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## \$54 Million Budget For New South Loop School

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016

A reader recently [sent us a link to the Chicago Board of Education's minutes from yesterday](#).

On page 26 it outlines that the South Loop School will have a budget of \$54 million:

Chicago Board of Education 16-0928-RS1 Project Detail

New School – South Loop

### Project Summary

Project Type: Overcrowding Relief Budget Amount: \$54,000,000  
 Department: Facilities Budget Year: 2017  
 Status: Planning Estimated Project Start: TBD  
 Unit Number: Estimated Project Complete: TBD

The purpose of this project is relieve overcrowding, as determined through CPS' capital planning process

### Financial Details

Project Phase	Original Budget	Current Estimate:	\$54,000,000
Equipment:		Expenditure to Date:	\$0
Services:		Percent Complete:	0%
Software:		Funding Source:	Outside Resources
<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>\$54,000,000</b>	Operating Impact:	\$657,260
Funding Source Detail: TIF Funding			

### Details

**Scope:** The proposed work includes a new 1200 student elementary school

As a reminder the idea of a new school for the Sloop [came out back in May of 2016](#).

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# COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Fri-Sat, Sept 30-Oct 1, 8 & 10 pm...Alto Saxophonist Bobby Watson Quartet w/Willie Pickens, Marlene Rosenberg, Ernie Adams

Sun, Oct 2, 4, 8 & 10 pm .....Same as above

Mon, Oct 3, 8 & 10 pm .....Trombonist Andy Baker, Ken Partyka, New Standard Jazz Orchestra

Tues, Oct 4, 8 & 10 pm .....WDCB FREE Night – Mark Colby Quartet w/Eric Hochberg, Jeremy Kahn, Bob Rummage

Wed, Oct 5, 8 & 10 pm.....Jazz a la Mexicana

Thurs-Sat, Oct 6-8, 8 & 10 pm.....Saxophonist Rajiv Halim Sextet w/ Victor Garcia- Trumpet, & Sun, Oct 9, 4, 8 & 10 pm Scott Hess-Guitar,Junius Paul-Basses, Charles Heath-Drums

Mon, Oct 10, 8 & 10 pm .....Brazilian Guitarist Luciano Antonio Quartet

Tues, Oct 11, 8 & 10 pm .....Vocalist Alyssa Allgood CD Release Concert "Out of the Blue"

Wed, Oct 12, 8 & 10 pm.....Vocalist Keri Hohnsrud Quartet

Thurs-Sat, Oct 13-15, 8 & 10 pm...Vocalist Dee Alexander Quartet

Sun, Oct 16 4, 8 & 10 pm Same as above

Mon, Oct 17, 7:30 pm .....Free! – Roosevelt University Jaz Ensemble

Tues, Oct 18, 8 & 10 pm .....Bob Lark and his Alumni Big Band

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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.

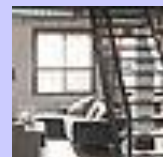
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# OPINION

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## Why not use those fallow 62 acres to create a Cook County Forest Preserve right in downtown Chicago?

What's wrong with this picture? Absolutely nothing. It's green, secluded and easy to get to. And I propose it remain as nature intended. As a lovely addition to the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

