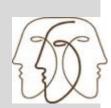


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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES FREE SUNDAYS COMPLETE AHEAD OF JULY 1ST

Chicago Neighborhoods to Enjoy First Weekend of Summer with Free Sundays for the First Time Since the Meters Deal Began; CPM Completes Meters Switch Nearly a Week Ahead of Schedule Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced free Sunday parking is in place across the City ahead of the July 1st deadline. The first wave of wards began offering free parking on Sunday, June 16, 2013 and Chicago Parking Meters (CPM) continued the implementation for all 4,400 pay boxes on a rolling basis. Prior to the parking meter deal, the majority of the city enjoyed free parking on Sundays.

"I am pleased that CPM was able to move quickly and make sure that this needed break from the awful parking meter deal came even earlier than expected."

As part of the agreement and contract amendment approved by City Council on June 5, 2013, metered parking spaces in the majority of Chicago neighborhoods will be free on Sundays. This will provide a much-needed benefit to people attending religious services and to those enjoying all that our neighborhoods have to offer on Sundays. Neighborhoods affected are those south of Roosevelt, west of Halsted and north of North Avenue. Additionally, the extra hours will begin to go into effect next week, starting on Monday.

The City Council approved the settlement agreement reached between the City and the meter company and proposed amendments to the parking meter contract on June 5, after thorough review that included multiple Aldermanic briefings, four Finance Committee hearings and an independent analysis from Navigant, an outside financial consulting firm. In contrast to the original deal, which allowed for just three days of review, the City Council had 30 days to review the proposed agreement and amendment These revisions, which include \$1 billion in savings - \$20 million a year - over the life of the contract, a convenient pay-by-cell option and free parking on Sunday, were the result of Mayor



Emanuel's extended fight with the Chicago Parking Meter company and his directive to his financial, technology and legal teams to obtain the tools and strategic positioning necessary to effectively manage and understand the contract in order to benefit taxpayers and motorists.

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COMING AT THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Thurs July 11th—Sun, July 14; 8 & 10 Weds, July 17th—Sun, July 21; 8 & 10 Mon, July 22nd, Jam session night Tues, July 23rd, 8 & 10 pm Weds, July 24th, 8 & 10 pm Thurs, July 24th—Sun, July 28, 8 & 10 Mon, July 29, 8 & 10 pm Tues, July 30, WDCB Night Free! Larry Coryell Trio Judy Roberts Quartet Julia Huff Dave Tull Trio & Dakota Horvath Kevin Brown Quartet Rob Blake Quartet Rajiv Halim Quartet Mike Smith Quartet



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

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 \Box 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

Hello South Loop Neighbors!

LOFTWALK , Saturday, Nov 2, 2013

Hope you're enjoying our summer weather, but it's never too early to think about fall and...the LOFTWALK! It's the most highly anticipated event of the year, and we want this year to be the best year yet! The LoftWalk is important to the South Loop because it displays the historical significance of our neighborhood to the rest of Chicago. So we need your help. If you or someone you know has a fabulous or interesting loft in the South Loop (boundaries lake to river, Jackson to 25th street) that you'd love to show off, we'd love to have you participate in this year's LoftWalk, taking place in November of this year. We're looking for 8-12 cool lofts to participate in the walk. For questions or to volunteer your loft, please email:

loftwalk@southloopneighors.org to further discuss.

Like to Bike Ride--- let's get a group together and decide on day - time -we can explore neighborhoods find funky spots to eat--- spark anyone's interest-email:

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The South Loop Education Task Force Membership Drive

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THE STANLEY CUP VISITS MY NEIGHBOR, THE SCOUT

I've always liked <u>The Scout</u>. Even before The Stanley Cup visited it yesterday morning. Even though I hate that it replaced a place I really loved: <u>Opera</u>, a pan-Asian delight at 13th and Wabash, just a block from my house. And even though I hate the fact that <u>they run you off the patio</u> too early at night so as not to jeopardize their patio license that has very rigid hours. Because the sports fanatics inside make a lot of noise. And it's much more peaceful out on the street under an umbrella, sipping beer.

