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Meanwhile unit count has apparently been reduced from 130 to 60.

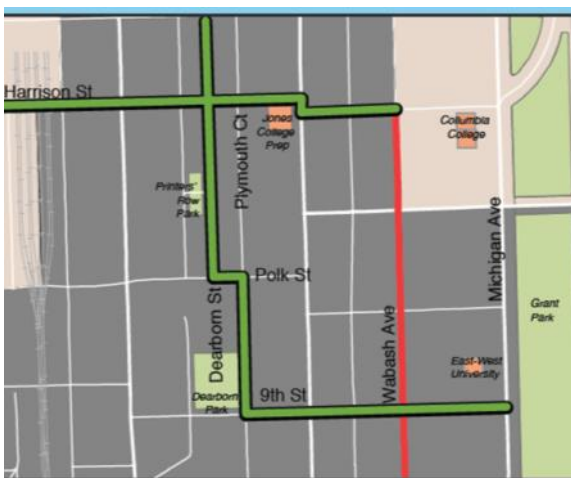
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*editors note: This often proposed on lot is the one affectionately known as the "Chip lot" in Printers Row at Polk and Dearborn..

CDOT Proposes new Bike Lanes at South Loop Neighbors Meeting

On August 23rd, a community meeting was held hosted by South Loop Neighbors at Grace Place for the presentation of proposed bike lane changes in the Printers Row and Dearborn Park area. At times, contentious, there were supporters and detractors and lots of questions. One of the goals is to provide a route for bikers to travel to Grant Park with the greatest amount of safety. Also improvements for protection of bikers on Harrison Street were suggested. Alderman Sophia King spoke at the end of the meeting and assured residents that this proposal was fluid and could still change based on resident feed back.

Margaret Wallyn reports on Meeting details on page 14.



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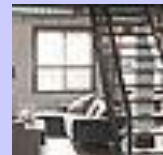
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- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
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- Developing strong relationships with 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.

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It's Labor Day and the college kids are back in the neighborhood and that's a good thing Monday, Sept 5th, 2016

There's always something missing in the South Loop during the summer: college kids.

We need them. To perk up the streets, scurry around, solidify our diversity, put bodies in the restaurants, money in the cash registers and pay the rent on the condos of speculators. They also fill up the dorms, the classrooms and the many buildings devoted to college life in the neighborhood. And they produce and circulate a thick college newspaper in news boxes on our streets.

The South Loop is more of a college campus than Hyde Park is with [its Gothic city](#) all agog with smarties. More of a campus than the West Loop is with its [Netsch-constructed](#) UIC campus.

Those neighborhoods have but one college. We have many: Columbia College Chicago, DePaul University's downtown campus, [East-West University](#), Robert Morris University, Roosevelt University, John Marshall Law School, not to mention several trade schools for everything from massage therapy to broadcasting.

Our colleges repurpose warehouses and office buildings and use them for student life of all sorts. Our academia is diffuse. It runs through the 'hood like a meandering river.

Columbia has the most buildings in the neighborhood. (At this point, with the [enrollment down](#), layoffs aplenty and extracurriculars being cut back, probably too many.) And I love that they abide by the old semester system, starting class after Labor Day, using the long weekend to move their stuff in and show their parents where they will be spending their time in the coming months.

That sight always warms my heart.

Some South Loop residents complain that the students treat the neighborhood *too much* like a college campus. With too much imbibing, too much raucousness, just too much of everything.

But I think they bring life. Safety. Youth. Academic pursuit. The academic pursuit that we see moving about on our tree-lined (and some not so tree-lined) streets filled with lofts, condos, townhouses, apartments and single family homes represents the future. Our next generation of lawyers, accountants, artists, filmmakers, actors, journalists.... They live among us as they begin to hone their skills. And we are welcome to sample their culture.



And so, while I watched young people leaving Target a block from my house a mile a minute over the Labor Day weekend with plastic storage containers, cute little trash cans, table lamps, new sheets and pillowcases and batches of toilet tissue and cleaning agents--in order to set up their first homes away from home--I did get a certain rush.

The kids are back!

And the neighborhood will be complete for the next several months.

Bonnie McGrath

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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) |

Mondays with Mike: Happy Mike wins! Sept 5, 2016



There was a time when people behaving badly could ruin my day and my mood, and lead me to behave in a way that would have a domino effect. Just ask Beth.

I'll never be accused of being a Zen master, but over time, things have improved. Some of it has been a conscious effort—breathing and self-coaching. And, harnessing the negative force for the good—*Nobody is going to ruin my day*). A lot, I think, is simply aging and mellowing.

Still, there are days. This past weekend, Beth and I took a tandem bicycle ride. We took it on a weekend afternoon on a beautiful day. That may sound like it made sense, but we're talking about the lakefront bicycle path, which is a lovely route along Lake Michigan. But, on busy days, it's like this: Think of every entitled, self-absorbed, selfish and irresponsible behavior you've ever seen—happening in sequence, and repeating.

It's equal opportunity with bicyclists, walkers, and parents with those enormous Humvee-size child strollers all doing their best to endanger everyone else, without having the first clue that they are.

