compost heaps at their level best.

For years, [the organization has given out Green, Greener and Greenest awards](#) to neighborhood homeowners associations and businesses for outstandingly doing their share. But this year the rules have changed --and only one lucky competitor will be given \$1000 for the most "engaging and green" community project.

I did think of entering this contest. Just for finagling [my new blue recycling cart](#)--which was unceremoniously delivered to the front gate of my house on State Street at Roosevelt--through the neighborhood, around to the alley and back up against my garage where it belonged. A Herculean feat, if I ever accomplished one. I also encouraged my bf Bruce to get the board of his [Prairie Avenue District](#) condo association to enter, since they've spent a lot of time recently having energy studies done and implementing a number of energy saving protocol around his building--from light sensors in the garage to reconfiguring building ventilation fans that are now topnotch green-friendly.

But, sigh, never got around to it. And herein are the actual finalists competing for the award:

-Ride Your Bike for a Week – by Delia Bleahu and Kelly Smoots of Youth Guidance of South Loop Elementary

-One Step Closer to Zero Waste (Composting) – by Jennifer Cheung, 1322 S. Wabash

-Recycling Cork and Clothing – by Kevin Horwitz, Community Specialists/600 S. Dearborn

-LED Lighting for Dearborn Tower Condominiums – by Tifanni Sterdivant of DK Condo/1530 S. State St.

-Save the Caps (Bottle Cap Repurposing/ Recycling) – by Miles Jain of Ghabit

Bonnie McGrath



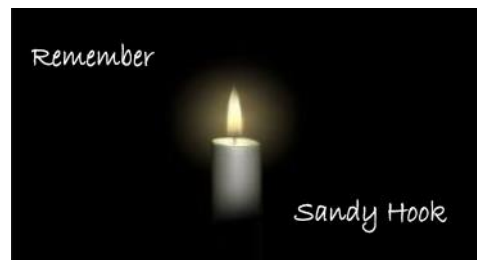
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Sandy Hook Anniversary

We recently marked the anniversary of the Sandy Hook Shootings which took the lives of 20 young children. There have been 25 school shootings since then. The media will conjecture endlessly about the motives of each perpetrator. I want to know where the shooter got his gun and where he got the ammunition. I don't care about the motive or whether the shooter had mental health problems. If it weren't for access to ammunition, we would have fewer tragic incidents of this nature.

Your opinion?
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Letters

Nov 30th editorial was on retail stores opening on Thanksgiving forcing thousands of employees to work on that day.

I was interested to learn that there is an Illinois law which prohibits car dealerships from selling cars on Sunday. The legislation was suggested by the Car Dealerships themselves so the Illinois legislature was happy to pass it.

I would love to see similar legislation supported by retailers. No one wants to lose a competitive edge, so legislation would create a level playing field. If there can be no work on Thanksgiving (or national holidays) then no retailer would have a competitive advantage. The law would need to apply to online sales as well. Or do we, as consumers, simply need to boycott shopping on these major holidays?
Kathleen Miles

I totally agree that it is shameful that people are made to work on the one ecumenical, American holiday dedicated to family! There should be a nationwide protest where people do not go to these stores on that day to shop. Unfortunately, I'm not sure those people who would take time away from family to go shopping would support such an effort. But we have to put a stop to this stuff at some point, no? How, is the question. **Beril Basman , Dearborn Park**

Next Edition,

Fri, Jan 10, 2014



Congratulations to our Contest Winner!

Ride Your Bike For a Week is the winner of our 5th Annual Greener South Loop Award. Submitted by Kelly Smoots and Delia Bleahu of Youth Guidance at South Loop Elementary, the project launches in January and is scheduled to culminate with a week of bike riding, April 21-25, 2014. Aaron Joseph, Deputy Sustainability Officer for the City announced the winner at our event and Alliance co-founder Gail Merritt presented the check and Green Ribbon to Delia, project lead.

If you missed the event, we have a video of the key events on our website. greenersouthloop.com

Post-Holiday Electronic Waste Collection

Expecting some new electronic goodies this holiday season? We can help you dispose of your old electronic devices responsibly. We are planning an afternoon drop-off, after the holidays. You'll bring your devices to the drop-off, and we'll get them to City's Electronic Waste Recycling Facility.

