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Printers Row Lit Fest Saturday—Sunday June 6-7

The Printers Row Lit Fest was founded in 1985 by the Near South Planning Board to attract visitors to the Printers Row neighborhood (once the city's book-making hub). By 2002, it had grown to five city blocks (on Dearborn, from Congress to Polk), attracting more than 200 booksellers from across the country displaying new, used and antiquarian books and featuring more than 200 authors participating in panels, discussions and a variety of other programs.

As part of its ongoing commitment to the written word and its support of literacy and literary endeavor, the Chicago Tribune purchased the Printers Row Book Fair in 2002 from the Near South Planning Board. Recently renamed to be the Printer's Row Lit Fest, it is considered the largest free outdoor literary event in the Midwest-drawing more than 150,000 book lovers to the two-day showcase.



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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

- Sun, May 31, 8, 4, & 10 pm Trumpeter Jeremy Pelt Quintet
- Tues, June 2, 8 & 10 pm Harpist Isabelle Olivier Trio CD Release
- Weds, June 3, 8 & 10 pm..... Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Classic Jam
- Thurs—Sun, June 4 - 7; 8 & 10pm Trumpeter/ Vocalist Bria Skonberg Quartet
- Sun, 4, 8 & 10pm
- Mon, June 8, 8 & 10 pm Saxophonist Mark Colby Quartet
- Weds, June 10; 8 & 10 pm..... Guitarist Albare CD Release/ Only Human
- Thurs—Sun, June 11—14; Saxophonist Shawn Maxwell "Alliance"
- Sun, 4, 8 & 10pm
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- Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
- Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
- Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
- Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the Chicago River to Lake Michigan.

www.southloopneighbors.org

Yard Sale!

The ever popular SLN YARD SALE is scheduled for Saturday, **June 6th**, 8am to 3pm. Participation fee is \$20, Free for members. You, of course, have the option to join South Loop Neighbors. The FALL YARD SALE is Saturday, Sept. 12th.



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Guest Post by Jim Borman: lengthening the payments, paying more interest, kicking Chicago's money can down the road 5/27/2015

By Bonnie McGrath,

I'm personally not going to criticize Mayor Rahm anymore for a while. Maybe I'll poke a little fun when the mood strikes. He won, he's the mayor. And that's that. Democracy...prevails.

But that doesn't mean, my friend and South Loop neighbor Jim Borman can't do the honors. And Jim makes a good point in the following guest post: is Chicago like one of those families who lives on high interest credit cards, paying little principal, lots of interest and kicking the family financial mess down the road. And over the river. And through the woods. Where it will all end up, who knows?

by Jim Borman

While researching classic comedy films, I came across [one of the most well-known tag lines of Oliver Hardy](#) who said "That's another nice mess you've gotten me into." I felt that I'd just pulled the clip from the Think Tank of Mayor Emanuel who was working with his staff to resolve the ongoing budget and pension crisis in the city of Chicago.

As [related in today's Chicago Tribune](#), the mayor proposes lengthening the payments to make the crisis more palatable. Let's look at this from a personal perspective. As we are daily inundated with credit card applications, we can either choose to throw away the incessant marketing pieces from the credit card companies or open another new credit card with additional card limits.

We can choose, if we are able, to pay off our credit card bills as they come each month. If so, we'll pay no interest on our monthly credit. The credit card companies won't like that decision because that's how they make their money. In fact, they hope we will build up a huge amount of credit so they can charge us usurious interest that might even lead us to read the fine print of the application to learn how much we're being charged for their gracious services.

Is Chicago choosing the same path as a city? Will lengthening the time of the payments result, in the long run, in huge interest payments for a longer period of time? How much interest will the citizens of Chicago pay by extending the debt on a longer term basis? Is this "another nice mess we're getting into?"

Speaking of messes, how about the icing on the cake to resolve this crisis? The Tribune again reminds us that the mayor has favored the construction of a casino for a long time. Not to mention the numerous opportunities for Chicago's well-known "fair and open bidding" on all sorts of planning, construction, and management processes. Folks are talking about how to get revenues immediately into the city's coffers. What's the plan? According to the Tribune, there's talk about opening a few places to gamble in hotels or other facilities.

Is the mayor's vision to turn Chicago into the "Las Vegas of the Midwest?"

