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Best Wishes for the New Year!

Wishes for 2014. That more people shop local, and support our wonderful small businesses. That [Sloopin'](#) continues to do its great job of keeping us informed about the state of South loop businesses: the unofficial tally for 2014 indicates a net gain of 23 (45 opened; 22 closed). And continues to delight us with the random bits of information and shots of beauty in the South Loop. That people whose dogs romp safely in our great dog parks say thanks to [South Loop Dog PAC](#), because it is through their efforts we have great places for dogs to play safely. And, last but not least, that our aldermen will work together to help us grow as a united South Loop community. [Gail Merritt](#), Alliance for a Greener South Loop

My wish is that the city doesn't run hog wild giving lakefront land (if the court ultimately allows it) to Hollywood mogul George Lucas for a museum he plans to build that he has told us absolutely nothing about so far. The museum, if built, will have the undeserved honor of being part of the Museum Campus and Chicagoans will ultimately be responsible for it financially and in other ways. This is not something that should be grabbed at and embraced simply because it will "bring tourists." The idea should be thoroughly thought through by every citizen and every political leader before the City commits itself.

[Bonnie McGrath](#), writer, observer, commentator

My wish is that the state politicians find common ground to begin the process of fiscal responsibility. We forget that every great document created by our forefathers beginning with the constitution was created after hours and hours of heated debate. However, they compromised and we benefited.

[Al Hippensteel](#), Editor

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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Thurs -Sun, Jan 8—11, 8 & 10pm Sun, 4, 8 & 10 pm.....	Saxophonist Juli Wood/ Caroline Davis Qt Tribute to Dexter Gordon
Mon, Jan 12, 8 & 10 pm	Bruce Henry Qt
Tues, Jan 13, 8 & 10 pm	Trumpeter Markus Rutz Qt Cd Release
Weds, Jan 14, 8 & 10 pm.....	Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Classic Jam Session
Thurs – Sun, Jan 15—18, 8 & 10 pm..... Sun, 4, 8 & 10pm	Saxophonist Ari Brown Quintet
Tues, Jan 20, 8 & 10 pm	WDCB Free Night Bruce Oscar Trio & Jam sess.
Weds, Jan 21, 8 & 10 pm	Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Classic Jam Session
Thurs - Sun Jan 22—25, 8 & 10 pm.....	Saxophonist Chris Potter Underground
Sun 4,, 8, & 10pm on Sunday	
Weds, Jan 28, 8 & 10 pm	Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Classic Jam Session
Thurs—Sun, Jan 29—Feb 1, 8 & 10pm	Saxophonist Bobby Watson Quartet
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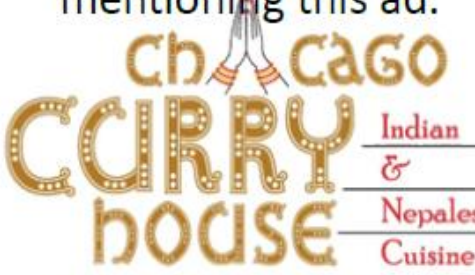


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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- 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

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn St., 7:00 pm

Holiday Greetings to South Loop Neighbors! We will hold our annual meeting at Grace Place on January 13 at 7:00. We've had a great year and are looking forward to some changes in 2015. Please join us for the election of our Board of Directors as well as other interesting surprises. Can't wait to see you all!

Warm regards

Susan Ohde

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Major milestones in the South Loop in 2014

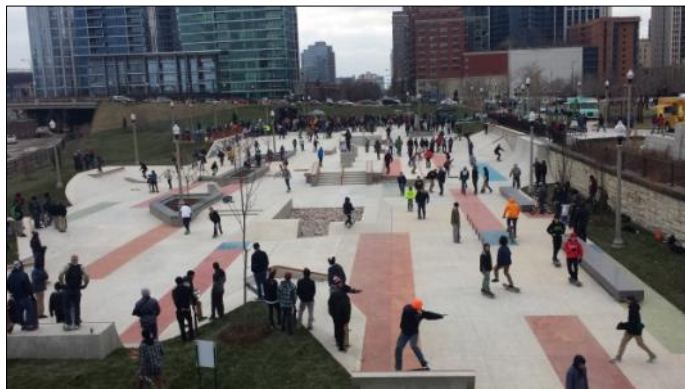
posted Dec. 31st, 2014

Here are a few major milestones from the South Loop that happened in 2014 that for one reason or another I never got around to writing about.