We could use a hand on this project. Please let us know if you'd like to help!

Christmas Tree Recycling

How will you recycle your Christmas tree in the South Loop? We know of two ways: The City's program at Grant Park, 900 S. Columbus Drive. Drop off your live Christmas tree(s) (with ornaments, lights, tinsel and stands removed) between Saturday, January 4 and Saturday, January 18. Forestry crews from the Department of Streets and Sanitation will chip the trees into free mulch

From L to R: Gail Merritt, Miles Jain, Tifanni Sterdivant, Jennifer Cheung, Kevin Horwitz, Delia Bleahu, Aaron Joseph, Deputy Sustainability Officer



for residents. Limited amounts of the mulch will be available at each location for pick up beginning on January 10.

Your building can hire Do The Right Thing Recycling service to come and collect Christmas trees. Don't worry that the site refers to a North Side service. Owner/operator Al tells us they will come to the South Loop. Visit the website to fill out a form to schedule a pick up.

<http://dtrt-recycling.org/treerecycling.html>.

Resources for Going Greener

Did you know that Verizon offers rewards for electronic devices? Recycle your used devices with Verizon and you may be eligible to receive a Verizon Wireless gift card. The program accepts cell phones, tablets, netbooks, and mobile hotspot devices from any carrier.

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In these secular, overwhelmingly commercial times, the holidays can easily become a season of dread, of disdain, of why-do-we-do-this-again-and-again? Like Charlie Brown, every year I find myself searching once again for the true meaning of Christmas. I found it, this year, when reading Naomi Huffman's heartfelt essay about her grandparents, in this line, which unexpectedly choked me up: "All the fanfare, all the fuss, it was all for us, their grandchildren." You have to read it in context, of course, but I realized: That's what the holidays are all about—family, memories and love, unconditional love, the kind of love those lucky enough to feel it as children binds us forever to those who gave it to us and creates a lifelong longing to find it again and, ultimately failing that, to pass it on. Read through these essays, all written by sophisticated, urban, maybe even "ironic" writers, and see if you can't find that thread yourself. It's there. (Brian Hieggelke)

Bad Santa: An Unforgettable Employment Claus

Daunting Bird Day: Heartsick for the Holidays

Thoughts That Count: Five Cards that Celebrate Christmas in Chicago from Chicago

Boze Narodzenie: A Brighton Park Memoir

The Santa Fe Locomotive: For the Love of a Grandfather

Seasons Misgivings: Christmas Has No Conscientious Objectors

The Black Friday Brawl: The Importance of Owning Poo-Chi

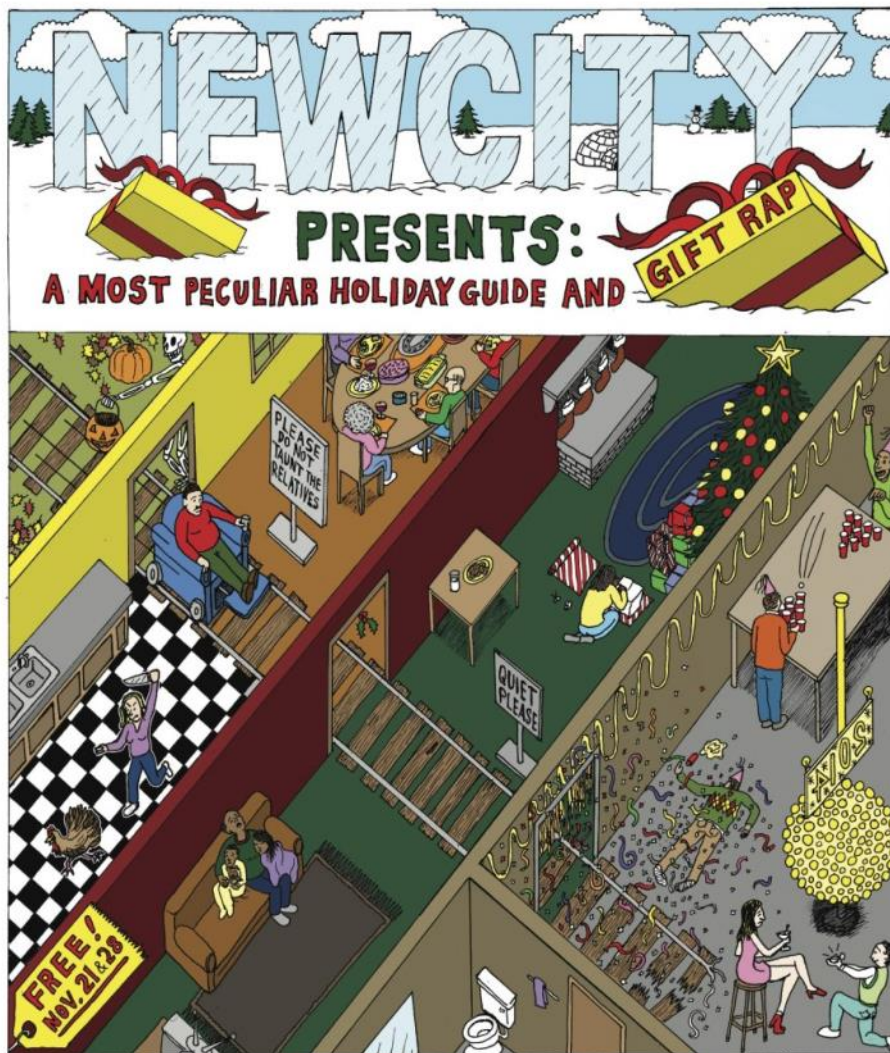
Deck the Hell: Why Ornament?

