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New Student Center proposed For Columbia College Campus



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PROPOSED STUDENT CENTER MASSING
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CEO Kwang-Wu Kim announced a proposed student center for Columbia College students to “serve as a multi-purpose space for students to work, relax and collaborate,” as reported by the *Columbia Chronicle*. The board of trustees approved the proposal on Oct 28th. Kwang-Wu Kim targeted completion date is the Fall 2018 Semester. The space where the center would be built is currently the Paper Maker Garden and adjoining parking lot at Wabash and 8th St. He went on to say that “this space could include food vendors, collaborative study and hang-out space and other items like a health and fitness center.”

The college has hired the firm of Solomon Cordwell Buenz to build the proposed four story structure. The firm met with students on Nov. 17 to listen to their ideas for what purposes and amenities should be included in the new student center.

More “development” news on pages 12, 15, 16 and 18

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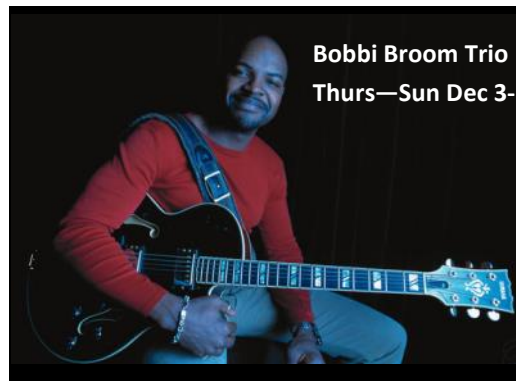
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- www.Southloopneighbors.org**

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Wednesday, January 20, 2016

South Loop Neighbors Annual Meeting

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The night the lights went out in the South Loop

By **Bonnie McGrath**, November 16, 2015

Last Friday night a townhouse complex just steps from my house had to have some repair work done by ComEd. Something about "electrical infrastructure," "bad switch gears" and "transformers."

The residents of that complex were told that the electrical power to each of their homes would be cut off overnight and into Saturday morning.

I felt sorry for a friend of mine who lives in one of the homes. What about your electronics? Your clocks? Will your water work? Your phone? Can you flush your toilet? What if you get up in the middle of the night? Will you have any light to lead your way to the bathroom?

I badgered her with every question I could think of. I mean, how many times are we told the electricity will be turned off for hours in the middle of the night? Generally, if the electricity goes out, it just happens and you deal with it. But how does one prepare for it? I wondered.

She didn't know the answer to anything I asked. And she went to bed shortly before the electricity was cut off, sometime between 11 PM and midnight.

Best night's sleep she had in a long time, she told me the next day. Nothing terrible happened. Everything was dark, quiet, peaceful and she slept great.

Over at my house, on Friday some time after 11 PM, an eerie darkness suddenly settled upon my house, too. Not inside my house--the house I live in at Roosevelt and State didn't need any ComEd repairs. But outside. Not only was there no light emanating from my friend's complex--other than a white work light off in the distance that the workers were using to perform the repairs--but as it turned out, *all* the lights on the Roosevelt Road bridge had to be turned out for the work to be performed.

And I live adjacent to the bridge.

For all practical purposes, when I turned out the lights in my house to go to sleep, my house was completely dark. As dark as it's ever been in 21 years!

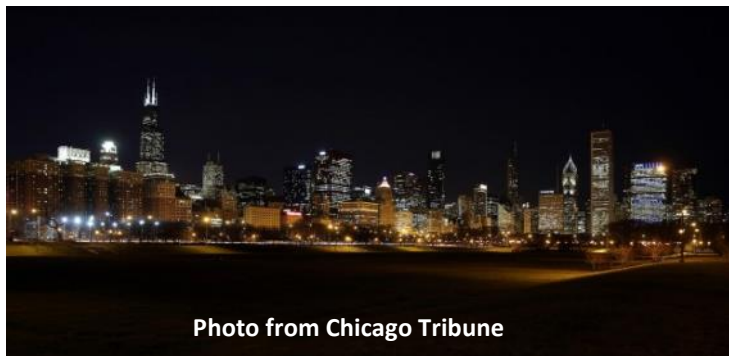


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And I, too, had the best night's sleep I've had in a long, long time!

Which begs the question. Why that night did both of us--and maybe others, too, who knows?--have the best night's sleep we've had in years?

