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Welcome the SoBu Artist Project to Dearborn Station

The SoBu Artist Project of the American Friends Service Committee office (on the third floor of Grace Place, 637 S Dearborn) has been displaying youth created mosaic recycled furniture at the **Chicago Community Bank at Dearborn Station**.

The SoBu Artist Project began at Orr Academy on the Westside of Chicago with a dedicated art teacher who was determined to improve youth employment opportunities while creating mosaic art. Students started by creating a mosaic furniture design dedicated to an 'upstander' (someone in their life who they look up to or has changed their life for the better). As the furniture was created, teachers, staff and parents purchased them. Soon there was more furniture and the SoBu Artist Project was formed to help sell the furniture to the general public. The program has expanded to other CPS high schools and the summer jobs program.

This summer at Grace Place, 20 summer interns made 100 mosaic stepping stones for a community garden in the Pilsen neighborhood.

SoBu Artist Project

SoBu Artist Project has sold items at the Remix Art Festival and numerous holiday sales events. Hope you can stop by the **Chicago Community Bank** and see the amazing work being done by these youth. Youth receive 50% of the profit for these beautiful items and the other half goes to a school/ community fund that the students control.

For more information contact **Darlene Gramigna at 312-427-2533** or visit our website at sobu.org or our Facebook page at SoBu Artist Project.



Oh oh! 9th and State development by Golub and company may be ready to roll. Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB) is designing the 39-story, 396-unit luxury apartment building. As of 2012, about 250 parking spaces were to be included in that massive podium you see in the render. These days, overabundant parking spaces are going out of fashion, so that number may have shrunk to keep with the times. See more at: <http://chicago.curbed.com/archives/2014/09/09/is-golubs-south-loop-apartment-tower-finally-happening.php#more>

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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Thurs-Sun, Sept 11—Sept 14 , 8 & 10 pm
4, 8, & 10 pm on Sundays

Mon, Sept 15, 8 & 10 pm

Tues, Sept 16, 8 & 10 pm

Weds, Sept 17, 8 & 10 pm

Thurs – Sun, Sept 18—21, 8 & 10 pm
4, 8 & 10pm on Sunday

Mon, Sept 22, 8 pm & 10 pm

Tues, Sept 23 , 8 & 10 pm.....

Weds, Sept 24, 8 & 10 pm

Thurs—Sun, Sept 25—28, 8 & 10 pm
4, 8 & 10 p on Sundays

Mon, Sept 29, 8 & 10 pm

Pianist Robert Glasper Trio

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South Loop Neighbors

South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

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

SLN QUARTERLY MEETING

Tues—Sept 30th at 7pm

East/West University

829 Wabash, Room 404

Will Burns, Alderman 4th Ward will speak

Plus

Updates and Reports from

Community Builders

Fall Events and More!!!

4 MORE Lofts, 4 More Lofts: that's what we need for the 2014 Loft Walk

we have lofts in the following blocks of South Dearborn / Michigan.... 300, 600, 1600, 2300 and 2500, and would like to connect them as much as possible. Please consider opening your home for us, and ask all your friends and neighbors if they would like to participate. I will fill them in on all the details. Anyone who participates gets to do the walk for free and join us for the amazing after party!

Please forward my name and email, Jaqi Green, Loft-Walk Chair, loftwalk@southloopneighbors.org

Breakfast for the Hungry at Grace Place

Do you want to spend a feel good morning? Just mark your new calendars for the second Saturday of the month to help serve from 8:15 am till 10:30-ish. If you think you'd like to join in, call Sandi at 773-517-1031 for info.

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OPINION

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South Loop Neighbors Photo Show is baaaaaaaaaaacccckk

After a few years' hiatus, the [South Loop Neighbors' Photo Show](#) is coming back in October. The juried photo competition wants photographers to submit photographs in three categories: student, amateur and professional. The theme for this year's competition is "Life in the South Loop." [SLN, a community organization](#) that promotes quality of life in the neighborhood, defines the South Loop as Jackson Blvd to 25th St, and from the Chicago River to the lakefront. Online registration to enter photographs begins today and ends Tuesday, October 7. Photo drop-off dates are from October 1st through October 7 at 600 S. Dearborn, Unit 516. All details regarding online registration and dropping off submissions are contained [here](#).