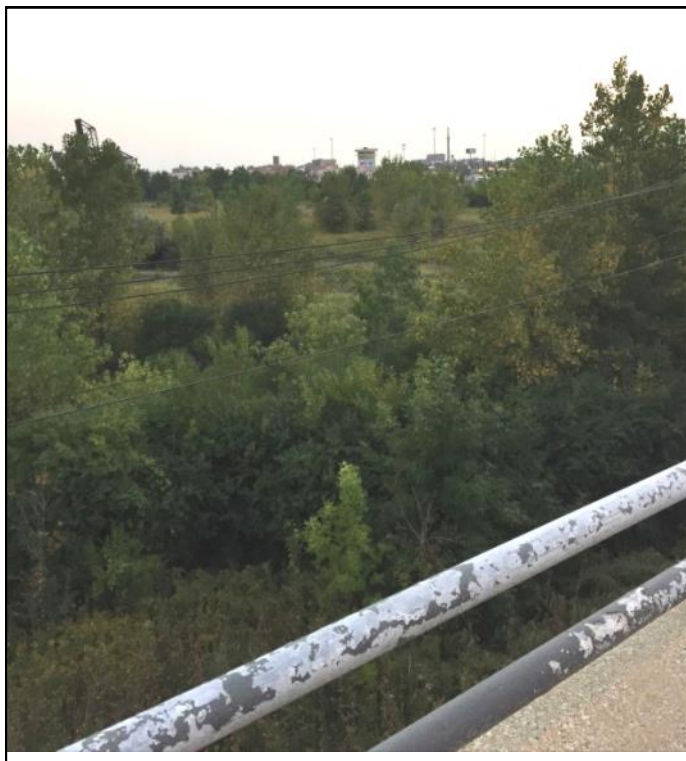
This is exactly what we need at Clark and Roosevelt in the heart of the South Loop, a stone's throw from the heart of downtown. Forget driving to hell and gone for a nature preserve. We have one that's all ready--and it can be walked to, bussed to and trained to very easily.

It's an ecological paradise. Why throw out [a coyote pack](#) and other signs of nature when you don't have to? Why shouldn't we be able to get down with nature--in between railroad tracks and the Chicago River--on 62 acres of bliss?

The "62 acres" [once belonged to crooked Tony Rezko](#), who [bought it, sold it and got it all tied up with liens](#), making it difficult, if not impossible to develop if the City doesn't pay off the liens. We taxpayers should not pay Tony Rezko's debts for the sake of developers. If we pay his debts, let all of us taxpayers enjoy the scenery. It's a natural paradise.

We don't need anything at all on this land--besides us. While wearing our hiking boots. We have more than enough shopping malls and big box stores and dwellings of all kinds in the South Loop now. Since Grant Park is being used most of the time for [rock concerts](#) and [food festivals](#) and such, I think we need a peaceful natural paradise to replace it. Rezkoville!

I suggested this [many times over the years](#). Just leave the land alone. And once, [Chicago Magazine even noted my idea](#). And didn't make fun of me or anything.



And if they didn't laugh out loud, neither should you.

Bonnie McGrath



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## Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) |



## [Mondays with Mike:](#)

### [The Diaspora](#) Monday, Sept 19, 2016

Last week [I wrote about the end of a local institution](#)—or the end as we knew it, anyway. Hackney's, our local tavern, has closed and will reopen in a new incarnation, sans bar. And I hope it succeeds, because, well, it's in my neighborhood and I like the owners.

Meantime the regulars, having lost our lodestar, are wandering around the neighborhood on a kind of reconnaissance mission. We're visiting other places that we haven't been to in ages, checking into Facebook, reporting on whether we find familiar faces, texting each other about whether a place is quiet enough for conversation (a must), how the food is, and when bottles of wine can be had for half price.

For Beth and me, all things considered, we'd rather not have to deal with change that wasn't our idea. We've done plenty of that. But it's also been a healthy nudge to do some things we'd sort of kind of talked about doing but never managed to. Like drinking less, going out less, and when we do go out, getting out of our little Printers Row cocoon.

This past Saturday night, we got in a cab—with our Hackney's buddy Brad—and visited places we'd wanted to visit for a long while, in the faraway neighborhoods of [Pilsen](#) and [Bridgeport](#). (Faraway as in, you know, a couple miles.)

We had a lovely time, saw new places and faces, and had the kind of conversation we always have. Before hitting the hay, we stopped to sit outside at Kasey's, another local watering hole across the street from our place that we're fond of. Anthony, another Hackney's refugee, walked by and we invited him to join us. We learned about the status of his project—a beautiful book of artwork by his late mother. And we talked. Like we always have.