Could the street lights outside our windows be interfering with a good night's rest? I always thought my house was more than sufficiently dark at night when I went to bed. But now I wonder if that's true. Could [light pollution](#) be interfering on a nightly basis?

Ironically, last week I finally decided to call my alderman to complain about 20 of the scores of globes on the Roosevelt Road bridge being burnt out. The bridge is getting darker and darker, I whined, and it's dangerous and looks terrible, I said. At this rate, the entire bridge is going to be burnt out.

Now I think maybe I spoke too soon. Maybe that *should* happen. Maybe that should be the goal: to let the lights on the whole bridge burn out.

Maybe the neighbors will get a chance to sleep like babies.

Bonnie McGrath



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OPINION

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Published November 9, 2015 [Mike Knezovich](#) ,

Mondays with Mike: Southern Nights

Published November 23, 2015 Mike Knezovich , Mondays with Mike



It's been a blur of a week so today's post, forgive me, will be short and may be a little splintered. I spent most of last week in Washington, D.C., starting with a gargantuan **conference and trade show called Greenbuild**. The organization I work for —**PHIUS**—exhibited there, and my colleagues and I staffed the booth. My feet still hurt and my voice is recovering. But it was a good show for us, and I'm especially proud that PHIUS Executive Director Katrin Klingenberg won a **Women in Sustainability Leadership award from Green Building & Design** magazine. She had some pretty good company, and she belonged.

Managed to squeeze in a visit to our friends **Pick and Hank** in Northern Virginia at the end of the week. Beth was supposed to join us, but the snow in Chicago grounded her flight and she didn't make it for the night. But I still had a swell time. Of course, the ISIS story is ongoing and, I continue, like pretty much everyone, to follow it. And to look for context and a better understanding. Found lots of good stuff, including **this one in the Independent**. The article isn't exactly calming, but is informative in terms of the history of the region, and the history of the borders. Those borders were drawn not by the residents of the region, but by Western powers after World War I. It is worth the time.

Finally, something that sort of got lost in the aftermath of the Paris attacks was the death of **Allen Toussaint**, a one-of-a-kind songwriter and musician. His catalog includes everything from *Working in a Coal Mine* to *What do You Want the Girl* (or Boy, when Bonnie Raitt sings it) to *Do to Fortune Teller* to *Southern Nights* (yeah, that pop song Glen Campbell sang). Beth and I were fortunate to see Toussaint perform a slew of his songs at the Old Town School of Folk Music a few years back—just a wonderful performance, and he told some lovely stories between numbers.

One of them was about the aforementioned *Southern Nights*. It was about why he wrote it, what it reminded him of. Then he performed it. No offense to Glen Campbell, but it's a completely different song when Toussaint performs it. He told that same story during an interview with



Allen Toussaint and the President after Toussaint received the Medal of Honor for the Arts, 2013.

Jim DeRogatis and Greg Kot on their **Sound Opinions radio show** last year. If you want a treat, **download the interview here**. You'll be forced to listen to a public radio "supported by" message when the program first downloads—but it's brief. Once it ends, if you want to skip straight to the story about Southern Nights, go to the 47:30 mark and keep listening. It's a compelling tale of how his childhood memories inspired the song. Followed by a beautiful performance.

If you can find the time, though, listen to the full interview. A whole lot of joy and beauty and essence of New Orleans float in Allen Toussaint's voice and his music.

Having been able to see him perform live is one of the myriad wonderful things I'll be thanking my lucky stars for this Thursday.

Have a great Thanksgiving, y'all.

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Book Review: Heaven without Hell Lorraine Schmall

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel's favorite summer read, *DREAMLAND, THE TRUE TALE OF AMERICA'S OPIATE EPIDEMIC* (Bloomsbury 2015) by former LA Times reporter Sam Quinones is a compelling and depressing story about our newest drug epidemic, "ushered in on the prescription pads of [mostly honest] physicians," and followed by pushers from Xalisco who earned "far less profit than did the [makers of] the legitimate drugs that started it all."

"Quinones captures a "catastrophic synergy:" the medical adoption of pain as a "vital sign;" the manufacture and marketing of opiates made of morphine but billed as safe; insurers' preference for meds over long-term treatment; and a home-delivery system of phone-ordered, cheap black tar heroin to richer, whiter, younger addicts and oxy abusers. Eventually, we got "a more forgiving and nuanced set of laws" re-designed for druggies who weren't African-American or Latin or dirt-poor.