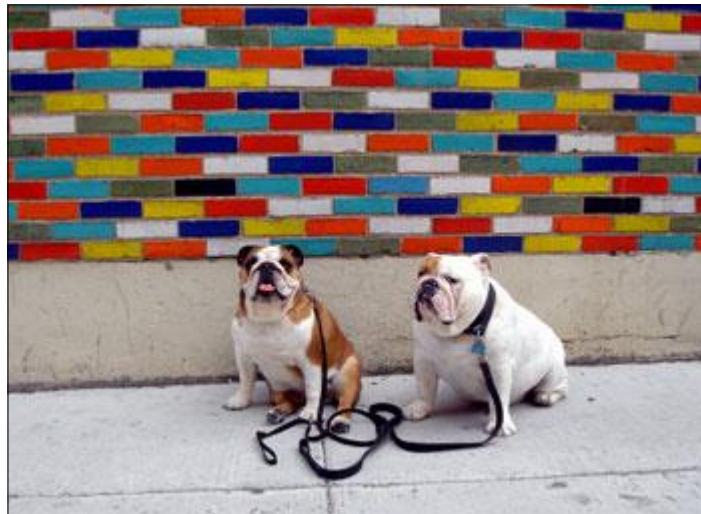
The photo show will be displayed at [The Shops at Roosevelt Collection](#) at 150 W. Roosevelt from Wednesday, October 15 through Friday, October 31. A jury of professional photographers and artists will select the top three photographs in each category. Cash prizes will be presented at the opening reception on October 15.



Mel Theobald
"Light Night Pool"
1st Prize 2009
Archival Digital
Photograph

Questions?
Contact SLN board
member Robin
Toewe at 312 859-
6461; or at

photoshow@southloopneighbors.org



2009 Grand Prize Winner "Garage on 8th Street," Christie Chew-Wallace

Bonnie McGrath



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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:

thedearbornexpress@gmail.com

Next Edition,

Thurs. Sept 30th, 2014



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Collection in the evening on Wednesday, October 15. Photographers will be awarded cash prizes as

Students Grand prize = \$250, 2nd prize = \$150, 3rd prize = \$100
Amateur Grand prize = \$250, 2nd prize = \$150, 3rd prize = \$100
Professional Grand prize = \$250, 2nd prize = \$150, 3rd prize = \$100

Photographers can enter, and read the rules and regulations at [contest](#)

Contact South Loop Neighbors board member Robin Toewe with additional questions by telephone at [\(312\) 859-6461](tel:312-859-6461) or by email at photoshow@southloopneighbors.org.

Harold Washington Library Hosts Retirement, Medicare Workshops

By Lizzie Schiffman on September 3, 2014 5:10am

THE LOOP — The Harold Washington Library will host two seminars this month as part of the "Money Smart" lecture series presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

At noon on Sept. 11, financial planner Ed Gjertsen II will discuss how to maximize benefits in a seminar titled "8 Things You Never Knew About Social Security: A Retirement Planning Workshop." The free presentation, sponsored by the Financial Planning Association of Illinois, will be hosted in the library's lower level video theater at 400 S. State St.

At noon Sept. 19, presenter Jeanette Reyes-Cordero will lead a seminar on Medicare Part C, the Medicare Advantage health plans that pay for services through a private insurance company contracted with the federal program.

The free seminar, also in the lower level video theater, is presented by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Illinois and will include guidance on what to look for when choosing a plan.

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Richard Weindorfer standing in front of the Palace in Phnom Penh just two blocks where he now lives.



Message from the President of South Loop Neighbors

It has been an honor to serve as the President of South Loop Neighbors for almost two years. As of September 1, 2014, I will be resigning. I have a great opportunity that takes me away from the South Loop, in fact quite far away. For six months I will be in Phnom Penh, Cambodia teaching three business courses at a public university. I am very excited about this new adventure. I have always wanted to live and work abroad, and now here is my chance. Unfortunately I will miss much in my months away, including family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you to everyone for your support of these last few years.

Richard Weindorfer

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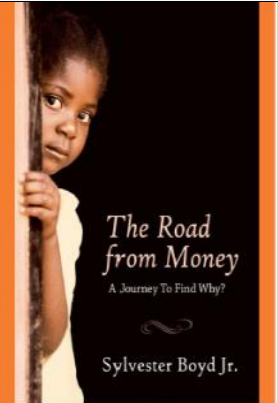
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Excerpt from Chapter 1 - "Why?"