The whole thing has been kind of funny—it conjures images of all of us wandering around aimlessly like zombies. It's also sad—not just because there was an ending, but because a lot of people who used to work at Hackney's are suddenly out of work.



Last call, Monday, Sept. 12, 2016

But it's also heartening. Because it's reminded us, I think, that we don't miss the place so much as we do each other. And with just a little effort, we don't need to miss anything.

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- or email Beth at [info@bethfinke.com](mailto:info@bethfinke.com) if you prefer registering and paying by check or need more information.

I am building my class program and want to make helping seniors a focus.

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Thank you!!  
~Briana Kline

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Registration and check-in will begin at 11:30AM at Dearborn Station (47 W Polk St.), where you'll receive your tickets and a detailed map. Online tickets available for \$30 through Monday, October 17,

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## Book Review: A Different Kind of Self-help Book

Han Kang's, *The Vegetarian* (translated by Deborah Smith, Hogarth, 2015) is not a book about wellness: quite the contrary. Its unsettling 188 pages are filled with horror, violence, protest, lust, abstention, and niggling questions about the meaning of life. A Chicago Public Library Staff Pick, and winner of Britain's Man Booker International Prize for 2016, this slim import terrifies, seduces, and disturbs. It might be the perfect read for the beginning of Chicago's dark season, when the farmers' market stalls have been abandoned, when the day lilies become sharp, ugly brown spikes, and when the brittle carcasses of summer's bugs are swept from our windowsills. It is hard to read, yet tragic to miss.

Han Kang is celebrated as a visionary in South Korea, where her stories have been made into movies, and she has been published around the world, but it was her translator who brought "The Vegetarian" to the US and the UK. Her style may be very foreign to English-speaking readers, but her themes are frighteningly universal.

The center of the novel is Yeong-hye, who asks us, and the people in her orbit, "is it such a bad thing to die?" Death is part of our natural metamorphosis, but there is little inclination toward resurrection in *The Vegetarian*, making the

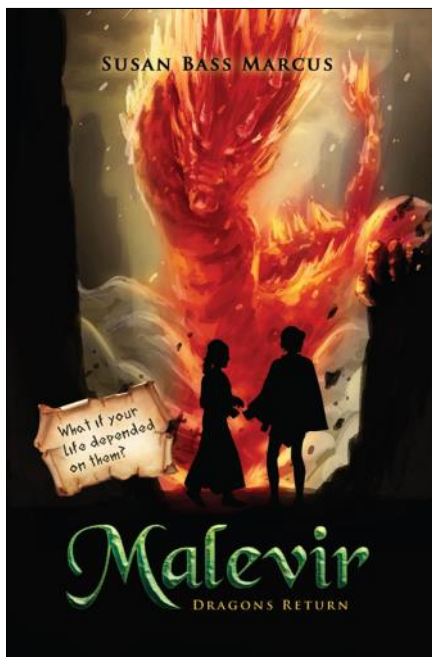
answer even more abstruse. Described by her unappealing husband as "the most run-of-the-mill woman in the world," Yeong-hye stops eating meat one day because of a dream—really a nightmare--- that sets off a chain of catastrophes in her otherwise undistinguished family. It is her ordinariness, and theirs, that forces the reader to understand that "this could happen to us."

Like Melville's "Bartleby, the Scrivener," Yeong-hye would prefer not to: eat meat, engage with her family, have sex, be human. The people around her--- her husband, father, brother-in-law, and sister, who narrate the story in three parts---react to Yeong-hye's resistance with almost terrible aggression, even when they try to save her. The book could be read as a feminist parable; an indictment of South Korean society; a cautionary tale about lethal co-dependency; a chronicle of the cost of nonconformity; an insight into the progression of mental illness; even an absurdist farce about carnivores. It is neither a love story nor a cookbook. Despite its title, the book offers no recipes, save for the predictable disaster that befalls us when we try to control someone else's life.



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?