When the World Health Organization in 1980 claimed "freedom from pain as a universal human right," America's doctors became convinced and Big Pharma was ready to help.

Oxycontin addicted diverse millions, among them Fox News' Rush Limbaugh and Bob Beckel.

Oxycontin was expensively marketed as making only 1% of patients drug-dependent. With little data to support that claim, drug companies eventually settled criminal cases.

Quinones begins with a metaphor: how and why the Dreamland private swimming pool, a 94-year felicitous institution in Portsmouth, Ohio, was paved over just as Portsmouth became the epicenter of "Pill Mills," where otherwise unemployable physicians ran pain clinics and overprescribed Oxycontin and Vicodin for cash payments and precious little medical care.

Quinones tells a good story, including FDR's "New Deal for the Drug Addict": a federal prison farm qua drug-treatment center, where a passel of junkie musician-inmates like Sonny Rollins and Chet Baker formed a jail-house band that got on Johnny Carson. We meet a big, interesting cast: junkie amputees turned born-again preachers against junk; Mexican farmhand kids who came to peddle drugs like pizza delivery men, in towns where people abused Oxycontin; smart cops and obsessive prosecutors and empathetic probation officers who studied pharmacology and sociology on-the-job; bereaved parents who took to the airwaves. It's a good read.

Lorraine Schmall

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Are you curious about what makes **Joyce Carol Oates** tick? She of the many novels, poems, short stories, essays and plays, born in 1937 in Western New York State.

In her most recent work, "**The Lost Landscape A Writer's Coming of Age**" she reveals it all and what a wonderful collection it is! Twenty seven short episodes, reflections, (some printed previously) and all wholly entertaining, poignant, thought provoking, sentimental, and suspenseful.

". . . *Memory is a matter of bright, fleeting surfaces imperfectly preserved in the perishable brain,*" and so she implies we gather our own. Why is it so difficult? "We have forgotten most of our lives. All of our landscapes are soon lost in time."

Recollections begin with a photo of Joyce Carol and her mother Caroline and a story about a pet named Happy Chicken. The book ends with a tribute to Fred, her father. In between we learn of family, friends, neighbors, the one room schoolhouse, her education and marriage and teaching and writing and details and reflections that are both amusing and educational. "Our memories are fabrications, however well intended," she claims. For those of us in the same age bracket we will be reminded of history of our nation. Others will benefit from her dedication and artistic commitment. We will all learn from the soul sharing of this remarkable woman who has contributed so profusely to the literary world. There is an introductory Author's Note and a concluding Afterword and to say I enjoyed the 353 pages is an understatement! It's

great! *Mary Lou Wade*

English instructor at a Columbia College Chicago



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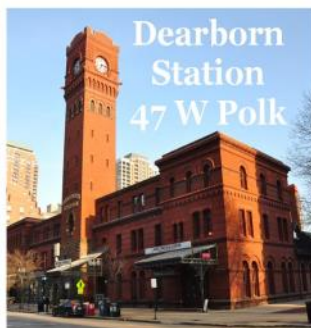
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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

<http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com>



Time out for Seeing Eye dogs

Realizing I wouldn't be able to see when his school-friends raised their hands to ask questions, my six-year-old great nephew Ray volunteered to help me call on kids in all three of the first-grade classes we visited at his school yesterday. All of the first-graders at Westmore Elementary had read [*Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound*](#) before Whitney and I arrived, and that meant they had time to come up with some pretty thoughtful questions. Examples:

- What kind of dog food does your dog eat?
- How can you write a book if you can't see?
- How do you drive when you're blind?
- Can you get that thing on her back off of her by yourself?
- What if you're with your dog and you bump into something?
- When your dog isn't there with you, how can you see?
- How can you bake if you can't see?
- What happens if your dog gets distracted?

Whitney was as spirited as the students we were visiting, so we answered that last question with actions rather than words. After she flipped to her back (with her harness on) to beg the kids for a belly rub, she popped up to lick a first-grader in the front row. Time for her seven-step obedience ritual:

1. "Whitney, sit!" She sat.
2. "Whitney, down!" I pointed to the ground, and even though she uttered a huge groan while she did it, she managed to lie down.
3. "Whitney, sit!" She popped back up.