But ever since <u>my first visit to The Scout</u> almost two years ago, I've liked it. All I had that first day was coffee cake, specially made for our Alderman/Democratic Committeeman Bob Fioretti's gathering on a Saturday morning. Since then, though, I've had things like brussel sprout salad, black bean burgers, grilled cheese and lots of Allagash White. My favorite wheat beer. With lemon.

I actually met <u>The Scout's managing partner</u>, <u>Chris Bravos</u> that first day over that great coffee cake, who told me he was a graduate of Columbia College Chicago in marketing. And he also told me how he had his chef whip up the very delicious and traditional coffee cake for the meeting. Of which I ate too much and stayed too long.

I have no doubt Bravos was a great student. The minute the place opened it's been crowded. Really crowded. A true destination place. But yesterday morning was <u>the crowning glory</u>, so to speak, of his PR prowess. As The Blackhawks <u>made their rounds around town</u>--beginning in the wee hours of the morning with The Stanley Cup--one of its first stops was at The Scout. People who read about the impending arrival of The Cup on Twitter came right on over to say hi to it.

Including the mayor. And some TV helicopters, which hovered over my house for a good while. Which woke me up. Yet another thing to hate about The Scout in the face of my "like affair" with it.



The Stanley Cup at The Scout/Chicago Tribune

Bonnie McGrath



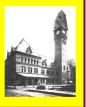
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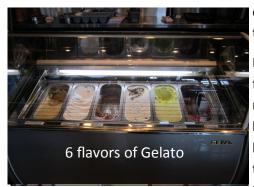
Next Edition,

Weds, July 31st



Artists Café 1150 South Wabash

For those of us who are familiar with the Artists Café on South Michigan Avenue in the Fine Arts Building, this is not your father's (or your mother's) Artists Café. The original is your more traditional Greek owned restaurant where there are choices upon choices in a multiple page menu. This is a restaurant with a select but thoughtful menu. In an era of fast food restaurants, we have become accustomed to branded menu items. The owners, Maria Mitchell and her Aunt Irene (from the same family that owns the Artists Cafe on Michigan Ave.) along with Director of Operations Leo Kontos, have taken into consideration the neighborhood of the more mature Dearborn Park residents along with the new high rise condo buildings with a slightly younger set, and mixed that in with the student population. What do you do? You take the best features of fast food which is ease of ordering, pour your own fountain drinks, selection of items that will appeal to young and old, and include healthy choic-



es with some traditional favorites.

Let's start with Breakfast. Although I have not been here for breakfast, my wife has, and she chose the Roasted Veggie & Egg White Wrap,

\$6.95 (egg whites, roasted red peppers, red onions, spinach, feta cheese, wrapped in a warm flour tortilla). She gave it 5 stars. Other choices include a Traditional Breakfast, Strawberry French Toast, Western Croissant, and Oatmeal. Or try the Breakfast Bowl/omelet - a choice of meat, cheeses and veggies.

Last night, my wife had the Harvest Salad of spinach \$7.95,

(fresh strawberries, dried cranberries, pistachios, goat cheese and citrus vinaigrette). Since we split a sandwich, we brought half of the salad home. The portion sizes are generous.





My BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, \$8.45, included smoked pulled pork in a homemade chipotle BBQ Sauce, vinegar slaw, crispy fried onions on an old fashioned egg bun and Chicago style chips. It was over flowing with pork and the sauce was sweet. We chose to eat it with knife and fork and it was delicious. My first sandwich/wrap that I ordered on a previous occasion at the Artists Café was the Hummus veggie wrap (\$6.95) of sundried tomato hummus, spring greens, kalamata olives, feta cheese, artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, balsamic vinaigrette, spinach tortilla wrap. We have also had the Cuban Panini which we became familiar with on a trip to Miami 25 years ago. This one is faithful to the ingredients and flavor of the ones we first tasted on South Beach.