*Malevir: Dragons Return* is the first of Susan Bass Marcus' epic fantasy series, a fresh take on classic themes of family,

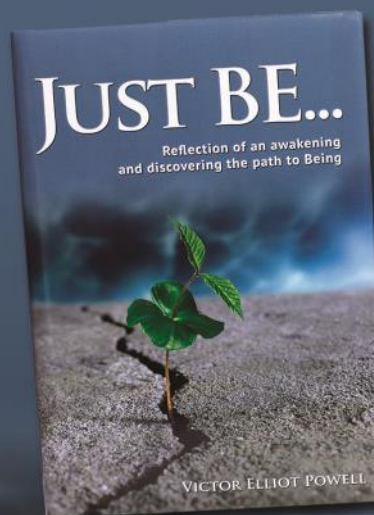
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## Safe & Sound Blog



by Beth Finke

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### [Watching the presidential debates with Jane Goodall](#)

Journalist James Fallows has a [piece in the current issue of \*Atlantic Montly\*](#) suggesting that Americans watch tomorrow's presidential debate with the sound off.

Ah, that I could!



In his article, Fallows argues that the things that really matter in political debates these days are all visual. He predicts that the upcoming presidential debates will simply be displays of dominance, and he quotes primate expert Jane Goodall saying Trump's primary debates with the likes of Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio reminded her of primates establishing dominance in the wild. From the article:

"IN MANY WAYS the performances of Donald Trump remind me of male chimpanzees and their dominance rituals," Jane Goodall, the anthropologist, told me shortly before Trump won the GOP nomination. "In order to impress rivals, males seeking to rise in the dominance hierarchy perform spectacular displays: stamping, slapping the ground, dragging branches, throwing rocks. The more vigorous and imaginative the display, the faster the individual is likely to rise in the hierarchy, and the longer he is likely to maintain that position."

Fallows reported that in her book *My Life With the Chimpanzees*, Goodall told the story of a chimp named "Mike" who maintained his dominance by kicking a series of kerosene cans ahead of him as he moved down a road. The noise and confusion made his rivals flee and cower, she said, adding that she would be "thinking of Mike as she watched the upcoming debates."

What a coincidence. So will I.

### [Do I look like Alexander Hamilton?](#)

Mike downloaded a "camera for the blind" on my iPhone. It's called "Tap Tap See." Users take a photo of what's in front of them, wait a few seconds, and, abracadabra! The app announces out loud what's in the photograph.



That can't look like a woman with brown hair.

Grateful? Not me. I was petulant. "I'm not ready to learn how to use apps yet," I snapped. "I don't even know how to retrieve my voice mail with that thing."

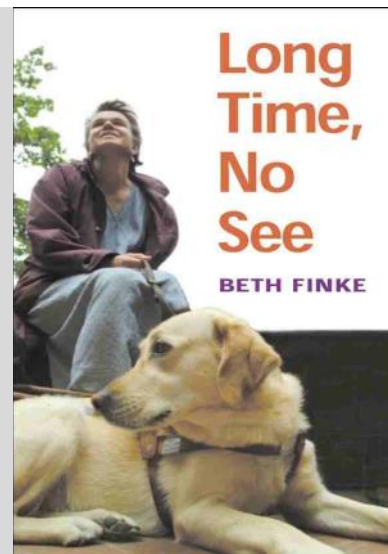
Mike not-so-calmly pointed out that I'd already been using apps. "The clock, you know. That's an app. So is weather."

I thought apps were things you added to your phone. "Well," I said. "I'm just not ready to learn how to use a new one, then."

Mike was away on a business trip weeks later when I felt through my wallet to make sure I had cab fare for the next morning. I keep track of money by folding each denomination differently, but I'd been in such a rush at the store that day that I'd shoved bills in there without folding them first. How would I know what to give the cab driver?

I hadn't tried my "Tap Tap See" app yet, but the same promotion that called it a camera for the blind claimed it can identify paper currency, too. (continued on next page)

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I straightened a bill on the kitchen counter, launched the app and twisted my finger around the iPhone screen. VoiceOver said, "Take picture." Somehow I managed to hold steady, hover the iPhone over the bill, and double-tap. "Picture taken."