There was the bicyclist riding at speed (on a Divvy bike) on a crowded Randolph Street sidewalk (today's human being lesson for her: When you're on the sidewalk, walk the damn bike).

The little family of four who rented the not-so-little bicycle for four (where they sit two-by-two and the thing occupies both lanes of the path), peddling leisurely and not so much as trying to give way other traffic.

The dog walkers with a little yip dog and a really big black mutt that leapt high into the air and toward each bike as it passed.

The distinguished elderly gentleman who liked to whip his cane in circles, a la Charlie Chaplin, every once in awhile.

The wandering, three- and four- abreast walkers who somehow don't see the WALKING PATH, DEDICATED TO WALKERS, about 20 yards CLOSER TO THE LAKE.

And the young man, who, as he pedaled out of the part of the path that circles the Shedd Aquarium, wasn't paying attention where close attention must be paid. He weaved into our lane and almost took out the bicyclist in front of us. He somehow stayed on two wheels as he whipsawed the bike back into his lane just in time. And as we passed, I saw the problem: He was staring at his cell phone.

Words were spoken.

After our ride, we walked to this year's Chicago Jazz Festival at Millennium Park. Big crowds—all civilized and well behaved—maybe it's the jazz? We drank a cold beer in the fresh air. We ran into friends who invited us to sit with them, and we saw a terrific act—the [Victor Garcia Organ Septet](#).



Happy Mike was back!

Walking home, we were about to cross a seemingly quiet Wabash Avenue. The light was about to change our way, but I halted and saw headlights oh, about a block south of us. I stopped with Beth on my arm. The roar of the Mercedes sedan's engine rose explosively fast and the car blew through the intersection, **not** catching the yellow, at what I'd put at 45-50 mph.

Next thing, we heard the squeal of tires as the cretin driver slammed on the brakes before the next block.

I spent the rest of the short walk home stuffing cranky Mike back into his box.

After that, we took a short but luxurious nap, assembled a picnic to go, grabbed the camp chairs, and it was off to SummerDance to see the Fat Babies.

There we ran into Ellen and Ulrich Sandmeyer, who operate the gem of Printers Row: [Sandmeyer's Bookstore](#). We talked, relaxed, [took in the Summerdance tableau](#), and Ellen and Ulrich minded things while Beth and I took a couple turns on the dance floor.

Happy Mike won. Must be the jazz.

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15-story Printer's Row apartment proposal takes a significant height reduction



A [long-discussed](#) apartment proposal slated for an empty lot at the northwest corner of Dearborn and Polk Streets in Chicago's Printer's Row neighborhood looks to have been slashed from its original height of 15 stories down to just seven. The latest images come from LG Development's website which also mentions an updated unit count of 60 — a considerable reduction from the 130 micro apartments and extended stay units presented to neighbors [earlier this year](#).

While the old design by Myefski Architects matched the height of the neighboring Franklin building at 720 S. Dearborn, it seems the new plan will instead leave quite a bit of blank wall on display. Though the redesign appears to keep the development's ground floor retail space intact, it's unclear if the project's previously proposed rooftop amenity space survived. [According to LG](#), more information will be forthcoming.

A Letter from a Reader

Hi DearbornExpress,

I noticed a posting on Curbed and Sloopin the other day about a scaled-back plan to build a new micro-apartment building on the NW corner of Dearborn and Polk streets in Printer's Row.

If you look at the newly proposed design, you will see that the developer did not put much thought into the architecture. It would be a pity if we allowed this to get built in Printer's Row.

We should spread the word within the community to get more input and feedback from folks who care about the aesthetics of our historically relevant neighborhood that is surrounded by landmarked buildings. Lets prevent the developer from moving forward with the new design and have them go back and put a little more thought into the architecture. Please help!

Concerned resident, Vince B

RESPONSE

The rendering is all that I've seen, and I just can't tell much from it. I do notice that the northernmost bay has been recessed slightly to make the shorter building look less fat, and also to lend a little visual separation from the Franklin Building. The custom brickwork for the corners no longer is apparent. There's a similar breaking up of the volume on the Polk Street side, which is pretty ugly and intrusive.

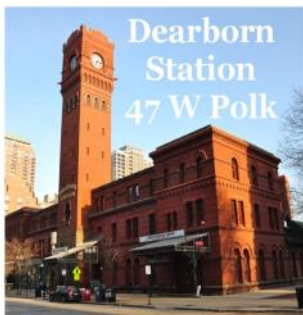
I expect that the city's Landmarks Division will send the developers back to seek comments from the neighborhood on the new design.