Where did the bailout idea of gambling come from? Who decided that it was prudent to initiate lotteries and land-based casinos--pulling money out of the pockets of those less able to afford the losses--to resolve budget deficits? Is gambling a substitute for traditional revenue generation through taxes and bonds and wise and prudent expenditures of taxpayer dollars?

Has Chicago looked at the regional economic impact of building a land-based casino on our neighbors in economically ravaged Gary, Indiana? Has Mayor Emanuel consulted with Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson to inquire if Gary casino revenues would be simply shifted from northern Indiana to downtown Chicago? Has anyone talked about long-term economic development proposals that might increase jobs in neighborhoods without stealing from Peter in Gary to pay Paul in Illinois?

No question that Chicago is in a fiscal mess. With one week left in the battle for dollars in Springfield, it appears that backroom deals are going to occur no matter what the citizens want. Those who already benefit from income inequality here and beyond appear ready and willing to increase their 1 percent status at the expense of the rest of us. That is, unless Governor Rauner chooses the Minnesota policies pushed by Target magnate Governor Bruce Dayton, taxing those who most can afford it. In Minnesota, [those policies resulted in a "drop in unemployment, a budget surplus, and a better environment for business."](#)

Yes, I heard you--when hell freezes over.



Bonnie McGrath

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Mondays with Mike: 50 years ago, the train from New York to Wash- ington was faster 5/18/2015



A few years ago our German friend Gerald visited with us on his way to an extended hiking holiday in Alaska. He's smart, perceptive and analytical, so it's always fun, and sometimes painful, to get his take on us Americans and our America. (For the record, he's a good sport and takes his share of digs from Beth and me about the myriad quirks of life in Germany.)

Gerald sat in the passenger side of our car as we toured. Whenn he noticed the warning on the side mirror that says "Objects in mirror may be closer than they appear," he looked at me in wonder, his expression begging for an explanation. The same thing happened when we stopped in a convenience store. He bought a lighter for his upcoming camping trip, read the warning sticker out on the Bic out loud, and flashed me the same look. I came up as empty as before.

During this same visit that Gerald wondered aloud, "I don't know why Americans are so proud of this place." So many places he'd been were so shabby. "Your roads, airports, trains—they're like a poor country's." I had no argument then. Still don't. Our public infrastructure has only worsened since that visit, and I blame it on bottled water.

Well, not bottled water per se, but in my lifetime it sure seems like we have devalued the idea of public space and common interest. It's like Gordon Gecko from *Wall Street* has won.

So bottled water. Apart from the idiotic waste in transporting it, packaging it, getting rid of the packaging—and the fact that it's often not any higher quality than tap water, there's something more insidious about it. Making water a consumer purchase begins moving away from the idea that clean water is in the public commons that belongs to all of us, and that we all have an interest in keeping it clean and available.

When water is a purchased good on an individual level, it becomes something different altogether. Clean water becomes another thing that some people can afford to have and others can't. And the ones who can afford it aren't as likely to be interested in keeping lakes and streams and public supplies clean. We're not there yet, but I can see it from here.

This every-person-for-him/herself dynamic is playing out everywhere—public schools, public transportation, public spaces like airports. And Amtrak.

We have the money in this country to have the best rail system in the world, the best airports, the best roads. And no hungry people. That tells me something isn't working.

If we want these things to be better, they will be. We have the money, if we remember the "we" part.

I have a notion about what's not working, and I'm working on it. In the meantime, as long as we're talking about Amtrak and the broader ideology around it, [read this New Yorker piece. Please do.](#) (Thanks Lydia!) Here's an excerpt:

We all should know that it is bad to have our trains crowded and wildly inefficient—as Michael Tomasky points out, fifty years ago, the train from New York to Washington was much faster than it is now—but we lack the political means or will to cure the problem.