Seconds later, abracadabra! "Woman with long hair."

George Washington looks like a woman, I guess. Must be a single.

I pulled out another bill, took a photo, waited a few seconds. "Woman with brown hair." Lincoln doesn't look like a woman. Washington's hair is white. Who else's face is on American currency?

Off to my talking computer to Google. Alexander Hamilton is on the ten. Did Hamilton have brown hair?

Back to the kitchen counter. Tap Tap See identified all my bills as women, some with short hair, some with brown hair, some with long hair. Not the clear-cut answer I was hoping for, but the app was fun to play with.

I was 26 when I lost my sight. I'm in my 50s now. Would Tap Tap See identify me as "Middle-aged woman"? "Woman with wrinkles?" Did I really want to know?

I couldn't resist.

Off to the bathroom mirror. I held the phone up to my reflection, smiled pretty, tapped "Take picture" and felt my heart race as I waited for Tap Tap See's judgment. Finally it came. "Woman with brown hair."

*Beth Finke*



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## Retail Round-Up: Chopsticks Closed, Pizza Studio Not Opening Weds, Sept 21

Another reader writes (and we confirmed): Looks like Chopsticks on Roosevelt has closed. Noticed the windows had been papered over last week.

While some may cry, honestly we were never fans of this restaurant. It wasn't good. [As a reminder, Chopsticks opened in 2014 and replaced Yang's.](#) This seems like a great location for a restaurant given the immense amount of foot traffic. Hopefully something good goes in.

Finally, a reader noticed (and we confirmed): Looks like Pizza Studio is not opening and the signage has been removed. Website now shows the next location at Northwestern Hospital.

We were excited to try this place out, but let's be honest - the pizza scene in the Sloop is relatively well saturated. While we never like vacant retail space, this probably won't be missed.



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## Orange Theory Fitness Opening at 1005 S. State Tues Sept 20

A reader writes:

Not sure if you already posted on this but looks like Orange theory is coming to the South Loop

We're not familiar with this franchise, but apparently they are popular ([see article on Health.com](#)) and they have a lot of locations across the country.

According to their website, they're opening up in the new 1001 S. State high-rise apparently:

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If you're like us and don't know much about them, here is a video explaining what they're about:

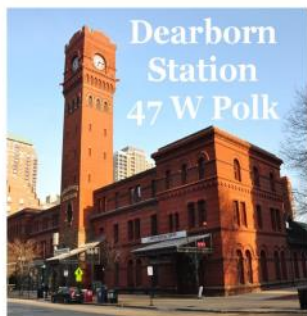
Looks like this new building is filling some of their retail with this spot [as well as Bulldog Ale House coming in at the 910 S. State retail space.](#)

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their jobs in the Loop or in this case, stu-  
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Crain's recently had an article about one of the biggest housing op-  
tions for students - located in the Sloop at Congress and State - po-  
tentially being sold ([behind a paywall](#)):

Real estate investors that want to place a big bet on Chicago's  
downtown colleges now have their chance: by buying a 1,729-bed  
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Twelve years after building the University Center student housing  
complex, three Chicago schools—Columbia College Chicago, DePaul  
University and Roosevelt University—have put the 18-story build-  
ing at 525 S. State St. up for sale. Also known as the Superdorm, it's  
the biggest student housing complex in Chicago and one of the larg-  
est in the country.

The schools have hired the Chicago office of CBRE to market the  
property amid a wave of dealmaking in the student housing mar-  
ket, which has evolved from a fragmented industry populated by  
smaller investors into one dominated by big national companies  
backed by institutional investors. Many investors like the sector  
because it's tied mainly to school enrollments, making it less vul-  
nerable to the ups and downs of the economy and real estate market.