"It was 1925, on a very warm spring day in Money, Mississippi. The sound of a steam locomotive puffing its way down the tracks pierced the calm that lay like a blanket over the small town. The locomotive left a tail of white, gray, and black smoke behind that mixed with the mist from the nearby Tallahatchie River. Two rabbits scurried across the tracks just before the slow-moving train. Beside the track an old mule-drawn wooden wagon moved slowly. Inside was eight-year-old Estella and her grandfather, Paul Reynolds, a sharecropper, were making their way into town."



The Road from Money is the story of a young African American girl growing up in America's deep South, near the start of the 20th century. The novel is based on the life of the author's Aunt Estella and stories told him by family members over the years. He has woven both fact and fiction into a dynamic portrayal of historical events in the novel; through Estella's journey to find "Why?"

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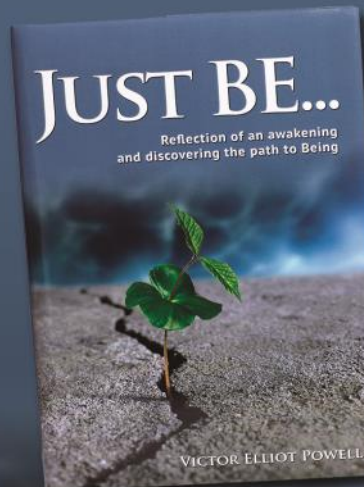
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Watermeelo!

by [bethfinke](#)

When I assigned “The Best Job I Ever Had” as a topic for the memoir classes I lead, two writers in one class came back with essays about jobs they had when they were 11 years old. [Last week’s post featured excerpts from Hugh’s essay](#) about putting paper Trains together in 1942, and today I’m sharing excerpts from the piece his fellow writer Bob Eisenberg wrote about another unusual job during that decade.

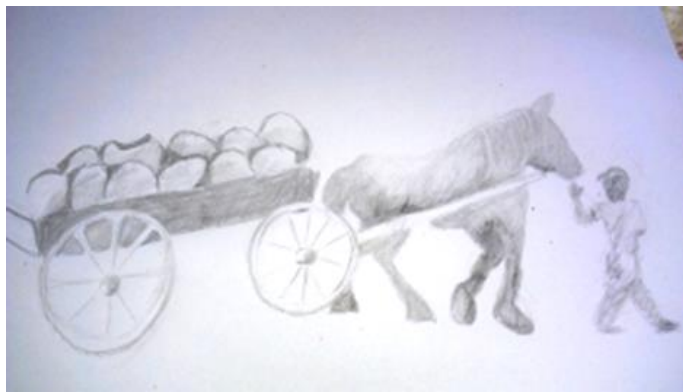
Bob Eisenberg is not only a good writer, he’s a great artist, too.

Bob starts his essay explaining that when he was eleven, his family rented an apartment right across the hall from a man who had his own business pedaling fruit and junk items from a horse and wagon. One morning at the end of the school year, their neighbor stopped Bob to say He needed a helping hand on his wagon. “He asked if I knew anyone who wanted a job,” Bob wrote. . “I jumped at the chance – I pointed to myself and said ‘Me!’” From Bob’s essay:

The start of my work day was my favorite part. I’d get the big brown work horse out of his stall and guide him into the alley. Then I’d pull out the empty wooden wagon and attach the long wooden wagon poles to the horse. I’d sit in the driver’s seat THEN AND WAIT for Mr. Dunn.