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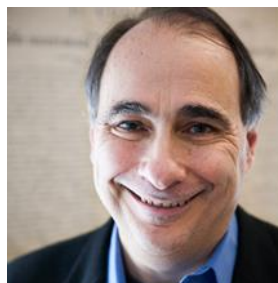
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Link to Full Schedule

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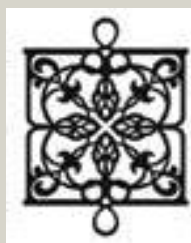
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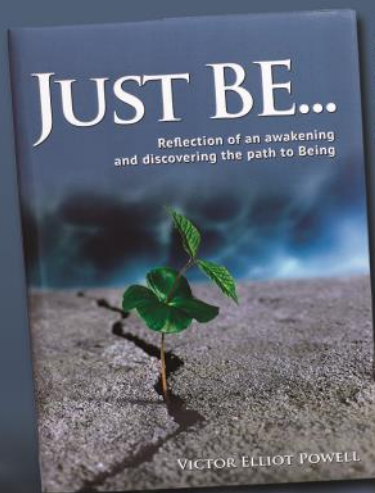
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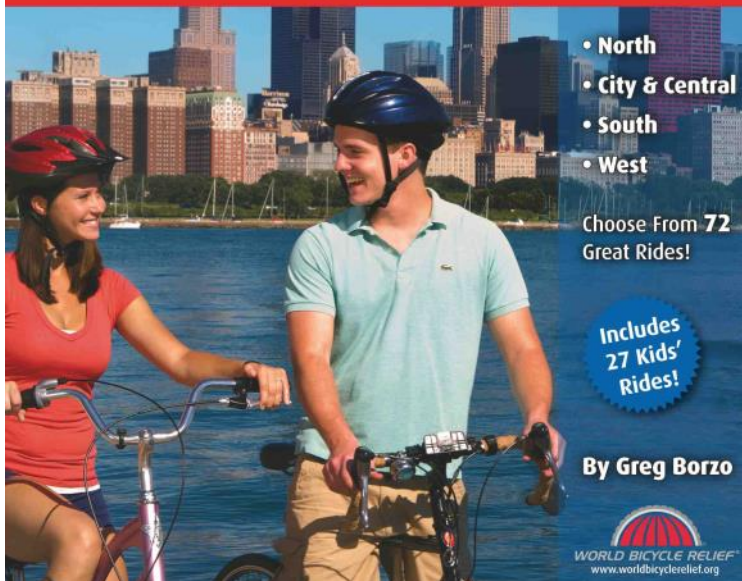
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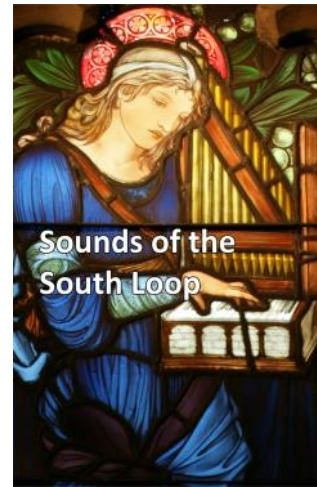
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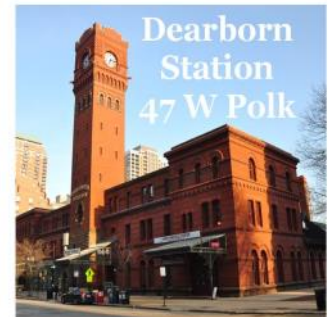
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One powerful woman 5/20/2015

The first Chicago high school built to serve an exclusively African-American student population opened its doors in 1935, and Wanda Bridgeforth, a 93-year-old writer in my Wednesday memoir-writing class, was a freshman there that year.

Wanda swells with pride any time DuSable High School is mentioned -- her Class of '39 was the first to complete all four years there. "I was in the birthday class," she beams.

DuSable was built on Chicago's South Side 15 years before the [Brown v. Board of Education decision](#)-- Wanda says it was built to keep schools segregated. "We had boundaries back then," she says. "We knew not to cross Cottage Grove, 51st Street or the train tracks." Everyone inside those boundaries was Black, Wanda says. "That was our neighborhood, and DuSable was our neighborhood high school."

When DuSable first opened, Wanda recalls some neighborhood parents applying for permits to get their children in nearby White high schools. "Their parents didn't think a Black school could be any good," she says, adding that she felt sorry for those kids. "Our classes were crowded," she acknowledges, remembering 50 or so students squeezing into classrooms at DuSable. "But at those other schools, if you were Black and you wanted to be in a play, you had to be a maid or a butler. At DuSable, we did everything, we were in all the plays, we wrote the school newspaper, we were having such a good time at DuSable."