Cinematic Giving: How to Have Christmas Just Like in the Movies

When the Aspidistra Was Flying: Home, Among the Bookshelves, For the Holiday

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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

<http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com>



Today's guest post is by Elizabeth Seebeck, the founder of [Oglesby Montessori Foundation](#).

by Elizabeth Seebeck

Last February, 31 little bodies sat still in their small, Montessori classroom in one of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Chicago: the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood. The children were absolutely mesmerized by Beth, her dog, and her story. Beth, Judy and the children in Oglesby's Montessori Program.

It's not every day that schoolkids get to meet a blind author who answers each and every question they have! And it's not every day that students on Chicago's South Side participate in a public Montessori program that develops their curious minds, stimulates their thirst for knowledge, and promises to encourage them to succeed in a neighborhood that makes few promises.

[Help kids in this South Side Chicago school — it won't cost you a penny](#)

Children at the Oglesby Montessori School benefit from hands on and experiential learning

-- like when Beth came and showed them how to read Braille. Now, our students are trying to take a huge step into that big world by building an urban farm and garden for their community to cultivate along with them.

The Oglesby Montessori Foundation funds this alternative school choice for families on the south side of Chicago, and this garden project is one of 5 finalists in a national contest sponsored by Teach for America and Fed Ex. If we win, we'll get \$25,000 for our garden proposal.

Three Potential Gardeners in Oglesby's Montessori Program

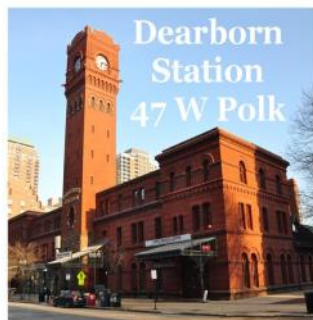
Having free access to nutritious food, and being in touch with that food from seed to harvest is transformative. In order to win, we need the most votes for a short video we made about the garden project, and we need those votes by Friday, December 27. It doesn't cost a thing to vote (all you need is a Facebook or Twitter account), so please vote for young Chicago gardeners!

Beth here: the site you use to vote is totally accessible with screen readers, so I was able to vote without looking at the video. If you can see and you're in a hurry, you can vote without taking time to watch the video, too. I bet it's cute, though

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SPOT ON: John Maloof

John Maloof ('05) transformed his life for \$400 at an auction. In 2007, the former Columbia College Chicago product design student outbid other buyers, sight unseen, for a box of 30,000 photo negatives. He hoped to score some black-and-white stills to illustrate a book he co-authored about Portage Park, his Chicago neighborhood.

He got so much more.

The box contained the work of North Shore nanny **Vivian Maier**, who documented everyday street scenes in 1950s and '60s Chicago. She never published her work and told few people about her passion.