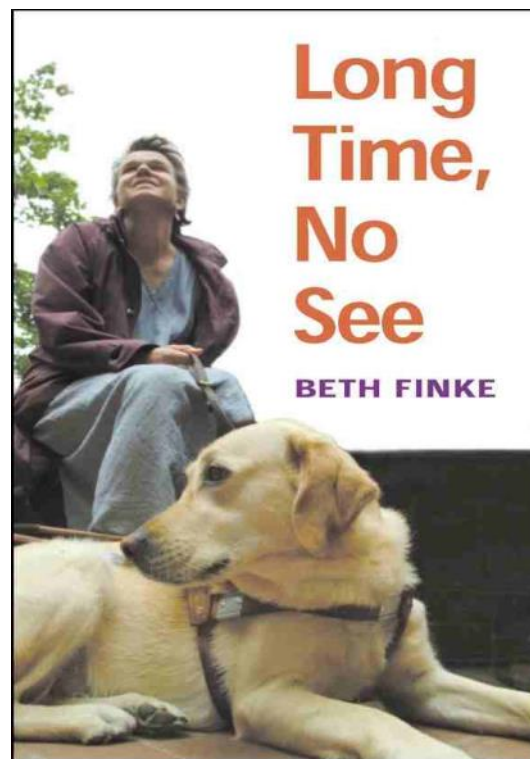
First stop? South Water Market. “Our journey started with me holding the reins and driving, Mr. Dunn sitting RIGHT THERE next to me guiding me all the way,” Bob wrote, explaining that Mr. Dunn took over the reins once they arrived at the market. “He guided the horse into the stall so we could load our watermelons properly.”

Once the watermelons were loaded and paid for, they headed back to their “Little Italy” neighborhood, just south and west of downtown Chicago. Again, from Bob’s essay:



Mr. Dunn drove the horse and wagon through the alleys WHILE I stood up in the back of the wagon, cupped my hands around my mouth and yelled, “WATAMEELO!” People ran down stairs from their back porches to buy our watermelons. We talked and laughed with everybody and shared news of the day as we heard it from people along the way.

Bob worked with Mr. Dunn all summer and earned 20 cents for each watermelon sold. “Buy the end of the day, I felt like I was wealthy.” When summer turned to fall, they turned to buying instead of selling. “I stood in the back of the wagon and yelled, “RAGSALION!” which meant rags and old iron,” he wrote. “People came running down from their porches with old cloths, old pots and pans and all sorts of junk they wanted to get rid of.” “Everything Bob and Mr. Dunn collected was taken to the junk yard and sold. “At the end of the day I was exhausted, but very happy,” bob wrote. “My first job gave me the feeling of self worth and independence at a very young age.”



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



ARE YOU CATHOLIC BUT FEE DISCONNECTED FROM THE CHURCH?

Whatever reasons you had, you may miss being involved and feel a desire to participate again in the church's sacramental life. We invite you to Landings, a welcoming and compassionate program of sharing and listening, run by the laity of the parish. We begin our next session at Old St. Mary's church, 1500 S. Michigan, Chicago, on **Thursday September 25, 2014**. Email landings@oldstmarys.com or call Linda at **312-356-9952** for more information. We hope to hear from you!

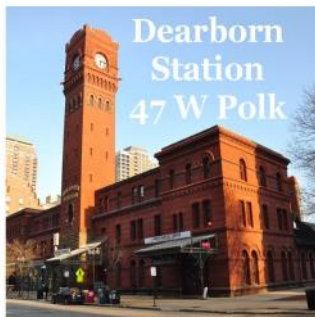


Another version of the Nike "Pop Up" store at 9th and Wabash. There was a Nike pop up store that coincided with the World Basketball Festival back in August. Sloopin.com

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Dream Weaver

Newspaper photographer by day, Lenny Gilmore (BFA '10) explores otherworldly themes in meticulously constructed and personal collages.

Take a walk in the city, and chances are you'll encounter the work of photographer Lenny Gilmore (BFA '10). As photo editor of RedEye, the Chicago Tribune's free daily news and pop culture publication, Gilmore captures striking cover images that draw passers-by to newspaper boxes stationed on hundreds of street corners.

Gilmore, who went from RedEye intern to photo editor in three short years, attended high school in the western suburb of Batavia, Ill., and transferred to Columbia after spending two years at Northern Illinois University. He immediately immersed himself on campus, both in the Photography Department and as a photo editor at the Columbia Chronicle.

"Columbia is really good at presenting all these different opportunities to you, and you just have to be aware and know what each person is offering and make the most of it," says Gilmore, who ties his initial interest in photography to a father-son road trip when he was 14 that left him "obsessed with and inspired by the evolving landscape."

One of Gilmore's earliest champions at Columbia was adjunct faculty member Rachel Herman, who let him assist her with work on a children's book. "She really treated me like a peer rather than a student, which I appreciated," Gilmore says. "And she's continued to meet with me and mentor me as I've hit little roadblocks in my life."