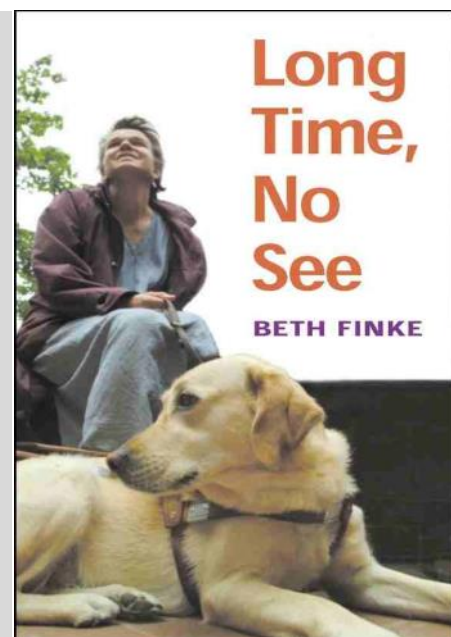


That's Ray mugging for the camera.

7. "Whitney, heel!" I held her leash, walked four steps forward while she walked along at my side.
8. "Whitney, sit!" She sat.
9. "Whitney, rest." I stood in front of her, put my palm up in front of her nose for a second, walked backwards away from her, and she didn't make a move.
10. "Good girl, Whitney!" That's what I said when I returned to her side.

When the obedience routine was over, one first-grader exclaimed, "It's like a time out!" We had a ball at Westmore School, and as I write this post, Whitney is enjoying a **real** time out: she's fast asleep under my desk.

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





Recommendations for Holiday Giving and Reading

From Ulrich and Ellen Sandmeyer

City Creatures by Gavin Van Horn (Univ of Chicago Press \$30)
A beautifully produced book full of essays, art, poetry and photography.

Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith (Mulholland Press \$28)
Robert Galbraith is a pseudonym for J. K. Rowling, best selling author of the Harry Potter series. This is her third mystery featuring private detective Cormoran Strike.

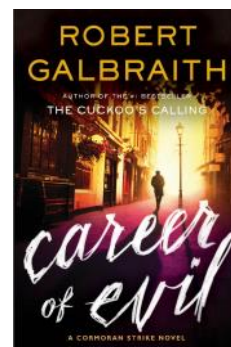
Cabin Porn by Zack Klein (Little Brown \$30)
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Snow Rabbit by Camille Garoche (Enchanted Lion Books \$16.95)
Cut paper illustrations of delicate beauty draw the reader in to world of two sisters, one of whom is in a wheelchair, with a magical rabbit in this wordless children's book.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is appearing in many new editions in celebration of its 150th anniversary. Our favorites include the whimsical, colorful illustrations of Anna Bond of Rifle Paper Company fame (Penguin \$30), the rarely seen Salvador Dali illustrations that emphasize the surreal yet logical realm of Wonderland (Princeton University Press \$24.95) and the deluxe anniversary edition of *The Annotated Alice* (Norton \$39.95) which includes the original John Tenniel illustrations, along with a wealth of other material.

Soup for Syria: Recipes to Celebrate Our Shared Humanity, photographer Barabar Abdeni Massaad (Interlink \$30)
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Dime Stories: Some Thoughts From the Set of “Chi-Raq”



By Tony Fitzpatrick

As of this writing, 2,631 people have been shot in the City of Chicago this year, 389 of them killed since January 1. Over this weekend, eight people were shot dead, and forty-five were wounded. According to Hey Jackass, someone is shot every two-hours-and-fifty-one minutes, and someone is murdered every seventeen hours since January 1. These grim statistics make me wish that our political leaders were as upset about the unsparing mayhem as they are about the title of a movie. In the interest of not pretending to be unbiased I should mention that I am in this film; and that when Spike Lee hired me he remarked that the best reason to make this film was to help save lives. I believed him then, and I believe him now—and mark my words, the proof will be the film itself. Read the rest of this entry » - See more at: <http://www.newcity.com/#sthash.OumeBmr7.dpuf>

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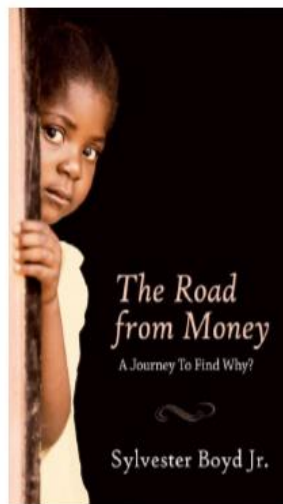
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Yummy Yummy Donuts in My Tummy - Stan's Donuts Coming to Former Jersey Mike's Space (26 E. Roosevelt)