Maloof, then a top real estate agent for Century 21, didn't fully comprehend the significance of his discovery. But Maier mesmerized him, and his journey to uncover the woman's story led to an unexpected path in his own artistic life—as a photographer, documentary filmmaker, and curator of Maier's now-internationally acclaimed work.

Over the past six years, Maloof has traced Maier's life, talking to more than 90 people who knew the nanny behind the camera. She kept piles of boxes of negatives and audiotapes, and books stuffed with newspaper clippings. "She was an odd person," Maloof says. "Very private. Always disappearing. All the stories were consistent about her being something of a recluse." (Maier died in 2009, before receiving critical acclaim.)

Fascinated by Maier's craft, Maloof educated himself about photography techniques. "I didn't even know what street photography was when I purchased [the negatives]," Maloof says. "I studied a lot of photography and read a lot of books so that I really understood." He talked to experts about Maier's ability to capture subjects in the most intimate ways, as if she wasn't even there holding a camera. Critics say her work rivals some of the greatest street photographers, including Henri Cartier-Bresson, Garry Winogrand, and Diane Arbus.

Maloof discovered other boxes of Maier's work and bought as much of the collection as he could. He owns about 100,000 photos, 3,000 vintage prints, film rolls, audiotapes, clothing, and trinkets—about 90 percent of Maier's catalog—now known as the Maloof Collection.

Archiving, promoting, and preserving Maier's work is Maloof's full-time job. He has exhibited Maier's photography across the United States and Europe in cities such as New York, London, Paris, and Chicago, including a critically acclaimed show at the Chicago Cultural Center in 2010. He published a book, *Vivian Maier: Street Photographer*, in 2011.

Maloof's latest—and most ambitious—project: producing and directing a documentary film about the life and work of his muse. To secure film funding, Maloof turned to Kickstarter, a crowd-funding website.

Launched in December 2010, the campaign was a massive success, raising \$105,042—more than five times the \$20,000 goal—from nearly 1,500 backers in three months. The campaign caught the attention of actor Tim Roth (*Reservoir Dogs*), who helped arrange the first gallery exhibition of Maier's work in Los Angeles.

Maloof partnered with Chicagoan Charlie Siskel, nephew of legendary film critic Gene Siskel, to co-direct the film, and comedian Jeff Garlin (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*) signed on as executive producer. Finding Vivian Maier premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in early September, and IFC purchased the film's domestic rights.

But after six years of working to tell the story of Vivian Maier in a way she would appreciate—that is, not overhyped—Maloof, who will continue to oversee Maier's estate, is ready to move on to other projects.

"I'm a photographer and now a filmmaker," Maloof says, hinting that he has some ideas brewing for a new documentary. But, perhaps because of Maier's influence, he wants to keep those details to himself. —

Andrew Greiner (BA '05)