The New Skateboard Park: I complained and whined and [I was right to do so](#), but now that it's finished, it's not so bad. The hill that the neighborhood used just north of Roosevelt and east of Michigan Avenue for sledding is still there, covered in new sod--and as long as the City doesn't put any obstructions there, all should be well. Although there was foul-language rap music emanating out of speakers on opening day that residents of neighboring buildings complained about, it seems that just happened opening day--and park people say they aren't going to let that happen again. The whole area actually appears to be a nice place to sit and relax with a cup of coffee now and then.

The end of the Historic Handiwork Circle: One of the neatest amenities in the South Loop was the Clarke House Museum's old-fashioned craft group that met the last Thursday of every month for about two-and-a-half years. [The Clarke House](#) is the oldest house in Chicago. The group was great for people like me who've been trying to finish a plain knit scarf for about 30 years and never seem to have the time or inclination. But the group is disbanding. Although there are other places in the South Loop where knitters can get together and learn from each other, not so--as far as I know--for lacemakers and other more obscure, old-fashioned crafts. But the Clarke House says it's going to offer new things in the coming year to compensate.

The Protests: The South Loop had a ton of protesters a few weeks back as [the country was in protest mode](#) in response to unarmed individuals around the country being shot to death by cops. In fact, several groups of peaceful and very committed groups came past my house at Roosevelt and State on a few occasions. The cops who accompanied the groups--there to extinguish any trouble that might erupt--seemed to far outnumber the members of the groups. That was an interesting sight to see. However, the groups went by so fast, I never got a chance to snap a picture.



The new skateboarding park in Grant Park Photo/Robin Toewe

The 20th Anniversary of the Chicago Homes of Dearborn Park: 2014 marked the official beginning of life in 36 single family frame homes at Roosevelt, State and Plymouth. Although there were a few early birds who built in the latter part of 1993, and a handful of latecomers who moved in in 1995, the vast majority of us (more than half who are still here) moved in and began a new life in 1994. We've seen a lot of changes in the neighborhood--once a bastion of fallow railroad tracks, SRO housing and offbeat businesses like the printing of racing forms. [Those of us who could see the future](#) knew that others would follow and live in homes, town homes, lofts and condos--and love being near great transportation, good schools, the great museums and parks of Chicago, Lake Michigan and The Loop. We celebrated our 20th anniversary in early September with a party in our alley. Storms came--and went--that evening. And like everything else that we have weathered in the last 20 years, we totally enjoyed ourselves, knowing we made the right choice to be pioneers in a place that a lot of people thought we were crazy to invest our money and time in.



Bonnie McGrath

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Next Edition,

Sat., Jan 30, 2015





Fire at the 801 S. Plymouth Ct. Townhomes. No one was hurt, fire department got it out quickly. The owners were not home. There was extensive damage to the unit. There was some water damage in the garage below and to the roof membrane. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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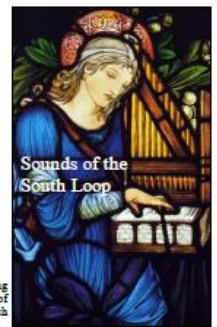


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Roosevelt University's Wabash Building selected as best property in nation

Posted: 12/05/2014

Roosevelt University's Wabash Building in Chicago has won the 2015 International Real Estate Federation – US Chapter (FIABCI-USA) Grand Prix d'Excellence Award. (Photo above by Tom Rossiter, VOA Associates).

One of the highest honors given annually to a single, outstanding project in America, the national award recognizes a property that embodies the best in U.S. real estate, setting the stage for the Wabash Building to be a competitor in Malaysia in May 2015 for the International FIABCI Prix d'Excellence Award.

Designed by the architectural firm of VOA Associates in Chicago, Roosevelt's mixed-use 32-story Wabash Building at 425 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, includes student housing, student services, classroom and administrative office spaces. Opened in 2012, the 420,000 -square-foot structure is unique in that it combines five building types into a sleek and wavy glass façade that has become a notable addition to Chicago's South Loop skyline. The building acknowledges the past and celebrates the present through its fluid connections to Roosevelt's national landmark Auditorium Building. "The Wabash Building is not only an architectural gem. It is also an extremely functional addition to our Chicago Campus, which brings our community of students, faculty and staff closer together in spaces that lend themselves beautifully to positive discourse and interaction," said Roosevelt University President Chuck Middleton.