Gilmore continues to develop his skills both as a photojournalist and as a conceptual artist. His personal creative spark resulted in Year One, a haunting group of photo collages that ruminates on the connection between dreams and memories while poetically depicting the coming of age of its protagonist, played by Gilmore himself.

The series attracted the attention of the prestigious Catherine Edelman Gallery, which featured it as part of its Chicago Project, an online showcase of local talent. Gilmore followed up with First Flights, a second collage series exploring the mythology of superheroes.

"Journalism keeps me connected to my community and in touch with reality, but collage lets me tell the story of what's happening in my head and heart," says Gilmore of his desire to create more conceptual work. "It allows me to approach a photograph like a painter would a canvas. I can be meditative, methodical or OCD, and express whatever I dream and not just what I see."

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Gilmore's latest project, *Space Dreams Us Dangerous*, is the creative summation of his previous series and is, in essence, a photographic narrative. Starting from intricately detailed sketches, Gilmore transformed his Humboldt Park studio into an ambitious production site—complete with miniature and life-sized sets, costumes and taxidermic animals—to tell the story of a cosmonaut, played by Petya Shalamanova (BFA '10), Gilmore's partner and a fellow photographer, who is being pursued by her former lover, played by Gilmore. Each of these elements, which number in the hundreds, was photographed individually and then digitally manipulated and composited into a single image using Photoshop CS6.

"I'm retooling all these disparate ideas I had while working on *Believed Imaginings* and *First Flights* and making a narrative that could work like a comic book, but also prints on a wall," Gilmore says. Later this fall, Gilmore plans to release a hardcover volume of the final images printed alongside his earliest notes and sketches, allowing the reader an in-depth look at his creative process.

So, with a thriving professional and artistic career, where does this multitasking lensman see himself in five years? "My path hasn't changed much in 10 years, so I don't really see it changing in five," he says with a laugh. "I see myself making documentaries, running a photography studio with Petya and my friends, and hopefully still [living] in Chicago. I love this city. It's been good to me."

Limited-edition prints of Gilmore's conceptual work are available at ShopColumbia, his website (lennygilmore.com) and the Chicago Project (edelmangallery.com).

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2nd Ward Alderman Fioretti

From the Chicago Sun Times
Bike the 2nd Ward is almost here! Join us on Sunday, September 14th for a fun bike ride through the city. The ride will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Fairlife, 1001 W. Adams. Bike the 2nd Ward is a FREE, family-friendly event that will take participants on a 17-mile bike ride through Chicago with Ald. Fioretti at the lead. At the conclusion of the ride, stay for lunch, music and to meet new friends.

All participants will receive a t-shirt and goodie bag as well! For more information and to RSVP, contact our office at [312- 263-9273](tel:312-263-9273) or register [here](#)

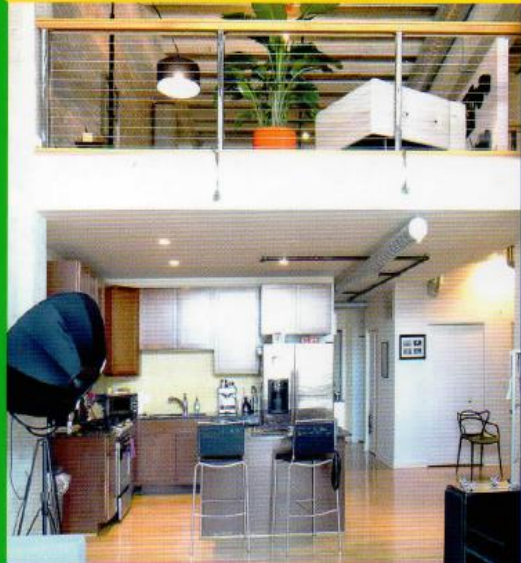
Pictured from left to right are South Loop Neighbors board members Susan Ohde, Sandi Thayer and Robin Toewe.