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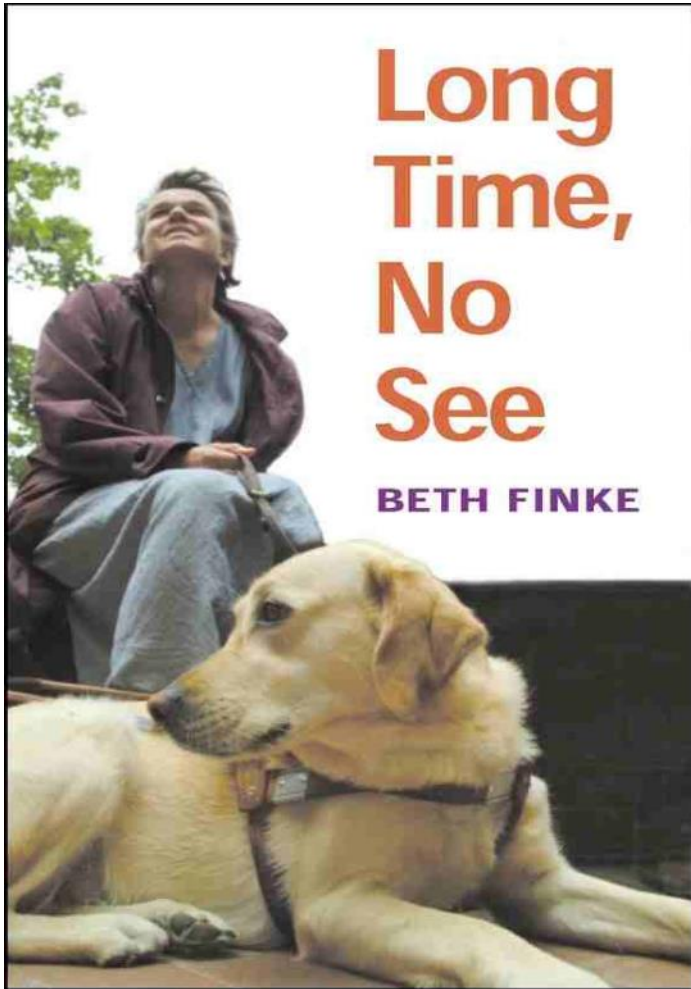
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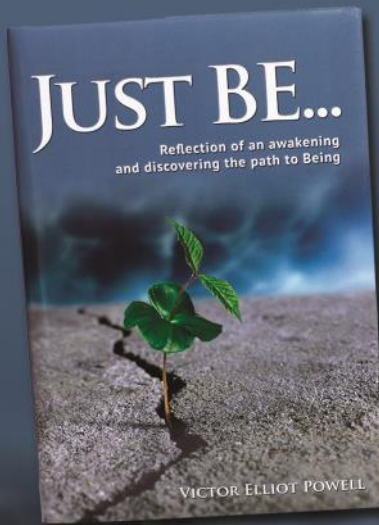
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Dreaming about when this sewer project will be finished. Photo of pipes at 9th near Plymouth Ct.

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Can't stay away

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Targeting crime

A woman was arrested Dec. 3 for attempting to steal merchandise from the Target at 1154 S. Clark St. An employee reported that the woman returned items she found in a cart near the customer service area for store credit. She then attempted to buy merchandise with the store credit but was apprehended by Target security.

ISnatch

A 27-year-old woman reported her iPhone was stolen Dec. 3 as she was exiting a Red Line train at the Roosevelt Stop, 1167 S. State St. She told police the phone was in her hand when a man snatched it from her and ran away before she or CTA personnel could stop him. The white iPhone valued at \$500, is still missing as of press time.

Graffiti gal

A 15-year-old girl was taken into custody Dec. 2 when a CTA employee saw her writing on a steel beam in the Roosevelt Red Line station, 1167 S. State St. In permanent black marker, she wrote two of her twitter handles. CTA personnel detained her and called police. She was taken to the station and her parents were notified of the incident.

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British School to break ground in February, 2014

The British School will open its second Chicago campus in the Roosevelt Collection in September 2015, serving students from preschool through high school in a building behind the Showplace ICON Theater that was hotly contested by area residents, as reported by **DNAinfo Lizzie Schiffman**.

The Nord Anglia Education-network private school will break ground in February on a two-story school at 161 W. 9th St. in the Roosevelt Collection in time for the 2015-2016 school year, but a more concrete construction timeline isn't yet available, a spokesman for the school said Monday.

At the South Loop Neighbors community group's annual meeting Thursday, vice president of development and planning Dennis McClendon recounted the months of negotiations to keep public greenspace in the 2.2-acre lot available to South Loop residents.

"We spent a lot of our effort and energy and attention this year fighting to save the park that the Roosevelt Collection had committed to build," McClendon said at the meeting, held at Jones College Prep.

"But instead they have received approval from the city to put the British School on that site, put some landscaping up on the roof and a small playlot and dog area on another parcel north of 9th Street."

McClendon noted that South Loop Neighbors representatives would continue "trying to negotiate some sort of agreement that could be enforceable with the various parties involved to make that a public space that we can use and enjoy, even though it won't be a 'public public space,'" referring to the rooftop greenspace, as well as the indoor gymnasium and outdoor soccer field.

South Loop residents have argued that the private school, where tuition ranges from \$12,100 for a half-day nursery program to \$27,560 for a 12th-grade IB program, won't necessarily serve the surrounding community.

"What we need is another public school," South Loop parent Enrique Perez said at a June zoning committee meeting.


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