Well we heard this was going to be a 7-11....but a Stan's Donuts seems like a better option (via [Eater Chicago](#)): Stan's is bringing its uber-popular doughnuts to two more storefronts soon. Fresh off of its opening at Clark and Diversey last month, owner and bread guru Rich Labriola is planning to open two more Stan's Donuts & Coffees: one in the former Jersey Mike's next to the Roosevelt Red Line stop at 28 E. Roosevelt, and another in a former Caribou Coffee in East Lakeview at 3300 N. Broadway. Look for the 20-seat South Loop location to open next month, while the second Lakeview spot, which holds around 40 seats, should open in the spring, Labriola says. Both will have similar menus to the three existing Stan's.

Well this is pretty rad and honestly it's a pretty big upgrade for this stretch of Roosevelt. While obviously you'll be able to get donuts, coffee and other beverages, it appears that they also have gelato (which will be another nice thing for the neighborhood).

The big question is whether or not this business will thrive in the location. Our guess is yes, but others may disagree since there tends to be a lot of loitering. Any thoughts?

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Grace of Intention: Photography, Architecture and the Monument

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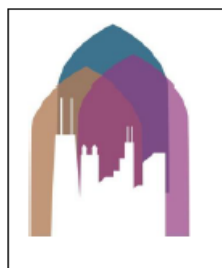
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Monuments are deliberate gestures—objects or structures created to commemorate an event, person or era. Their meaning is usually imposed, and they often serve as focal points for aspirational civic and political attributes like valor and sacrifice, or to underscore a foundational political narrative. But their meaning can transform, changing over time as the relevance of their symbolism ebbs and flows due to social and political shifts.

Like monuments, architecture and photography are also inflected with a grace of intention, and both have the ability to commemorate or represent a nation, event, time or place. The act of photographing monuments and buildings transforms them, sometimes revealing some of the original qualities and more closely evoking the response that they were originally intended to have. And photographs have an inherent memorial quality. This group exhibition examines the work of international artists, some of whose work addresses actual monuments, some whom look at architecture and its relationship to memory and how its importance and symbolism can shift over time, and others approach the idea of the future monument.



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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."

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Bands, Horsemen, and floats. Photos from Thursday's Thanksgiving Parade. Photos by Hip Right, protests continue to be the big story. Protestors shown here at Roosevelt and Michigan Ave. Weds

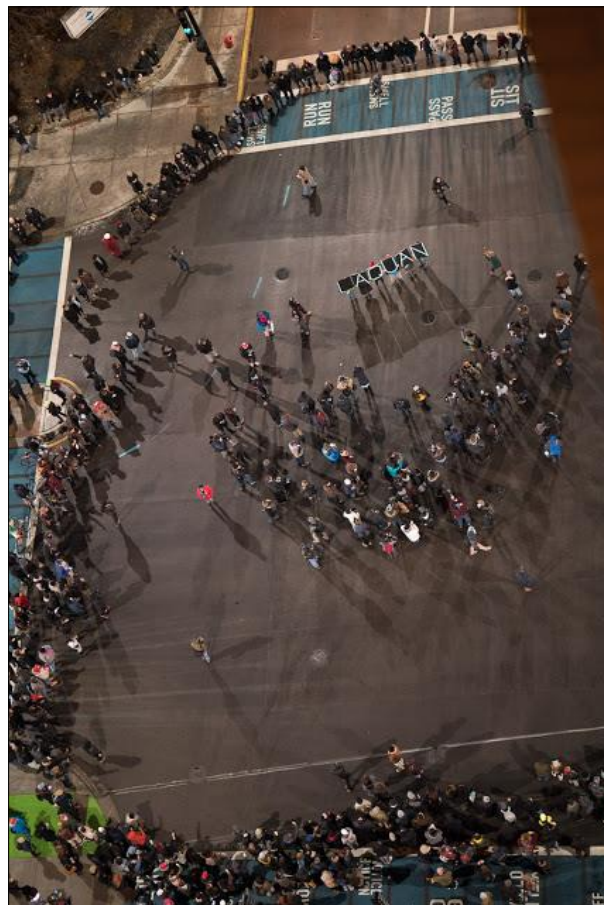


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Chicago Museum Honoring America's Best Writers To Open in 2017

By [David Matthews](#) | October 27, 2015 9:48am

[@DavidLMatthews](#)

DOWNTOWN — A new museum dedicated to America's greatest authors is finally ready to tell its story Downtown.