Photo from last year's ride



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Coordinator: Susan Denniston,
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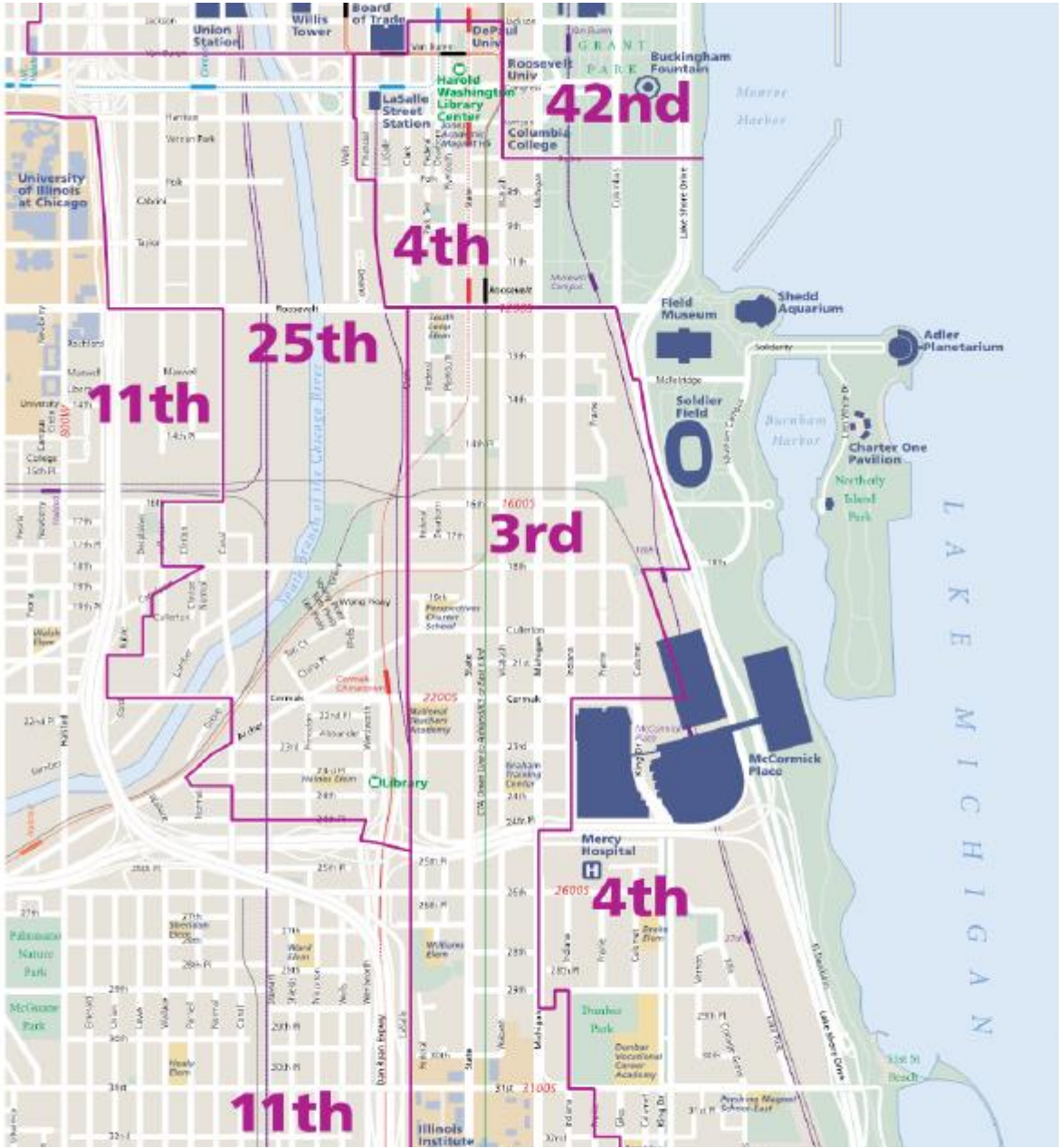
If you live in Printers Row or Dearborn Park I, you are in the new 4th Ward beginning 2015. Meet your new alderman!



Will Burns

South Loop Neighbors 3rd Quarter Public Meeting, Alderman Will Burns, at East/West University Friends of Parks CEO Cassandra Francis on Lucas Museum Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Please join your neighbors at our 3rd Quarter Public Meeting. It will be held at East/West University, **829 S. Wabash, Room 404, on Tuesday, September 30th** at 7pm. We are excited to hear from Alderman Will Burns, 4th Ward and Friends of the Park CEO, Cassandra Francis, who will discuss the Lucas Museum. There will also be neighborhood updates, reports from our Community Builders, a preview of fall events, and much more, including refreshments!