Wanda was in high school between 1935 and 1939, and during those four years she walked DuSable's hallways with some pretty impressive classmates, including:

- **Nat King Cole**, famous jazz vocalist and pianist
- **John H. Johnson**, Chairman and CEO of Johnson Publishing Company, publisher of *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines
- **Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton**, one of the first African Americans to sign with an NBA team
- **Harold Washington**, first African-American mayor of Chicago
- **Ella Jenkins**, leading performer of children's music
- **Redd Foxx**, comedian and actor
- **Dinah Washington**, jazz vocalist and "Queen of the Blues"

Nat Cole added King to his name later," Wanda says with a laugh. "You know, like Old King Cole!" She knew Redd Foxx when he was Jon Sanford (yes, like Sanford and Son), and she remembers Dinah Washington as Ruth

Jones -- they changed their names once they became stars.

DuSable's initial fame was in its music program, and Wanda performed in the "Hi-Jinks" student talent shows there. "We put on shows that were better than what was going on in Chicago professional theatres," she says. "With musicians like Ruthie Jones and Nat Cole and all of those guys, we couldn't miss!"



Wanda at her 90th birthday party with the writers.

Wanda was quoted in an [Chicago Tribune article](#) after her work with the DuSable High School Alumni Coalition for Action finally convinced the city to designate DuSable as a landmark. "When we came along, education was a big thing. That was the goal of almost every kid, of every parent," she told the reporter. "I know my mother and father always said to me, 'I want you to do better than I did.'" "My mother said, 'I don't want you to have to do house work. I want you to have a career.'" Wanda did -- as an audiometrist and bookkeeper -- and she credits DuSable with helping to make that possible.

At DuSable's 80th anniversary party earlier this month, Wanda received the Powerful Woman Award and will soon have her picture added to those of her fellow famous alumni on the school's Wall of Fame. A poem Wanda wrote about her alma mater was included in the 80th anniversary program -- I'll leave you with her words here, along with a hearty congratulations to Wanda Johnson Bridgeforth, one very powerful woman.

Ode to DuSable

by Wanda Johnson Bridgeforth
Birthday Class 1939

*Your doors were opened in One Nine Three Five
A lot of folks said you would not survive.
Because you were built in the "Hood"
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So we lift our voices to the sky
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JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE DuSABLE HIGH.*

Note: A savvy 74-year old writer from my Wednesday memoir-writing class has started a [blog called Beth's Class](#) where she publishes essays she and fellow writers from that class have written. Wanda's [Ode to DuSable](#) was first published on the Beth's Class blog, and essays by other writers from that class have been published there, too. [Check it out!](#)

Villains Officially Reopens on South Clark

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 Sloopin



There have been a [couple false starts on the opening of the new Villain's](#) (730 S. Clark), but it appears that the doors are finally open.

We received a variety of emails from excited readers as well as noticed that the official announcement was made on the [Villain's facebook page](#).

And frankly the wait has probably been worth it! While we liked the dark dungeon feeling of the old Villains, the new location's is open, airy and industrial:



For those newer to the Sloop, Villains was [one of our favorite bar/restaurants](#), but lost their lease back in [late 2012](#) after some issues with their land-lord. The space at 649 S. Clark eventually became the bar/restaurant First Draft .

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Checkerboard City: The Divvy Perimeter Ride



New Divvy station outside Comer College Prep in Grand Crossing/Photo: John Greenfield -

By John Greenfield

This year's Divvy bike-share expansion, beefing up the system from 300 docking stations to 476, is moving at warp speed. One-hundred new stations have been installed since mid-April, and the rest should be in by early June. As Divvy grows, the city is also trying to make it more equitable. After the expansion, the portion of the population that lives in the service area will grow from about thirty-three percent to fifty-six percent, and several low-income communities are getting stations for the first time. Meanwhile, CDOT is working on a strategy to provide Divvy access for residents who don't have credit cards, and they promise they'll have a major announcement about this by early summer. To get a sense of how the stations are working out on the terra nova, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, I set out to pedal the perimeter of the completed service area on a sunny afternoon last week. I began my quest at the southeastern-most outpost of the system at Rainbow Beach in South Shore, a mostly African-American community. There was an eerie fog on the shoreline, and the sound of the waves mingled with birdsongs as I undocked my Divvy. Read the rest of this entry » - See more at: <http://newcity.com/#sthash.KU3P6ZzT.dpuf>

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You can access the City of Chicago's online service request form 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

311 Tracking System

Chicago's new "Open 311" service request system was announced recently, it allows Chicagoans to track service requests from the time they are submitted and receive an email when the issue is resolved through a new "311 Service Tracker." The system also allows residents to submit photos with service requests, encouraging more accurate and detailed reporting of issues to City departments.