Dennis McClendon, *Chicago Architecture Foundation Docent*

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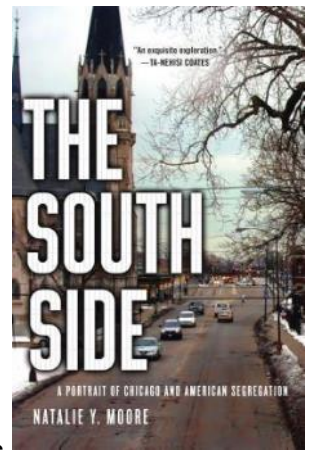
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It's Home to All of Us: Natalie Y. Moore, *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation* (St. Martin's Press,

WBEZ reporter and Black Chicagoan Natalie Moore's *South Side* looks like a textbook but reads like a novel. From Gwendolyn Brooks to Dreezy, from Richard Wright to Rhymefest, most know the poetry and the price of hyper-segregation in Chi-town: "a diverse city, but not diverse neighborhoods." Moore brings it all together in a masterful mix of reportage, reminiscence, and dissuasion. "Segregation is ... the common denominator... for challenges in black communities, from housing to jobs to food access to education to violence," which gravely costs a city almost equally divided among Latinos, Blacks and Whites who cannot live together. Segregation means "there is class heterogeneity only in Black neighborhoods," so school closings, youth crime, home depreciation and scarce city services implicate even Barack Obama's Woodlawn. Moore has an almost insider's view: her grandparents were restricted to certain ghettos by covenants endorsed by folks at the University of Chicago, among others, after their own Great Migration from the South; her parents were likely redlined when they got bank loans and eventually settled in Chatham; Moore's first grown-up condo in gentrifying but predominantly Black Bronzeville depreciated from \$172,000 in 2008 to \$55,000 in 2013. Yet, she admits, even she could not appreciate the emotional cost of razing projects like the Taylor Homes or news reporting on nothing but violence. We (and Donald Trump) need to listen when Moore says: "No one wants to be

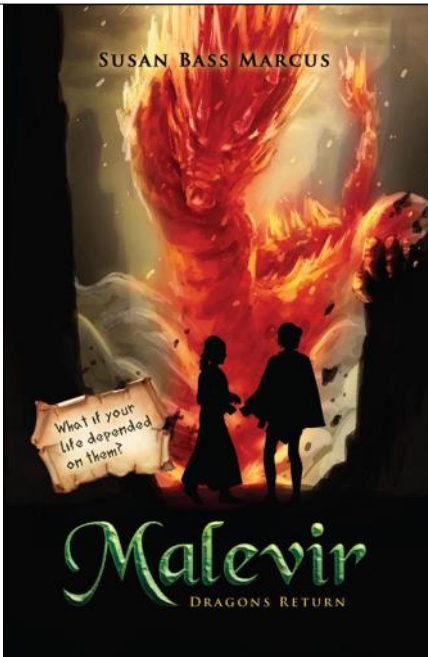
told that where they live is f*cked-up." Our murder rate makes headlines in London, Rio and New York. Our local papers are "committed" to reporting and mapping every violent death. Most homicides are in neighborhoods that are 95% non-White. But "the blanket Chicago South Side image in many White minds equals pathological ghetto, reinforced by news that only covers crime," and "referring to some neighborhoods as war zones" makes us look only to "punishment as a solution" to what Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Williams says is a societal problem. Even First Lady Michelle Obama railed against the false impression that "a stable, hardworking family ... is remarkable" in certain neighborhoods. "The myth of Black on Black crime is a red herring that ignores the fact that people who commit crimes generally commit them against people they know and near where they live: [it] downplays poverty, racial inequality, and White on White crime." Moore doesn't tell us exactly where to end, but she gives us a notion of how to begin.



Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, September 2016

Dragons have long been absent from their ancestral home in the Veiled Valley. Through spells and deceptions, a mysterious shape-shifter attacked them and now threatens the Valley's hard-won tranquility. With the dragons' strengths and magic apparently gone forever, the lives of the Valley's humans and otherworldly creatures hang in the balance. Will two young dragon-riders help heal the rift between human and dragon?



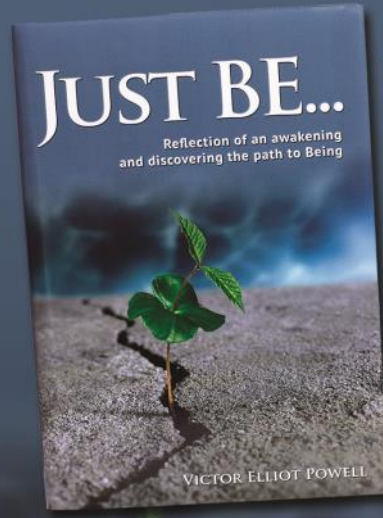
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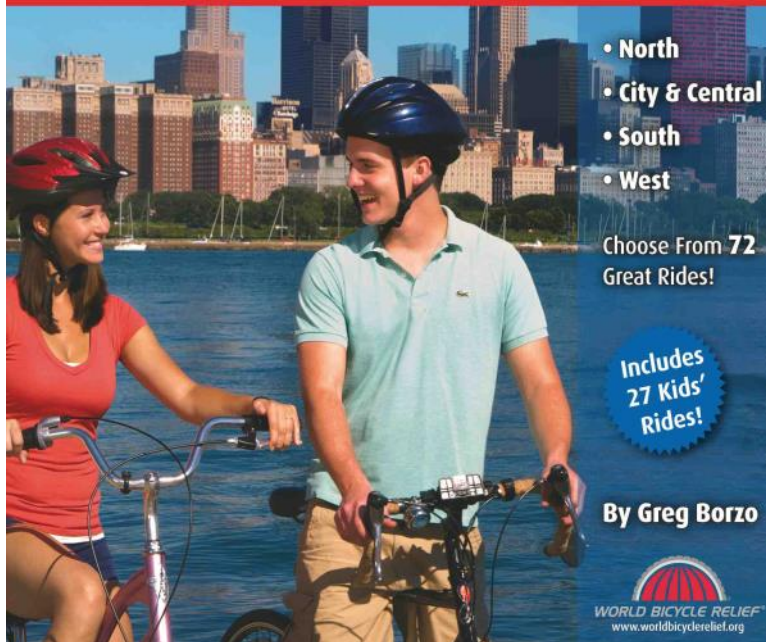
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[Does this harness make my butt look too ... small?](#)