The Levee Rises? Vice Is Brewing In The South Loop

By Ben Kramer When the snow-mageddon of 2011 hit Chicago, it shut down schools, businesses and even Lake Shore Drive. The storm also managed to form a friendship that would eventually lead to the birth of Vice District Brewing. "We met as neighbors," co-owner Quintin Cole recalls on meeting fellow co-owner Curtis Tarver II. "He helped dig me out during the snow-mageddon, and that's how we met." Three-some years after that historic winter, Vice District Brewing and its taproom are set to debut August 22, with their Black IPA, Extra Special Bitter, Blonde, IPA and Molasses Porter. Opening with unique styles was a conscious decision. "We decided to come out with something that's a little different," explains Cole. "Most people are unfamiliar with some of the styles we're coming out with. Black IPA is not something a lot of people are familiar with...we just felt like we wanted to have a nice mix of beers that represent what we like, but also complementary to people coming in who if they want an IPA we have one." Once things get rolling, Cole, Tarver and brewmaster Charlie Davis (formally of North High Brewing and Finch's Beer Co) plan on having fourteen beers on tap, including seasonal beers and limited small batches because, deep down, Cole and Tarver are home brewers. They like to experiment. Home brewing is where they, and in turn Vice, got their start. Initially, Tarver and Cole started home brewing with the idea to make beer to save money. The plan backfired as the two found themselves buying more and more brewing equipment, spending close to 3,000 dollars individually according to Cole. While fun for the men of the house, it became a distraction for their wives. "They were very supportive of us and our new hobby," says Cole, "but they were definitely irritated by the fact that literally everything we talked about, every purchase we made, was related to beer." Irritation eventually led to ultimatum. Their spouses said, "Either do something with this [brewing], or you close down shop." Picking beer, the two men devised a business plan, and started scouting spots that could house a brewery within their budget. After some time, 1454 South Michigan Avenue became the destination. Never during their search was a North Side location considered. "We're South Siders," says Cole. "We knew we wanted to be on the South Side. Whenever we wanted to go to some place to support one of the local breweries we were always traveling north of Madison. We wanted to concentrate on people who live in the South Side or South Loop who don't want to travel that far north." With the location settled, the duo conducted research on the area. In their digging, they discovered the South Loop was once known as the "Levee District." Home to many brothels, saloons and clubs, the Levee District was the vice district for Chicago during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. It became obvious to Tarver and Cole as to what the name of their brewery should be. - See more at: http://boozemuse.com/2014/08/18/vice-is-brewing-in-the-south-loop/?utm_source=Newcity+Chiletter&utm_campaign=91ffa3e9bd&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_db7461bd4f-91ffa3e9bd-306512713#sthash.Hs8l72cy.dpuf



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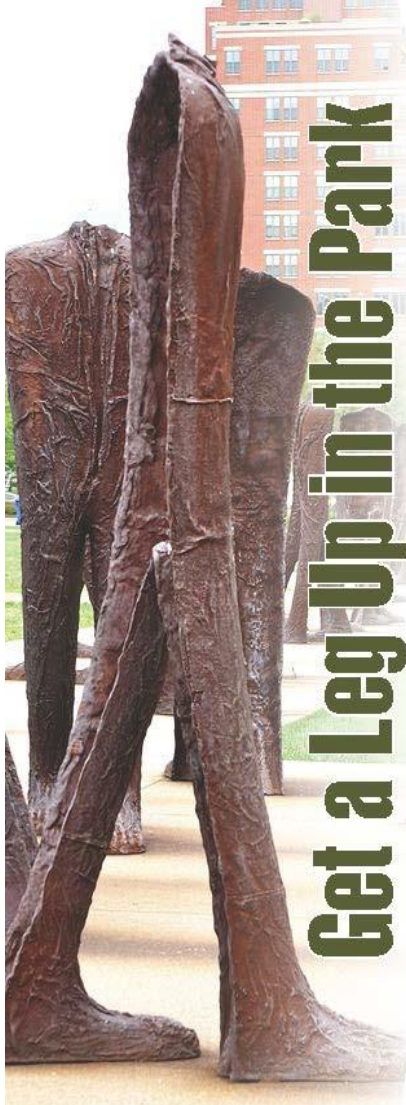
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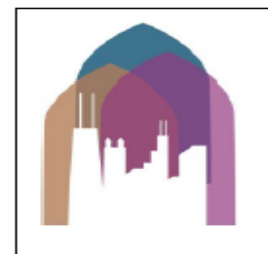


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The new worshiping community offers wine receptions following most services and anticipates volunteering in the South Loop neighborhood in the future.