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Rocket Boys, A Memoir by Homer H. Hickam Jr.

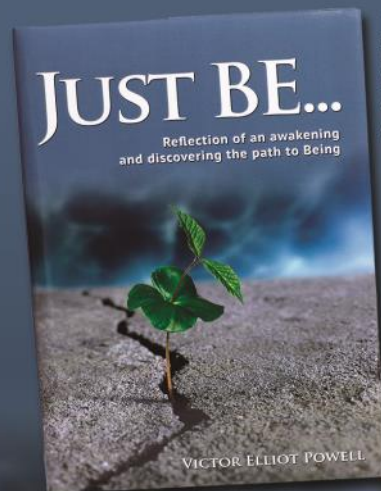
If you are of a certain age, you can really relate to this story. If you're not of a certain age, it's still a fascinating story. Homer grew up in the 1950s in Coalwood, WV, a mining town. It was a company town where the company owned everything. The iconic moment in history that seemed to change everything was Sputnik, the first successful satellite launch in the world by our arch-enemy, Russia. Almost overnight, curriculum in our schools focused on science and math. Homer aspires to be a rocket scientist and recruits a few of his buddies to form the Big Creek Missile Agency. However, the book is not just about rockets. It's about coming of age, family dynamics, sibling rivalry, coal mining and the increasing influence of the unions, and social change. They listened to the same music as other kids in the country because of high wattage radio stations like WLS Chicago. And they could see what kids were wearing in Philadelphia because of American Bandstand. The Big Creek Missile Agency started out with crude attempts to fashion a rocket and made rockets of increasing sophistication.

Auk I top altitude was six feet. Auk XXXI top altitude was 31,000 feet. The drama in this story is the perseverance required to overcome barriers and setbacks. The success they enjoyed was how they managed to find ways to find the materials to move to the next level and how the town became their partner as the missiles became more sophisticated. Homer Hickam eventually went on the work for NASA.

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[Seven favorite Mondays with Mike posts for 2014](#) posted Dec 25, 2014

2014 marks the year we inaugurated our "Mondays with Mike" feature on the Safe & Sound blog. My husband Mike Knezovich had been writing guest posts here for years (particularly when I was away training with Seeing Eye dogs), and it was high time to make his posts a regular feature. You blog readers reacted favorably, so to celebrate, today I'm sharing links to my seven favorite "Mondays with Mike" posts from 2014. Those of you who missed them the first time around can read them now, and those of you who liked them when they were originally published can link to them again. Cheers!

Mike hit the ground running – his [initial post was a tribute to troublemakers](#). We published it when the 2014 celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday came on the heels of Nelson Mandela's death.

I especially liked his [post about the kindness of strangers](#) and how grateful we are to the people who have helped us get where we are today. Mike wrote this one after a visit with our son Gus in his Wisconsin group home.

A number of you ordered *Boy in the Moon* by Ian Brown after reading Mike's review of that book here. The book, and [Mike's post about it](#), are two very honest and heartfelt accounts of what it is like to be the father of a son with a disability.

My mother died earlier this year, and [Mike's post about Flo during her final days](#) was so beautiful that my brother and sisters and I had him read it out loud at her funeral.

His [Thanksgiving post](#) was a tribute to the parents we've lost, the work we still need to do to make our country better for everyone, and the babies who give us hope. Mike's an award-winning photographer, and along with that particular post we published a very cute photo he took of Whitney the Seeing Eye dog with one of our great nieces. We've learned that posting photos of dogs and babies always results in a lot of hits!

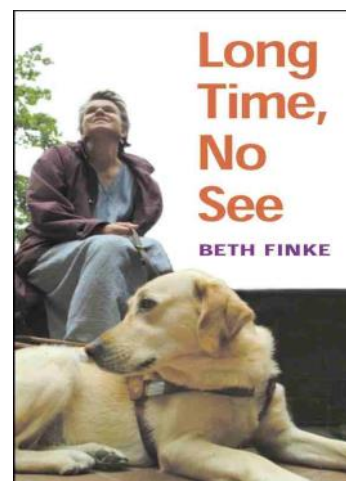


We also received lots of positive comments when [Mike took you along on his morning commute](#). We live in Printers Row, a Chicago neighborhood so close to the Loop that Mike walks to work.