I had just tied Whitney's latest deposit into a pick-up bag and was leaning down to re-buckle her harness when a stranger approached. "Excuse me," She said. Her question must have been pressing. She couldn't wait for me to stand up before asking.

"I'm not sure you notice, you know, not being able to see him and all, but do you know your dog is too skinny?" My face broke out into a huge smile. I think I even chuckled.

Once I stood up, I looked towards the sidewalk stranger's voice and thanked her for her concern. "You know, it's funny," I said, explaining that the night before graduates leave for home with our new Seeing Eye dogs, a veterinarian from the Seeing eye speaks at our "Going Home" presentation and warns us that once we get out and about with our guides at home, complete strangers will stop us to tell us our dogs are too thin. "And here you are!" I said.

During that Seeing Eye lecture, the veterinarian tells us our dogs are the **perfect** weight," I told the sidewalk stranger. "The vet told us Americans feed their dogs too much food, everyone gets used to seeing overweight dogs, and they end up thinking that's the way dogs are supposed to look."

The sidewalk stranger was unmoved. "I know they breed them special, I know that," she said. "but there's something wrong with yours, he's too skinny. I have three dogs, I know dogs. Bring him to a vet. Ask them, they'll tell you."

I considered telling her that at our visit to the vet a month ago the doctor had confirmed that Whitney is still the perfect wait. But then I thought better of it. During that same Going Home lecture at the Seeing Eye, another Seeing Eye staff member had told us that when we're out and about with our Seeing Eye dogs it's normal to encounter questions -- and sometimes interference -- from people who do not intend to cause us difficulty. "By being polite and courteous and developing a brief explanation, you will limit the interference -- educating these people will prevent more problems in the future," he advised. "As distracting as public interference can be, you will generally make it worse if you lose your temper."

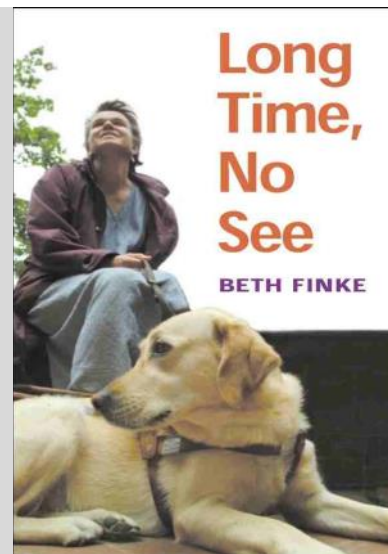


What do you think?

And so, I didn't lose my temper, even when the sidewalk stranger confessed she'd been following me for a while. "I was walking behind you and his back legs, you can't see him, but he's too skinny," she said. "The way he walks, there is something really wrong with him. You need to take him to a vet."

Time to go. I thanked the sidewalk stranger again for her concern, and then I told her I **did** have something she could help me with. "Without being able to see, you know, I can't tell where a nearby garbage can might be." I said. "Can you throw this out for me?" And with that, I handed her the bag of poop.

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



OPINION

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Is the South Loop Safe?

Some who live in the South Loop are afraid that increased violence is encroaching on our neighborhood. If you attend the CAPS meeting, you will find that, **in fact**, the South Loop is one of the safest areas in Chicago, the recent tragic murder notwithstanding. The number one crime problem in the South Loop is theft: cell phones being picked up off of restaurant tables in the 600 block of State Street; thefts at fitness gyms on the 700 block of State; pocket picking near and around Grant Park. One news source reported that pedestrians are getting robbed at gunpoint during the day in the South Loop. The Locations:

- 10 a.m. Aug. 11 in the first block of East 24th Place
- 6:40 p.m. Aug. 11 in the 700 block of South Clinton Street
- 3:55 p.m. Aug. 22 in the 2200 block of South Michigan Avenue
- 4:45 p.m. Aug. 25 in the 600 block of West Polk Street