South Loop Referral Group

Meets every other Friday at 7:30 am
At Dearborn Station Atrium

Next Meeting
Fri, SEPT 19
at Blackies,
Clark & Polk
At 7:30 am

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.

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Harrison Street Bridge

Was due to be re-opened Sept 1, 2014 after being closed for construction. The bridge which spans the Dan Ryan Expressway is part of the Circle Interchange re-construction. As of Weds, Sept 10th, it was still closed.



Police Blotter

Tickets to nowhere

A 35-year-old man brought two tickets to the Tom Petty concert at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., off Craigslist Aug. 23 from a man whom he met with outside of Starbucks, 42 W. Harrison St. The man paid \$150 for the tickets only to discover they were fraudulent. He filed a report with police after the tickets were rejected, but the whereabouts of the scammer were unknown as of press time.

One-night scam

Two 20-year-old women discovered multiple items missing from their apartment on the 400 block of East 9th street, including an iPhone, MacBook laptop and more than \$500 of rent money. Their third roommate had allowed an unknown man into the apartment who allegedly stole their belongings. When questioned by officers, the roommate admitted she had a guest.

Fist over hand

A 19-year-old woman and her friend were approached on the 1100 block of South Michigan Avenue by two men in their late 20s. One grabbed both the woman and her friend, ripped the phone from her and ran south. The other took \$29 from her other hand and fled. As of press time, both men's whereabouts were unknown.

First stop; detention

A 32-year-old woman entered the Chicago Transit Authority emergency gate at the Harrison Red Line stop, 608 S. State St., to avoid paying fare, and was stopped by an officer before boarding the train. Responding officers attempted to handcuff the woman, who began wildly swinging her arms. She was brought to the station for processing.

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Alert #610-14-187
29 August, 2014

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- 1900 block of S. Wabash on 09 July 2014 at 7:00 AM -5:00 PM
- 1800 block of S. Michigan on 14 July 2014 at 8:15 AM – 5:15 PM
- 1600 block of S. Michigan Ave. on 29 July 2014 at 11:00 AM
- 1100 block of S. State on 12 August 2014 at 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- 0-100 block of E. Roosevelt on 12 August 2014 at 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- 1400 block of S. Michigan on 14 July 2014 at 6:05 AM – 5:15 PM
- 1400 block of S. Michigan on 14 July 2014 at 7:55 AM – 6:30 PM
- 900 block of S Plymouth Ct on August 31 at 6:30 AM

About the offenders:

Unknown

What you can do:

- Keep the perimeter of your property well lighted
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Be a solution fixer and learn how to assess a situation and jot down the best possible solutions to fix it. If your Realtor or Lender presents you with an obstacle, think of ways to resolve the problem before attacking them and walking away. Every problem has a solution its just finding it. Sometimes a little research or taking aside some time to focus on the issue at hand can resolve it. Don't depend on others to do a job you can do .No one has an interest in the solution like you do. So instead of being a victim be a solution fixer. So many people play the blame game, If only I had went here, or there, so and so should have given me better details, or no one told me this process was going to take this long or I would need to do this much. If you ask the questions ahead of time and write down your solution's, you won't be asking these frustrating questions later on. Also don't expect other people to read your mind or remind you of things to get done. Keep yourself involved and check things out for yourself .I have found when a realtor knows his client is savvy and on top of things the "team effort" kicks in and they stay focused more on the project.. That's not to say you are to hound them with questions and daily phone calls, but encouraging and helpful comments once or twice a week can help, it also keeps them aware, You're aware! Most sales happen 60-30 days before a listing expires, as that's the time the realtor knows he has to be successful or perhaps loose the project. I'm not saying listings periods should be shortened but a 30 or 60 day review might bring it to the attention of the managing company, don't expect them to do this automatically. We have a large volume of properties out in the multiple listing you need to make sure your looks fresh and inviting. Change the verbiage with the season and make sure new improvements are listed. Look up your ad or flyer and review it often. Doing such helps make a successful sale or rental. Happy shopping! Castle Keepers is looking for experienced Agents to join us in our ever growing office. please email castlebonnie@comcast.net with your info...

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