And speaking of lots of hits, as NFL's regular season draws to a close (thank God) all of us in Chicago look forward to the 2015 baseball season. Take a [look back at Mike's 2014 Time begins on opening day post](#), and I dare you to claim Mike's cup is ever half-empty. When it comes to spring and baseball, the man is forever an optimist.

Mike, Whitney and I head off to Union Station for our train ride to Wisconsin later this afternoon – we've got a Christmas visit with our son Gus planned. If you want to keep up with what happens afterwards, consider signing up to follow the Safe & Sound blog (enter your email in the box at the upper right of the blog and hit enter to receive email updates anytime we publish a new post). Mike will be back with a new MWM post this Monday. Thanks for reading, everyone, and...happy holidays!

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



Squash and Bean Vines on the south wall of the Transportation building, Printers Row Park.



The Men's Association of Second Presbyterian Church will host its monthly Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 10 from 8:00 a.m.--11:30 a.m. All you care to eat pancakes will be served with eggs, bacon and sausage, orange juice and fair trade coffee. Admission is \$7 donation for adults or \$15 donation for a family of four. Tours of the National Historic Landmark sanctuary will be available. All are welcome. 1936 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, 312.225.4951

A message from Susan Ohde and the Park #543 Community Garden Group.

2014 was a great year for Printers Row Park, Chicago Park District Park #543, located at 640 S. Federal (also known as fountain park between The Transportation Building and The Rowe Building). With the help of the Park Pals South Loop Neighbors group, we formed a Chicago Park District Community Garden. To dress up the trellis at the north end of the park, a Pal planted decorative flower and vegetable vines which some surprising results. Our Park District contacts have been mostly attentive and by forming a Community Garden we showed them our willingness to support, protect and respect our neighborhood park spaces. The conversation, comradery and outdoor exercise brought joy to the group last summer and we are anxious to pick up our work as soon as weather permits. We also clean and maintain the independent Ferd Kramer garden on Polk and Federal. The Pals planted over 50 bulbs at the end of our season, so enjoy their work when the flowers bloom in the spring. Remember that the group can help you keep your public spaces clean. Contact us at park-pals@southloopneighbors.org and keep watching over our beloved neighborhood. Happy New Year!

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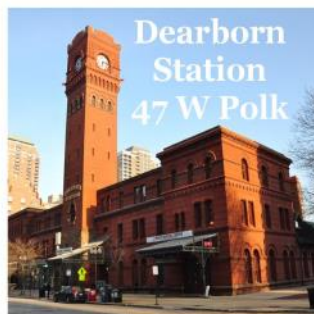
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[Newcity's Top 5 of Everything 2014](#)

We've been doing our annual Top 5 issue as long as I can remember. Long before FuzzBead's founders were even in long pants, we imagined this issue as a send-up of the obsessive list-making that infects the media at year-end, the tendency toward bloviation. And, at the same time, we figured we'd slyly deliver a bit of our own pontification in the process. Who knew that even Chris Rock would eventually join our Top 5 bandwagon? This year you'll find 161 lists, either in these pages or on our various web sites. Things have clearly gotten out of hand, so next year, look for our year-end special: the Top 161 of One Thing. I bet that won't be so contagious.

[Top 5 of Everything 2014: Art](#)

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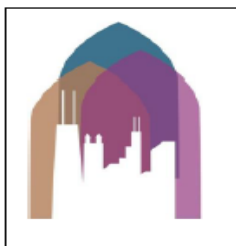
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UPDATE: CMK Companies Buys Lots of Land in South Loop

Last year we alerted you to the fact that [two hot pieces of land in the South Loop were up for sale](#), one of which was right on the Chicago River and this week news broke that one of those parcels of land, the riverfront one in fact, sold at auction to CMK Development for \$7.75 million. The **1.8 acre lot** at 800 South Wells is currently a surface parking lot and includes 158 feet of river frontage. With the [Wells-Wentworth Connector project](#) likely to bring lots of new traffic down South Wells, the piece of land is likely to transform from a forgotten parking lot off of a dead-end street to a premium piece of real estate on a new thoroughfare and one of the last opportunities to develop new river frontage in the downtown area.