Although Most of us don't think of Clinton Street and or Polk at Jefferson are technically the South Loop, the incidents reported there are certainly close enough to cause concern. Other crime hot spots seem to gravitate to L and subway platforms, and especially late at night. We as residents need to be aware of what is going on around us. So as we recover from the shocking

murder in our back yard, we should each do what we can to ensure that this remains a safe neighborhood where residents feel safe, relatively speaking. We all have a responsibility to make sure we are aware of our surroundings, take care about how we carry ourselves and our possessions, let others know when we think they may be vulnerable, and report anything suspicious or potentially dangerous to the police. Local crime information can be found in this publication every issue (p 20) and in Everyblock.com or the Chicago Police web site, <http://gis.chicagopolice.org/clearmap/startpage.htm>. Search for Beat 123 or south-loop-neighborhood-watch@googlegroups.com for beats 131 or 132. *Al Hippensteel*
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Paul Barnes, piano

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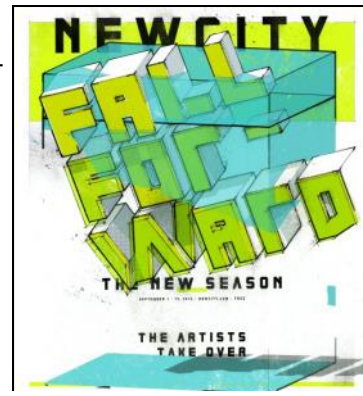
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Fall Forward 2016, A Guide to the New Season The Artists Take Over

You never know what might happen when you ask an artist to take over your pages. Some will wax poetic about specific bands, books and dances coming along. Others consider their own privileged existence and write about what that means in the context of



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all that is socially and economically going on in the city. Still others respond with poetry or images or music.

And all of it is all right.

The earth may be preparing to slumber, but Chicago is coming alive as the city prepares to host an exciting slate of fall events made even more exciting because, on these pages at least, these things are curated by official insiders.

Both [Saba](#) and [Mucca Pazza](#), who separately produce music at opposite ends of the spectrum, tell us what's hot in their worlds this fall. [Roger Reeves](#) reminds us that art and justice are inseparable. [Simone Muench](#) introduces us to the newest version of the "Blair Witch" movie genre. [Carrie Hanson](#) shows us why her curated dance list is truly worth our while. [Will Davis](#), the artistic director of the American Theater Company, tells us about the play that he swears all your friends will enjoy. Sepia's [Andrew Zimmerman](#) explains the correlations between art, design and food. [Andres Hernandez](#) explains why it's all his fault that the cool art and design events he's recommending could already be sold out by the time you read this. And finally, [Jason Lazarus](#) provides a thought-provoking missive on why all of this stuff matters. Your to-do list is all set. (Adrienne Samuels Gibbs)

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**South Loop Neighbors (SLN) Meeting: CDOT Proposed Bike Lane Changes in South Loop (Held on 8-23-16)
As reported by Margaret Wallyn, Dearborn Park**

Below is a summary of the CDOT Proposed Bike Lane Changes in South Loop by Mike Amsden, Asst. Director from CDOT:

Plymouth and Polk – Proposed Markings and Signage

Shared lane markings and wayfinding signage to highlight the bike route

Note1: This item does NOT actually propose a new bikeway, but proposed street markings and additional signs to direct bicyclist how to follow the Dearborn Street Bike Lanes through to Plymouth, then 9th Street East on to Grant Park. Mike noted that they observed when they studied the area, that bicyclist are following this path because it is a “less stress” pathway than taking Polk to State Street, and then either 8th, 9th or 11th to Grant Park.

Note 2: **The Car Barrier will remain intact; no changes.**

Note3: The current two travel lanes, both East and West bound on 9th Street will remain intact.

Note4: There is a proposed Bike Lane marking on Plymouth Court and along 9th in front of the 901 South Plymouth Building. **Note** that there is no plan to construct any physical bike lanes in these areas, hence there is **NO** new parking/standing/driving restrictions over these markings. Therefore, the current sharing of the road between pedestrian, bicyclists and drivers remains the same. When asked if these roadway markings are a precursor to a physical bike lane in the future, the answer was “no.”

Note5: These proposed steps will encourage additional bikers to travel through the Dearborn Park 1 area. When asked how will enforcement of bikers stopping at the Plymouth Ct. and 9th Street intersection be handled especially when pedestrians and vehicles are present, the answer was that police officers present will enforce this. Many giggles erupted about this answer.

Note6: Much discussion about how Plymouth and 9th was identified for the proposal. Suggestions made for consideration:

* The Harrison Bike Lane over State Street and on to Grant Park is sufficient.

* Continue Polk Street to 8th Street and on to Grant Park.

* Continue down Plymouth Court, turn Eastbound on ramp to connect with Roosevelt bike lanes.

* Continue down Plymouth Court, turn Eastbound at 13th Street and on to Grant Park.

No parking or travel lane impacts.

There was no discussion about whether the State/9th Street traffic signal will change in any way and probably should be asked.

Polk and Dearborn Intersection: – Proposed Conditions

Crossing distance shortened by 18 feet on West leg of Dearborn and 7 feet on the East leg of Dearborn.

On Polk Street:

* Illegal parking within intersection prohibited, loading zones maintained (truck violations noted)

* Parking space in front of Mercy Medical office–Dearborn Station will remain.

* Parking space in front of Bar Louie will be removed.

* Parking spaces in front of 801 S. Plymouth Ct. and across the street appear to be intact.

* Westbound Left turn lanes onto Dearborn and Plymouth appear to be intact.