The schools that own University Center still could keep the proper-  
ty and just refinance its debt, DePaul spokeswoman Carol Hughes  
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*The 2016 Art 50 was written by Kerry Cardoza, Ciera McKissick, Lee Ann Norman, Chris Reeves, Elliot J. Reichert, Anastasia Karpova Tinari and B. David Zarley.*

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# Daniel Burnham's Chinatown-To-Downtown Roadway Is Finally Being Built

By [Ed Komenda](#) and [David Matthews](#) | September 30, 2016

CHINATOWN — Daniel Burnham proposed it. Engineers and laborers moved the Chicago River to make room for it. But more than a century passed before construction got started on a road connecting [Chinatown and Downtown](#).

Work began this week on the long-promised Wells-Wentworth Connector, according to the office of [Ald. Danny Solis \(25th\)](#).

The new \$62 million roadway will realign Wentworth Avenue and Cermak Road, in turn easing congestion for Chinatown and South Loop residents heading Downtown.

The [Chicago Department of Transportation](#) and Solis will announce the kickoff of the connector's first phase at 10 a.m. Friday at [Ping Tom Memorial Park](#), 1700 S. Wentworth Ave., Solis' office said.

Though modest, the building of the initial phase, near Wentworth and 18th Street, is an important first step toward realizing the city's longtime plan to better connect the area just south of Downtown to the city's core.

The ambitious project traces its origins to the days of Burnham, [who proposed the connector in his 1909 Plan of Chicago](#). City officials even rerouted the Chicago River to accommodate the road, but progress was thwarted by the Great Depression, said Dennis McClendon, an urban planner active with the South Loop Neighbors group.

[Mayor Rahm Emanuel resuscitated the connector in 2014](#), securing its funding through two tax increment financing districts. The connector would run straight through a large

plot of [vacant land along the river](#) and connect Wells to Wentworth between 18th Street and Roosevelt Road.

The project also will realign Wentworth between Archer Avenue and Cermak Road to ease traffic congestion, [according to the city](#).

The city was set to start work last year, but the project has been fraught with more delays. A CDOT spokesman declined to comment.

The connector would be a welcome sight in the South Loop, where motorists have jammed Clark Street, Michigan Avenue, and other north-south streets for decades.

"Clark became — both partly by design and partly by function — an auto sewer that became quite unpleasant to walk along," McClendon said. "We have a severe lack of east-west connections in the South Loop, but it certainly doesn't hurt to have additional north-south connection as well."

The unevenly configured four-way intersection of Cermak and Wentworth is also clogged by traffic leaving the Dan Ryan Expy. and trucks bolting from a nearby firehouse. The intersection can be problematic for drivers and pedestrians, according to city officials, and often requires police to direct traffic.

Chinatown leaders said the project would serve as a bridge between the current Chinatown and the [original Chinatown](#), established more than a century ago near the city's financial district.

"It will bring Chinatown together," said C.W. Chan, chairman of the [Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community](#).

[Chinatown Square](#) has been the neighborhood's main draw for tourists since it opened in 1993. Neighborhood experts say the connector will also fuse the square to Chinatown's more residential enclaves.

"When completed, Wentworth will be widened, and both the original Chinatown and Chinatown Square will be connected

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visually," said Sharyne Tu, executive directory of the [Chinatown Chamber of Commerce](#).

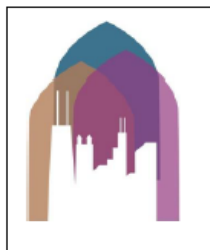
New restaurants, shops and bakeries have popped up in recent years along South Wentworth Avenue, "bringing back the vitality of yesteryear," Tu said. The Wells-Wentworth Connector could keep that momentum going.

The project will improve pedestrian access along a stretch of Wentworth near 19th Street, an oft-cramped two-way road with no sidewalks. The connector — with new sidewalks and landscaping — are expected to ease pedestrian access to the sleek field house at Ping Tom Park.