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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.

UPDATE: Well, in a surprising turn of events, CMK has **just purchased the lot next door** to the one we reported on above. The [\\$26M purchase](#) of the **5.1 acres** to the south of the 1.8 acre lot they'd previously bought at auction now gives them ownership of a continuous stretch of riverfront land along Wells Street from Roosevelt Road all the way to the River City condos.

This huge land grab puts CMK in a powerful position to build a sizeable development in a corner of the South Loop that, until recently, seemed completely abandoned. It's clear that the promise of the Wells-Wentworth Connector bringing new life into the area is attracting attention from developers. We can't wait to see what CMK has planned for this land.

- [Residential developer pounces on big South Loop parcel](#) [Crain's Chicago Business]
- [Millenium Properties auctions off 1.8 acre riverfront development site in the South Loop for \\$7.75M](#) [Real Estate News]
- [Two Hot Pieces of Land Are Now For Sale in the South Loop](#) [Curbed Chicago]

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Golub, Block 37 developer start South Loop apartment tower

By Alby Gallun

Golub & Co. has teamed up with the owner of the Block 37 mixed-use complex to build a 41-story apartment high-rise in the South Loop, joining the pack of developers putting up multifamily towers in the city.

The joint venture between Chicago-based Golub and Los Angeles-based CIM Group has begun work on the 397-unit project at **1001 S. State St.**, which will cost about \$130 million to build, said Golub President and CEO Michael Newman. The venture is moving forward before lining up a construction loan but is in talks with lenders interested in financing the development and probably will have a loan lined up in the next month or so, he said. "We didn't want it to hold up our groundbreaking," he said.

It's the second big apartment development in Chicago for CIM, which bought the Block 37 shopping center on State Street in the Loop in 2012 and began construction this fall on [a 690-unit apartment tower](#) on top of it—the biggest multifamily project in the Loop in decades.

As for the South Loop, the neighborhood "possesses the attributes that fit CIM's longstanding investment model, one that focuses on urban districts positioned for economic expansion with solid infrastructure and transportation networks," CIM Principal Avi Shemesh said in a statement.

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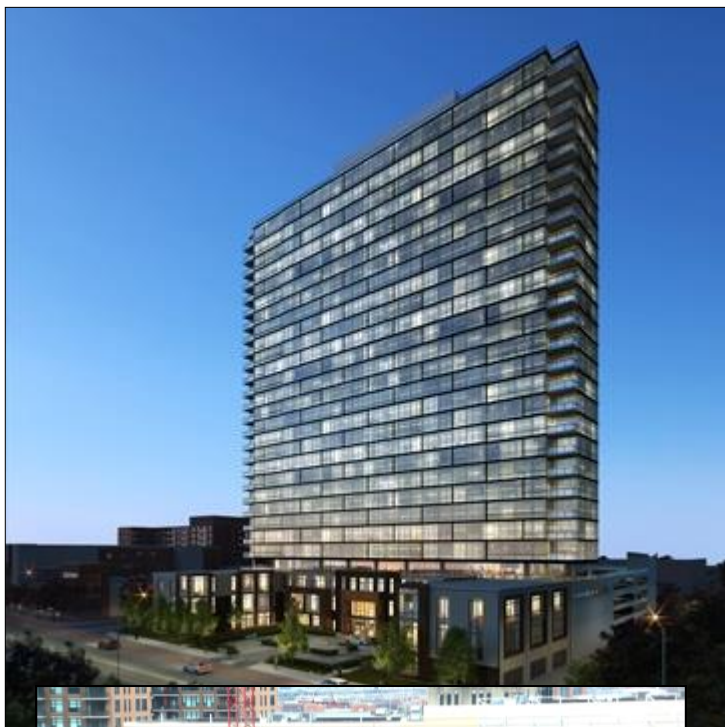
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1000 South Clark Construction Update

1000 South Clark is a new residential tower located in the South Loop neighborhood next to Target. The building will feature 469 apartment units as well as 100,000 sq ft of parking space.

The Lend Lease Team has finished concrete work at the residential tower foundations and slab on grade. Concrete work will continue vertically at the second and third levels of the tower as well as the detention tank and foundations at the garage. Excavation work is also commencing at the garage, necessitating the use of the Clark St. site gates for concrete and dirt truck access. We will make every effort to minimize disruptions of traffic and keep the thoroughfare clear of dirt and debris.