Note: It was discussed that pedestrian crossing over Dearborn Street with the Walk Signal is particularly dangerous, as the Eastbound traffic on Polk Street simultaneously have a Left turn signal. This is under CDOT consideration/research into the issue.

* **Proposed Curb Extension** on Polk Street in front of Dearborn Station-West end.

* **Proposed Curb Extensions** at the entrance of Polk and Dearborn.

Note: Much discussion that the Northeast corner in particular will interfere with current commonplace right turning of Westbound traffic onto Dearborn by CTA buses plus motor vehicles. Although it shortens the pedestrian crossing distance, neither curb extension made sense to the audience and many complaints that it will narrow the traffic lane sizes unnecessarily in these areas. This is under CDOT reconsideration.

Polk and Dearborn Intersection: – Proposed Conditions

* **Proposed Two-Way Curb Separated Bike Lanes** from Dearborn Station-West End to Plymouth Street intersection. **Note:** There will continue to be one Eastbound lane of traffic, as it is today.

* **Proposed new Pedestrian Refuge Island** on Polk Street in front of 801 S. Plymouth Ct. Garage Entrance. **Note:** Much discussion that this may not be necessary and will block 801 Garage drivers from turning left onto Polk. Pro views were also noted. Is under CDOT reconsideration.

On Polk Street at Plymouth: Easier crossing at Plymouth for people walking and biking

On Polk Street: Existing traffic signal maintained. **Note:** Much discussion about whether a tasteful traffic signal could be installed (not likely, not budget for it) plus importance of turn arrow.

Polk at Federal and Plymouth intersections: Proposed High Visibility Crosswalks.

Harrison Street: Proposed Buffer with Concrete Median replace the

Buffer with Bollards – to improve separation between the bike lane and the vehicle lanes – to improve biker safety.

Note: New CDOT vehicles are planned for snow removal in all bike lanes. Comments about the snow removal placement were discussed and the need for pedestrians to still be able to use sidewalks in winter.

Next Steps

New Alderman Sophia King was introduced. Many question/answers were encouraged and allowed.

Note 1: **CDOT has not made any final decisions.** They are taking the feedback back for reconsideration and will be developing revised iterations of their plan for review with Alderman Sophia King. Future meetings will be held to discuss these changes.

Note 2: A “show of hands” either for or against these changes was taken at the meeting. Alderman King noted that there was about a 50/50 split both for and against. I believe a perception about what our neighborhood want, has now been started with our Alderman.

Note 3: Alderman Sophia King’s contact information is provided below.

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Downtown Robbers Steal Cellphones, Make Victims Unlock And Reset Them

By [Kelly Bauer](#) | September 10, 2016 1:11pm

CHICAGO — Downtown robbers have made victims unlock their phones and reset them after being held up at gunpoint on the sidewalk, police said.

During the robberies, the thieves stop people on the sidewalk, show them a gun and then take the victims' cellphones, wallets and whatever they have in their purse, according to a Chicago Police community alert.

The robbers have told victims to unlock their phones so they can reset them to factory status and have demanded the victims give them the PINs for their bank cards, police said.

The incidents occurred:

- 1 a.m. Aug. 29 in the 900 block of South Michigan Avenue
- 12:30 a.m. Aug. 31 in the 1200 block of South Lake Shore Drive
- 1:15 a.m. Sept. 1 in the 500 block of South Columbus Drive

During one robbery, one thief was described as a black teen who was 15-17 years old, 5-foot-7 and 150 pounds with a black baseball hat with yellow writing on it, police said. The other man was 15-17 years old, 5-foot-7, 160 pounds and wore a black-hooded sweatshirt with blue jeans.

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During another robbery, one thief was described as being 17-22 years old, 5-foot-6, 160 pounds with a black baseball hat with a Batman logo, police said. The other thief was described as being 17-22 years old, 6-foot, 150 pounds with black pants.

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PUBLIC (P) NARRATIVE

It's not just Leslie Jones

by Susy Schultz

It should not be a surprise — albeit it is a great disappointment — that sexism and racism are still alive and well.

The real surprise is that we continue to be surprised by it.

If you've been anywhere online, particularly on social media, you know there are some places where these two forms of hate (and far too many other varieties) overcome any type of respectful discourse. In fact, two years ago the [Pew Research Center](#) said this in its report: *Harassment—from garden-variety name calling to more threatening behavior— is a common part of online life that colors the experiences of many web users. Fully 73% of adult internet users have seen someone be harassed in some way online and 40% have personally experienced it.*

We know this is more than just numbers, it's people getting hurt. The most vicious of these attacks, the Pew study said, are against women.

Some of these haters make headlines: The latest one is about comedian and actress [Leslie Jones](#) (detailed very well by writer Deborah Douglas in this [Vice](#) article) and how she was hacked on social media. But these attacks are not unique to celebrities. In fact, it happens everyday to people or organizations doing great work. And it is more likely to happen to young women, very often the ones hired to do social media.

Does this mean you need to get off the platforms and turn off all digital?