The American Writers Museum, which [first announced its plans to open in Chicago years ago](#), announced Tuesday it signed a lease at 180 N. Michigan Ave. The museum plans to open in early 2017.

"We are thrilled to have found the perfect space in the heart of Downtown Chicago, just steps from the city's major attractions," Malcolm E. O'Hagan, the museum's founder and president, said in a statement. "The American Writers Museum will become a beloved attraction for Chicago residents and visitors from all over the world, and will provide an exciting and unprecedented opportunity to showcase true Americana in one of the nation's most culturally rich cities."

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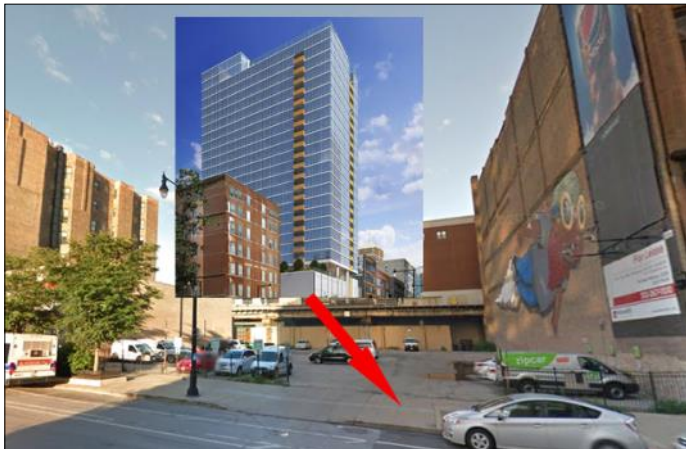
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Community Meeting Developments on S. Wabash Ave Two Projects were presented on Monday, Nov. 30th



Last week, renderings were released for an upcoming project at **1136-40 South Wabash**, a property that sits adjacent to the CTA Roosevelt station. The project was recently revealed to the Greater South Loop Association and marks yet one more residential project for the **booming South Loop area**. The proposal is being developed by a joint venture of Keith Giles and CA Ventures and will be constructed on a city owned surface parking lot which the development team **has a contract to purchase from the city for \$4.4 million**. The proposal's latest version calls for a 25-story rental apartment building, with residences stacked between floors 5 through 24. The first three levels will be reserved for parking and ground level retail space, while the fourth level will feature the building's amenities. Capping the top of the building would be a 25th floor lounge. The building would have a total of 320 units, 160 of which would be studio apartments with rents ranging from \$1300 to \$3000 per month. Start date for construction is slated for late first quarter of 2016. <http://chicago.curbed.com/>

And at 1101 S. Wabash

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The proposed Hilton Hotel would be 30 stories. Floors 9—22 would be hotel rooms and floors 23—29 would be the Hilton Homewood Suites designed for longer stay guests. The community meeting was held at Columbia College, 1104 S. Wabash Ave.



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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.

Dual-Branded Hotel Concept Proposed for SE Corner of Congress/Wells

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015



Another day another proposed development for the Sloop. This one is a dual-hotel concept (via crains):

...Beitler also wants to tee up a dual-branded 400-room hotel project in the South Loop. A Holiday Inn Express would comprise about half the rooms in the \$93 million project, with a Staybridge Suites accounting for the rest. Both chains are run by InterContinental.

In the South Loop, Beitler would build a 27-story tower at the southeast corner of Wells Street and Congress Parkway. Owned by the Cacciatore family, the property includes the Hunter Building, an eight-story structure built in 1903 that would be torn down.

Designed by Chicago architect James DeStefano, the new high-rise would include a rooftop restaurant and bar with views of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, Beitler said. He expects significant demand for rooms from the University of Illinois at Chicago and nearby hospitals like the Rush University Medical Center.

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Genita *tosses* her hat into the Ring

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My entry into this race was unfortunately precipitated by the passing of Representative Esther Golar in September. Representative Golar was a true public servant, listening to her constituents and striving to make a difference.

I want to have a positive impact on our community, and my policy skills combined with an ability to work with the diverse constituents of the 6th District will enable me to have that impact and make a difference.