Lend Lease, one of the world's leading project management and construction companies, will be leading the construction of 1000 South Clark. Amenities offers up five resident lounges, a rooftop deck, a doggy daycare, and a spa and fitness center with private sports facilities such as basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor pool, and a driving range.

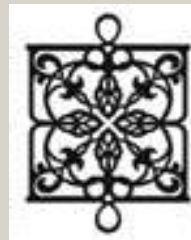
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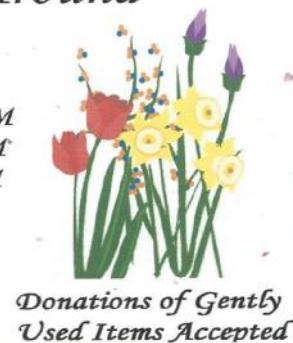
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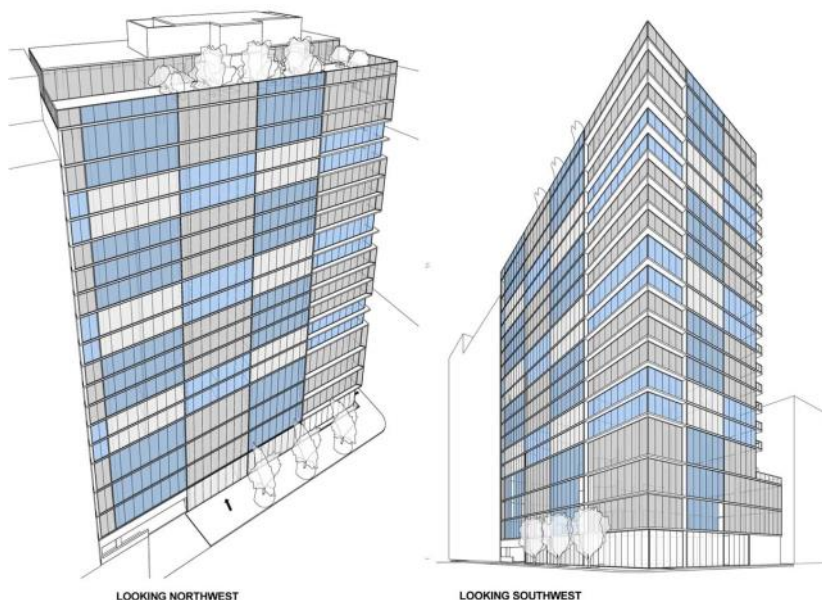
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New Apartment Tower Replacing Ugly South Loop Garage

The parking garage at the corner of Clark and Harrison will be getting demolished and replaced with a **24-story apartment building**, according to a plan reported by [Crain's Chicago Real Estate Daily](#) just before the New Year. The Thomas Roszak-designed tower includes **202 units** and 3,000 square feet of retail on the ground floor. As designed, the plan won't require a zoning change, so the proposal should be able to slip through the approval process barring any neighbor objections. With 58 planned parking spots, most likely reserved for residents, some neighbors may regret the loss of the public parking garage, but with South Clark already seeing two new apartment projects beginning in 2014 the community should be getting used to the idea of residential infill.

The project is lead by Dan and Michael Mocerri, who along with Roszak are also behind West Loop's [JeffJack apartments](#), citing the younger tech worker crowd's propensity for renting and desire to live as close to downtown as possible. The stretch of South Clark Street between Harrison and Roosevelt has already seen JDL-designed [1000 South Clark](#) begin construction and [AMLI Lofts](#) just completing in recent months, bringing hundreds of new homes to the street that had sat stagnant since the previous construction boom. There remains a few under-developed parcels on the street, technically part of the Printer's Row community of the South Loop, which could start looking more and more tempting to developers as the market heats up.

·[202 more apartments slated for the South Loop](#) [Crain's]

·[Previous South Loop coverage](#) [Curbed Chicago]

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Beat Cabin Fever With Free Museum Days

Winter in Chicago, besides the sometimes brutal cold and snow, is also when area museums and cultural institutions front load the majority of their free admission days in an attempt to spur foot traffic and get people out of their homes. For us, it gives us hooky options that don't involve drinking ourselves into a stupor wishing for spring to arrive as we sit unbathed at home plowing through our Netflix and Amazon Prime queues.