No. It does not. I have a hopeful heart. The first job for my backordered magic wand is to change the hearts and minds of those who are mired in hate. But until it arrives or until I see a change in our discourse, I rely on my practical side, which tells me: Be prepared.

It is what we teach people in all our [Public Narrative](#) classes on social media be they journalists, nonprofits, academics or neighborhood and community people, who all deal with key issues that often are controversial. Everything we do is strategic and promotes effective use of your time — even if it calls for time investment up front, which can often seem onerous on a busy day, no?

It's crucial to think ahead. Often our social media is an afterthought. We glance at Twitter, throw up a Facebook post and maybe share a picture on Instagram. Check off your daily social media. Is this work really a good use of your staff's time? Are they thinking of next steps on your social media and what to do in a crisis?

In one of our workshops, we walk people through a two-page social media policy, designed to get people to think about content and controversy.

The questions include:

- What is your tone of voice?
- What do we not discuss?
- How will you respond if someone respectfully disagrees?
- If they rudely disagree?

Imagine what a crisis looks like for your organization.

These are things that everyone who has access to your social media accounts should answer, as well as the top brass even if they are not involved in social media. They, too, need to be prepared and to support the staff that is on the social media front lines.

Being prepared also means you are taking back some of the power that your detractors are trying to take away from you. Even if your choice is to not respond, it's your choice. And it's one you thought out before you walked into a fully charged moment.

Remember, social media is your organization's public face, so let's get strategic about our future and our safety.

Susy Schultz, president of Public Narrative, is also one of our trainers. At Public Narrative our courses are designed to make sure you and your organization are strategic, effective and stay safe in all your online communications. Sign up [here](#).

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Meet the Hiplets

ELLE MAGAZINE BY ELIZABETH REES
6 SEP 2016

You'd be forgiven for mistaking commercials for music videos, what with the increasing number of brands turning to the medium of dance to market their wares. Everyone is dancing: from Margaret Qualley in that wonderfully wacky **Spike Jonze-directed Kenzo fragrance campaign** to Serena Williams' interpretive modern dance moves for **Delta Airlines**.

Mercedes-Benz is the latest to join the party with its new film, **Midnight In Stuttgart- A Mercedes-Benz Original**, featuring 'Hiplets' from the Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center, a troupe that recently became an Internet sensation.

For the rest of the story, click here <http://www.elleuk.com/fashion/news/a31734/meet-the-hiplets/>



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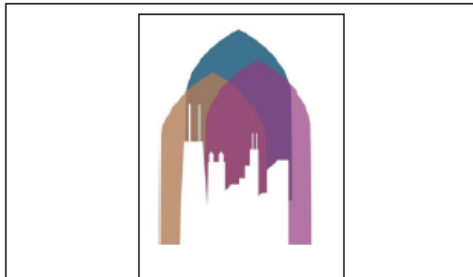
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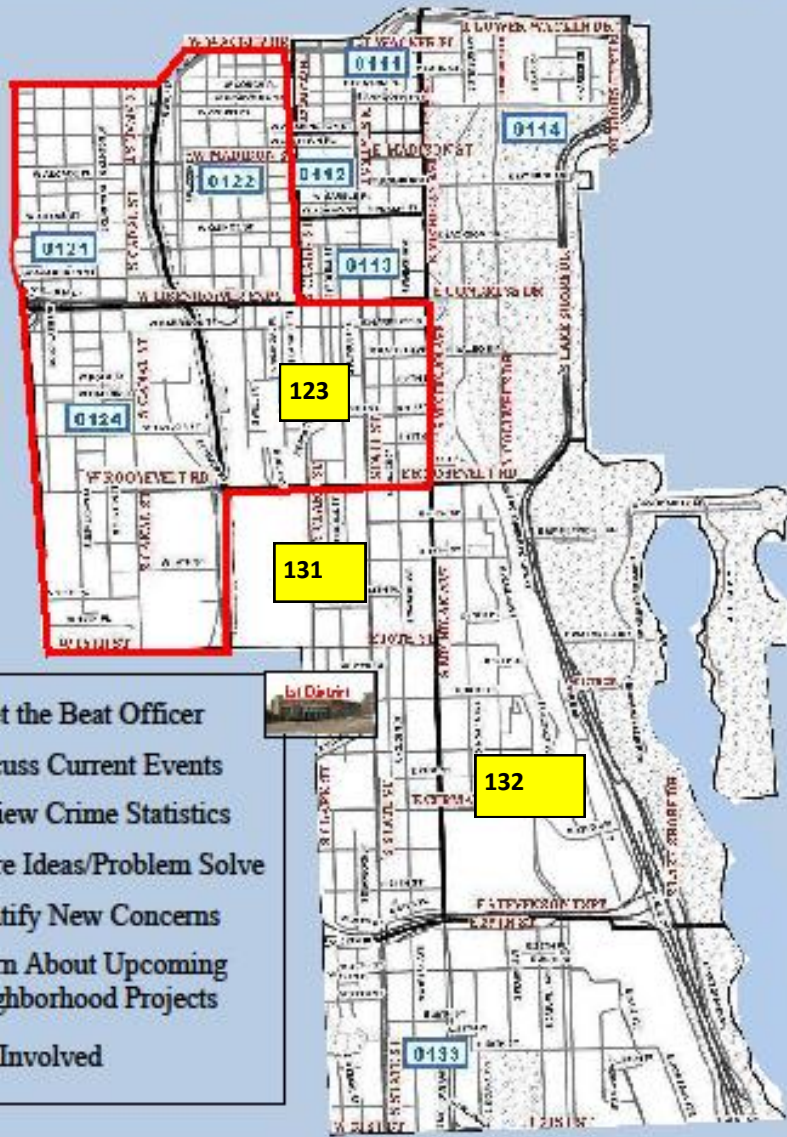
HOLY TRINITY IN THE LOOP BRINGS TRADITIONAL LITURGY, PROGRESSIVE THINKING TO SOUTH LOOP.