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Water Main Project: East Van Buren Street and South Wabash Ave

The Department of Water Management, in partnership with Reliable Contracting & Equipment Company will soon be installing 356 feet of 12-inch and 347 feet of 16-inch water main along the north half of E. Van Buren St. and the east half of S. Wabash Ave.

Completion of this project is planned for early June 2015.

Water Main Project: East Harrison Street and South Wabash Ave

The Department of Water Management, in partnership with Benchmark Construction Company will soon be installing 1255 feet of 16-inch water main in E. Harrison St., from S.State St. to S. Michigan Ave, and S. Wabash Ave., from E. Congress Parkway. to E. Harrison St. Completion of this project is planned for late June 2015.

Sewer Lining Project: East Harrison Street and South Wabash

The Department of Water Management is already underway with a sewer lining project on South Wabash Avenue from 8th Street to Roosevelt Road.

Please plan for work occurring at night, beginning with mobilization around 6 p.m. and work commencing at 7 p.m. Work is expected to be completed by 7 a.m.

No parking signs will be posted in the immediate area a day before scheduled work.

The project is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Water Main Project: East Harrison Street

The Department of Water Management is installing 1,255 feet of 16-inch water main in E. Harrison Street, from S. State Street to S. Michigan Avenue and S. Wabash Avenue, from E. Congress Parkway to E. Harrison Street. The old pipe dates back to 1875 and needs to be replaced.

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Tall and Strange Bus Stops Erected at Roosevelt El Stop?

The [Roosevelt Road streetscape](#) improvement work is still in full swing. We're excited to see what the finished product will look like, but until then it hasn't been super smooth. Yesterday we posted about some [spelling issues with some of the pavers and benches](#).

Today a reader sends us a photo of some massive structures that have been installed on the south and north sides of the Roosevelt CTA stop:

While we're not 100% sure what these are, our guess is that these structures are two fold:

like it's forming a shelter, so we think it might be a bus shelter of some variety.

We also are pretty sure these will be "neighborhood signage" which is something we read about during this project. As you can see in the rendering below, there are some huge yellow structure that resemble what is currently being built:

If that wasn't big enough news, the real bombshell came when this doozy of a project was announced ([via Crain's](#)):

Residential developer Related Midwest is moving in on one of the biggest vacant tracts of land in the city, 62 acres in the South Loop once controlled by now-imprisoned power broker Antoin "Tony" Rezko.

Chicago-based Related Midwest, one of the busiest developers in the city, has signed a letter of intent to form a joint venture with the property's owner that would develop the site, which stretches a half-mile south from Roosevelt Road to Chinatown along the Chicago River, according to people familiar with the transaction.

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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.

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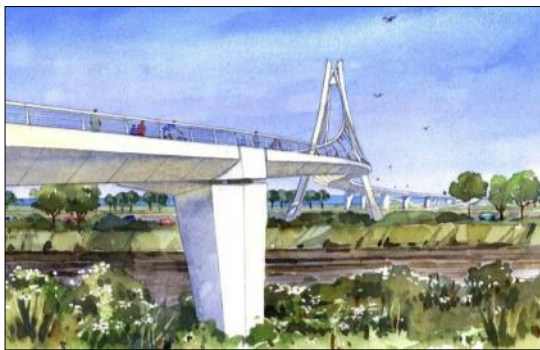
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- Removal of the existing pedestrian bridge
 - Resurfacing and improvements to 35th Street from South Cottage Grove to South Lake Park Avenue
 - Resurfacing and improvements on South Lake Park Avenue between 35th Street and 36th Street
 - Patching and reconstructing sidewalks on South Lake Park Avenue and 35th Street
 - Removal and reconstruction of street lighting on South Lake Park Avenue and 35th Street
 - Furnishing and installing roadway lighting and accent lighting on the proposed bridge structure
 - Construction of and landscaping for pedestrian plaza areas at the east and west approaches to the proposed bridge
- Relocation of a cantilever sign on northbound, South Lake Shore Drive