Here is a list of free days being offered by Chicago museums this winter.

[Adler Planetarium](#)

Free admission Jan. 5-7, Jan. 12-14, Jan. 19-21 and Jan. 26-28.

[Field Museum](#)

Free admission Jan. 5-7 and Jan. 14-15.

[Art Institute of Chicago](#)

Free Winter Weekdays Jan. 5 through Feb. 10 for all Illinois residents. Additionally, the Art Institute is free on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. through 8 p.m.

[Shedd Aquarium](#)

Free to Illinois residents Jan. 5-6, Jan. 12-13, Jan. 18-20 and Jan. 23-27.

[Museum of Science and Industry](#)

Free days Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23 and Jan. 26-30.

[Chicago History Museum](#)

Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12-15, Jan. 19-23 and Jan. 26-30.

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City of Chicago Offers Christmas Tree Recycling From January 3 – January 17

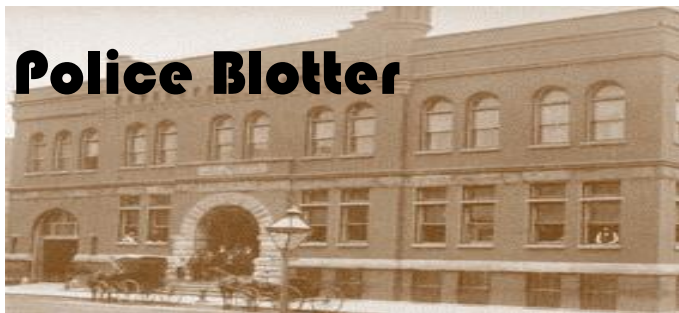
Seasonal City Program Provides Chicagoans with an Easy and Environmentally-Friendly Tree Disposal Service

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, along with the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) in partnership with the Chicago Park District, today announced that the City's annual Christmas tree recycling program will run from Saturday, January 3 through Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 23 locations citywide. Last year, Chicagoans recycled more than 10,000 trees.

Additionally, select recycling locations will have free mulch available for residents to pick-up beginning on Tuesday, January 6.

Grant Park, 900 S. Columbus Dr.

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South Loop Bank Robbed By 'Play Along Bandit,' FBI Says

By [Josh McGhee](#) on January 3, 2015 9:27am | Updated January 5, 2015 9:02am

CHICAGO — The FBI believes a man responsible for robbing at least five banks around Chicago in the last three months struck again Friday in the South Loop.

The man, who has been dubbed the "Play Along" Bandit robbed First American Bank, 1241 S. Wabash Ave. Friday, according to the FBI.

Shortly before 6 p.m., a black man with a goatee walked into the bank, handed the bank teller a note and walked out of the bank with an unspecified amount of cash, said Officer Bari Lemmon, a Chicago Police spokesman.

The man did not display or imply that he had a gun, Lemmon said.

According to the FBI, the man is about 5-foot-8 and between the ages of 25-30 and usually has his head covered during robberies.

“I sponsored this ordinance (ban on Choke Hold) because in its passage, our city would lead the way for other cities across America to expeditiously act to institute similar protections.”

Will Burns is the Alderman for the 4th Ward which Printers Row and Dearborn Park I will be part of after the April election.

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Alderman Will Burns



Taxi Reform

For years taxi drivers have suffered. They have suffered from higher gas prices, higher fees imposed for taxi cab companies and higher penalties from the City of Chicago.

For decades, the taxi industry here in Chicago has had more and more fees imposed upon it by City regulations. With the recent popularity of nascent ride sharing companies, this meant the taxi industry was struggling to keep pace with the cost of doing business.

Some reports estimate that some taxi drivers were earning less than the minimum wage.

So, the Chicago City Council voted to scale back some of the fees to give hard working taxi drivers a fair shot at competing in today's landscape. The ordinance passed today will:

1. Reduce the maximum administrative fine the City could levy against drivers from \$1,000 to \$400.

Lower the lease cost that drivers pay if they don't own their medallions.

[Click here](#) to download the full ordinance.