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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.



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Theft: Over \$300 at non res parking garage
900 block S. Wabash Ave. • Aug 17 @ 6:00 AM

Motor vehicle theft: Automobile on street
700 block S. State St. • Aug 20 @ 6:45 PM

Theft: Over \$300 on subway
1100 block S. State St. • Aug 20 @ 2:13 AM

Theft: \$300 and under non-res parking
600 block S. La Salle St. • Aug 20 @ 6:00 PM

Theft: Pocket-picking subway platform
1100 block S. State St. • Aug 20 @ 6:20 PM

Theft: Pocket-picking Subway train
1200 block S. State St. • Aug 20 @ 9:00 PM

Simple assault: Simple assault
600 block S. Wabash Ave. • Aug 23 @ 11:00 AM

Theft: \$300 and under
1000 block S. Wells St. • Aug 23 @ 5:00 PM

Theft: \$300 and under in yard
1200 block S. Federal St. • Aug 23 @ 7:00 PM

Aggravated assault: Handgun on street
0 block E. Roosevelt Rd. • Aug 24 @ 7:40 AM

Robbery: Armed: handgun
0 block W. Roosevelt Rd. • Aug 24 @ 11:30 PM

Theft: Pocket-picking Subway platform
1100 block S. State St. • Aug 24 @ 5:30 PM

Theft: \$300 and under on L train
1100 block S. State St. • Aug 24 @ 6:15 PM

Homicide: First degree murder in alley
1800 block S. Michigan Ave. • Aug 28 @ 10:19 AM

Motor vehicle theft: Automobile on street
State and E. 9th St. • Aug 28 @ 9:00 PM

Theft: From building from residence
1000 block S. State St. • Aug 29 @ 10:00 PM

Robbery: Armed: handgun on street
900 block S. Michigan Ave. • Aug 29 @ 1:00 AM

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For Residents on Police Beats: 121, 122, 123, 124

South Loop Murder Victim Was 'Regular Guy' Going For Coffee, Neighbors Say

By [David Matthews](#) | August 30, 2016 5:19am

DNAinfo/Alex Nitkin

[UPDATE: South Loop Murder Was Robbery Gone Wrong](#)

SOUTH LOOP — The man shot dead Sunday morning in a South Loop alley was trying to leave Chicago so he could live with his girlfriend and newborn child in Florida, neighbors say.

William C. Smith, 45, [was on his way to Dunkin' Donuts at 10 a.m. Sunday when he got into an argument and was shot in the head at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue](#), his neighbor Gary Leibovitz and local authorities said.

Smith was trying to sell his South Loop condominium so he could move to Florida, where his girlfriend and child live, Leibovitz said.

"He never got into any trouble ... he was a good guy, friendly to everybody," Leibovitz said. "He was just a regular guy in shorts and a T-shirt walking to get a cup of coffee."

Police said they arrested Robert Burgess, 56, for the shooting Monday night. Burgess, of the 6200 block of South Kimbark Avenue, was charged with first-degree murder.

The killing was the latest in the South Loop, where — like many other city neighborhoods — [shootings have been more prevalent this year than anytime this decade](#). A shootout left [a man dead and a police officer wounded just a month ago at the Battle of Fort Dearborn Park](#) a few blocks from Sunday's scene.

The violence is "absolutely alarming" to Leibovitz, a real estate agent who was helping Smith sell his condo. Leibovitz said he and Smith were set to meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at their South Loop loft building, but instead Leibovitz saw his neighbor laying dead in an alley.

"This stuff happens everywhere. It happens in the [Gold Coast](#), it happens in Lincoln Park, it happens in [Bucktown](#) ... there's no discretion anymore," Leibovitz said. "There's a child who doesn't have a father and a mother who doesn't have a son and a girlfriend who doesn't have a significant other, and these [shooters] don't care." **FOR THE REST OF THE STORY**

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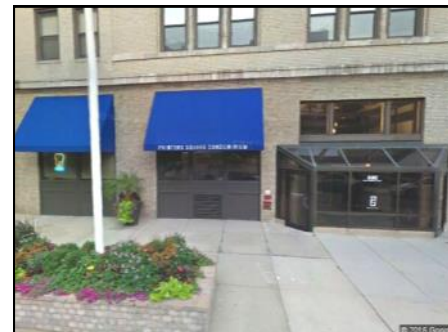
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