You will hear much more about the campaign over the coming weeks and months. (Election Day is March 15.) If you would like to volunteer in the future, please send an e-mail to volunteer@genitarobinson.org, and you can follow the campaign on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

As always, donations are appreciated. Money is fuel for the campaign, allowing us to spread our word to everyone across the District.

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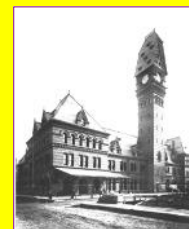
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CMK and Lendlease unveil Riverline; a new riverfront residential experience in Chicago

Nov. 19, 2015

(Chicago, IL) — A joint venture of Lendlease, one of the world's largest international property and infrastructure companies, and CMK Companies, Ltd., a leading Chicago-based residential developer, today announced details of its plan to bring over 3,600 residences to downtown Chicago under a thoughtfully-crafted master plan celebrating natural open space amenities and a unique 13-acre riverfront location. Ideally located in downtown Chicago on the banks of the Chicago River and in the heart of the River South neighborhood, Riverline will feature a spectacular river walk, retail plaza, park, children's playground, river taxi access, kayak launch and riverfront amphitheater.

The master plan includes eight new buildings designed by Ralph Johnson of Perkins+Will, and will consist of a mix of condominium, townhome and rental residences. With over 3 1/2 acres of open space, including a half mile of continuous river walk and a park, all with access from the surrounding community, Riverline will provide a tranquil and inviting natural experience just steps from the central business district. Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects designed an ecologically-sustainable environment that incorporates a natural habitat with a multi-use path system and public access points to seamlessly bridge the urban landscape with the vibrant restored natural ecosystem of the Chicago River.

Colin Kihnke, President of CMK Companies Ltd. said "We are excited by today's approval of the Riverline project by the City of Chicago Plan Commission and look forward to carrying out the realization of this unique master plan. We are confident that the input we received from Alderman Solis and many members of the neighborhood through numerous community meetings has served to greatly improve our plan."

<http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/>



"The synergies of our partnership with CMK allow for perfect alignment with Lendlease's mission to create the best places," said Tom Weeks, General Manager of Development for Lendlease in Chicago. "We have the team in place and the joint commitment to make sure Riverline succeeds in that mission and brings lasting social and economic benefits to the City of Chicago." The river walk is a defining feature of Riverline and will offer continuous north-south access along the river from Harrison Street to Roosevelt Road. Walkways from the north and east will interact with the river walk, offering multiple access points that facilitate engagement with the river.

The preview sales program for the first phase offering is scheduled to launch in early 2016, with construction anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2016. Phase 1 is planned to include a 19-story 278-unit condominium building and 62 fee-simple townhomes south of Taylor Street, a 29-story 452-unit multi-family building north of Polk Street, 3 1/2 acres of open space south of Harrison Street and the entire River Walk from Harrison Street to Roosevelt Road.

<http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/2015/11/19/chicagos-newest-development-is-officially-a-thing-welcome-riverline/>

Renderings of Riverline (Courtesy of Perkins + Will)



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Suburban Man Charged After Woman Raped in South Loop Early Saturday: Police

By [DNainfo Staff](#) | November 15, 2015 8:01pm

CHICAGO — A suburban man has been charged with two felony counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault after a woman was attacked, raped then robbed in the [South Loop early Saturday](#), police said.

Jason Hooks, 20, of Bellwood, was charged Sunday after he was identified as the person who criminally sexual assaulted a 31-year-old female victim early Saturday morning, police said.

The incident occurred on the 600 block of South Plymouth Court. After the female victim exited the CTA Red Line stop at Harrison and State, Hooks followed her, struck her with a blunt object, and forced her to a secluded area, where he sexually assaulted her, police said. The woman sustained serious injuries and was taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment.

No further information is available at this time, police said. <http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/>



Man shot in South Loop

A man was shot after a confrontation in a South Loop nightclub early Friday.

The 31-year-old bumped into another unknown male while in the nightclub in the 2100 block of South Wabash about 3:15 a.m. and the two exchanged words, police said.

About [3:15 a.m.](#), a 31-year-old man was shot in the South Loop, said Officer Ron Gaines, a Chicago police spokesman.

He was in the 2100 block of South Wabash Avenue when he was shot in the chest, Gaines said. He went to Rush University Medical Center and later was transferred to Stroger Hospital His condition has been stabilized.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/crime/7/71/1134316/man-shot-south-loop-2>

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