So if you are looking for a healthy choice of soup, salad or veggie wraps, or a more traditional favorite, you can find it here.

I should mention the Chicago Style chips, sliced thin and served with a tasty chip dip. They also offer cafe drinks like a variety of coffee drinks and . . . dessert. And last, but not least, if you miss



the gelato from the now closed Canady Chocolatier, just walk another block south to the Artist Café for 6 varieties of gelato.

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Ways to get around



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The <u>Chicago Water Taxi</u> has service to and from Chinatown on weekends and will begin daily service starting Tuesday, May 28, 2013. The boat taxi service operates daily service between the dock at Chinatown's Ping Tom Park and 2 N. Riverside Plaza, adjacent to Ogilvie and Union Stations. Service continues on to the LaSalle/ Clark and Michigan Avenue river stops. One-way travel time between Chinatown and Ogilvie Station is 15 minutes. Vessels arrive and depart Chinatown every 20 minutes from 10 am until 9 pm seven days a week through September 20.



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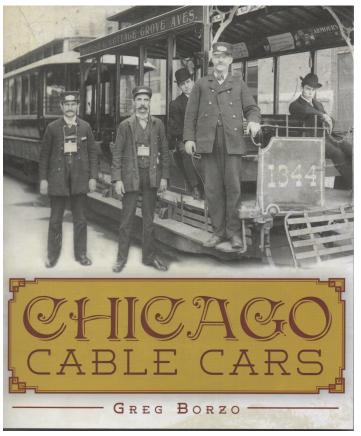
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Receive Free Physicals and Immunizations at the Annual 2nd Ward Back-to-School Health Fair, Saturday, July 27th

On Saturday, July 27th, Alderman Fioretti and Rush University Medical Center will host a Back-to-School Health Fair at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Van Buren. The event begins at 10:00 am and registration ends at 12:30 pm. At the fair, students will receive free services, including back-to-school exams, sports physicals, immunizations, dental, vision and hearing screenings. Please bring your child's immunization record to the fair. Participants will also receive a new back pack with school supplies to start the new school year, while supplies last!

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- Take Martin Luther King Dr north to access the Stevenson/I-55 westbound.
- From Cermak Rd, go north on Calumet Ave, S. Prairie Ave or S. Indiana Ave.
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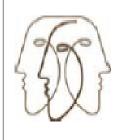
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Curator Mel Theobald, Artist and Photographer and resident of Dearborn Park



South Loop Referral Group meets every other Friday at 7:30 am at Dearborn Station Atrium

Next Meeting Dearborn Station Atrium 7:30am Friday July 12th

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.

Sewer Project for 9th and 11th Streets

Project Description

Project: The Department of Water Management's private contractor will soon install a new sewer main in 9th Street, from Plymouth



to Holden and in 11th Street, from State to Holden.

Reason: The old pipe dates back to about 1900 and needs to be replaced. The area bounded by 9th Street on the north, 11th Street on the south, Wabash on the east, and Plymouth on the west will benefit from improved drainage and reduced risk of flooding.

Timing: Installation of the new sewer main will begin in mid-June, and we expect the work to be done in late August. This includes restoration of the damaged streets/parkways. Dates may change depending on weather and other factors. If there is any appreciable change, we will notify you.

Traffic: When our crews are working in the street, we will have closures to "through traffic". You will always be able to reach your home or business, even if it means putting a metal plate in place. Safety is our first consideration.

Parking: We will post our work area for "No Parking" as needed, during work hours (7am-4pm). We are agreeable to parking outside of those hours, but will have to insist that cars be moved by the start of the next work-day. We will try to preserve as much parking as we can.

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SummerDance takes place every Thursday through Sunday from June 27 to September 15.Thursday-Saturday dance lessons are at 6pm and live music begins at 7:30pm. On Sundays, dance lessons are at 4pm with live music at 5pm. For a full schedule,

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