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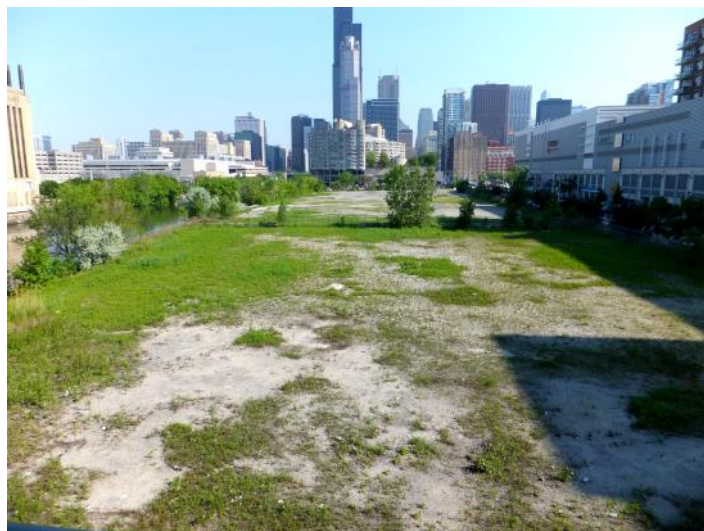
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CMK Confirms Joint Venture to Develop \$1.5 Billion Project on the Chicago River

Some big development (and big money) news has been buzzing around the interwebs recently.

First off, on Thursday last week [Chicago Real Estate Dailey](#) had a blurb about a business agreement to development a large swath of prime South Loop land:

Australian construction giant Lend Lease Group confirmed that it has entered into a joint venture with Chicago-based developer CMK to develop 13 acres of land in the South Loop along the Chicago River. The \$1.5 billion development will include apartments, condominiums, retail and commercial space and community facilities, Lend Lease said in a statement. The site, which runs on the east side of the river from Harrison Street south to Roosevelt Road, will be developed over 10 years, the statement said. The venture aims to file plans with the city "over the coming months" and break ground in early 2016, according to the statement.



Looking North towards River City.

We've spent [some serious \(digital\) ink](#) on this website talking about CMK's recent land grab along the Chicago river. While they've shown that they can develop properties, a project of this magnitude requires some help which is why bringing on Lend Lease makes a lot of sense.

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

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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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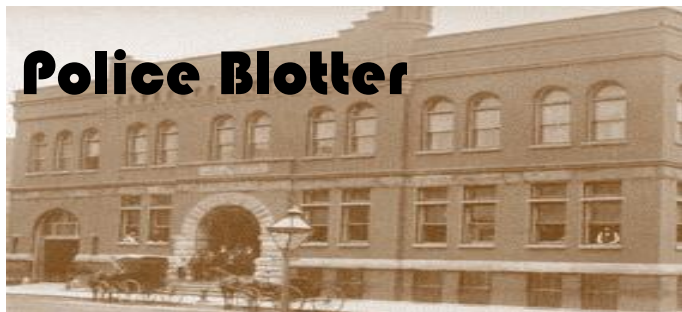
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Theft at X-Sport

Fri, May 8, 3:30 PM

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Larceny Theft on sidewalk

Sun, May 10, 1:30 am

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Theft from building

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Mon, May 18, 11 am

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Next Edition,

Saturday, June 20, 2015



Man, 24, Shot In South Loop Tuesday Afternoon, Police Say

By [Linze Rice](#) | May 26, 2015 4:50pm

CHICAGO—A 24-year-old man was shot in the South Loop Tuesday afternoon, police said.

The man was shot around 3:15 p.m. in the 2100 block of South Wabash Avenue in the South Loop, said Officer Thomas Sweeney, a Chicago Police spokesman.

He was shot in his shoulder and took himself to Mercy Hospital, where he was listed as being in fair condition. He was later taken to Stroger Hospital, where he was currently being treated as of 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sweeney said.

No other details were known.

<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/>

THE DEARBORN EXPRESS

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

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Find a quiet place to do this and think about it more than once. After several sessions of grooming and pondering your project, adjust it when you finally feel it's the right, move forward either to list your current place, knowing what you want next, or start your search for a new property, sale or rental.

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