These two ordinances are important steps toward making Chicago work for everyone

Ban on Choke Hold by Peace Officers

A few weeks ago, I joined Aldermen Edward M. Burke (14th), Carrie Austin (34th) and Michelle Harris (8th) in proposing an ordinance that would ban all law enforcement officers from using controversial choke holds when subduing suspects and other individuals in Chicago.

The prohibition would extend to all peace officers serving within the city limits of Chicago, including Chicago police officers, deputy sheriffs, U.S. Marshals and private security guards.

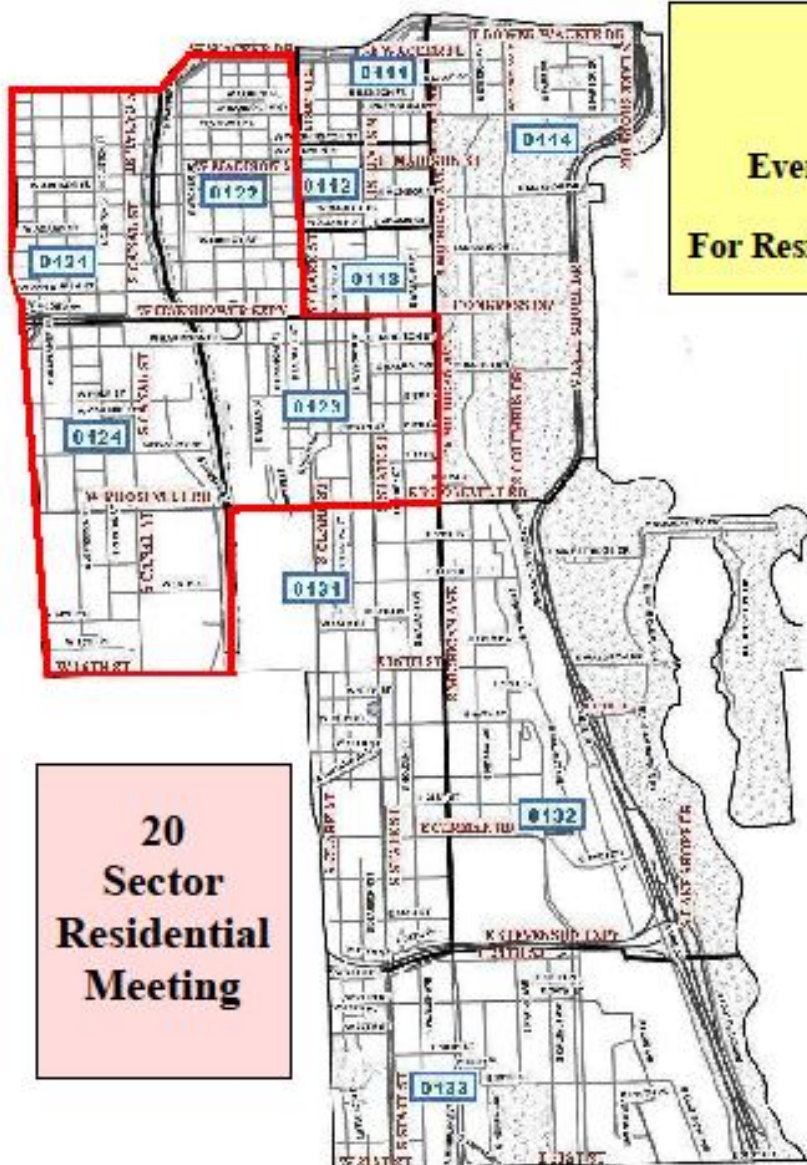
The measure was introduced to the Committee on Finance following days of protests across the nation stemming from a New York grand jury's decision not to charge a white police officer in the choke hold-related death of Eric Garner, 43.

Garner, an unarmed African-American man who suffered from asthma, died in July after repeatedly telling police that he could not breathe after he was subdued, according to a videotape seen worldwide.

Under the proposal, *“No peace officer, private security contractor, or private security personnel shall apply a choke hold in the performance of his or her duties, unless faced with a situation in which the use of deadly force is justified under applicable law. A choke hold shall include, but is not limited to, any pressure to the throat or windpipe, which may prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air.”*



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Emerging Global Markets: We are experiencing more global buyers than ever before, mostly Canadians, followed by Europeans and sharp interest from China, as well as Japan and Korea. With this shift, we should look ahead to need opportunities to serve international customers.

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