McClendon hopes the city will spend more time thinking about how the connector can benefit bicyclists and pedestrians — not just cars. More questions, like where the connector would branch off east-west and how it winds through two [huge development sites](#) now slated for [thousands of new homes](#), have not been answered.

"I'd like to see not just two moving lanes in each direction," McClendon said.

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## One on One with Alderman King

After More Than 100 Days In Office, Ald. Sophia King (4) Sits Down For Interview

by A.D. Quig – <http://thedailyline.net/>

Picked from a crowded field five months ago by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Ald. Sophia King touts 30 years of experience within the community and a rolodex of powerful South Side connections, including the Obamas. But since her appointment, King has kept a low profile—opting to host and attend dozens of community meetings, and making only a few waves in committee meetings. She has pushed developers to provide on-site affordable housing, delayed a \$100M beach parking lot until she knew residents could park there, and voted no to \$3.5 billion in bonds for O’Hare Airport over minority contracting issues.

In a lengthy interview with The Daily Line after passing her 100 day anniversary on the job, King points out that her ward—which stretches south from the Museum Campus to Bronzeville, Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and South Side—is a diverse one. There are a lot of constituencies to please: residents in the booming South Loop, business owners in underutilized retail corridors, and organized interests like the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization (KOCO), not to mention the push and pull of being in Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle’s home turf while being a political appointee of Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

She appears to be keeping her head down, working on a strategic ward plan and talking to LSCs, principals, and block clubs, even as challengers begin to emerge for the February 28 special election. While the petition process doesn’t wrap until the end of November, there are already candidate forums starting up. Seventeen others applied for the open 4th Ward position after Ald. Will Burns’ abrupt exit to lobby for Airbnb last spring, and many are expected to come out again. Local activist and mayoral critic Gregory Seal Livingston has already announced his candidacy, lambasting Mayor Emanuel’s police plan and using the hashtag #RahmsDaddy.

While she expects to be tied to the Mayor in the impending campaign, King argued in a 45 minute phone interview with The Daily Line her focus on community (she used the word more than 40 times), her diverse background, and her packed rolodex will help her deliver for the ward. “I’m not going to speculate about how people see me. I work hard anyway.” Our interview is below, edited for length and clarity.

The Daily Line: Congratulations on your first 100 days. Tell me about the transition—some things you’ve learned or some things that have surprised you.

Ald. King: It’s been a very let’s just say...interesting transition. I have been very meaningful about getting out into the community and listening to people, and I think one of the things that has surprised me the most is just how many people have said, “How can we help?” People are engaged as I go to these different community meetings, meetings with different community organizations, hold town halls, constituent nights—nine times out of ten at least one or two people are going to ask me, “How can I help? I know there’s a lot to be done, how can I help?” That piece has been a very positive surprise that I’ve encountered and continue to encounter.

TDL: When you say there’s a lot to be done, what do you mean?

King: Safety is a concern for everybody. People want to know how they can help, do their part. Schools, it just depends generally on what we are talking about at the time. People understand that we are living in unique times in the city and in the nation and there’s a lot going on and that’s going to take a community effort to bring some changes about.

TDL: Yeah, you started in office at a pretty crucial time for the city. What are your priorities in the discussion about policing and race in Chicago?

King: It’s a systemic issue. This is not something that has just occurred recently. It’s something that’s unfortunately ingrained—the racism that our country was founded on. We are seeing the results of that. I think

what’s new is the light that social media and new social organizations have brought upon this issue. This makes it seem like it’s a new issue, but it’s an old issue we’re having to grapple with because of the transparency that other orgs like Black Lives Matter have brought to bear.

This is not something that started overnight. We’re not going to fix it overnight, but we are going to talk about it in an honest and deliberate way.

TDL: What are your impressions about the debate on police reform in City Council now? Any specific measures you support?

King: There are a lot of proposals out there. I suggested at one of our last meetings that we bring all of those proposals together and look at the things they have in common, that we agree on, and start there on the things we have differences in. While there are a number of proposals, a number are similar. I suggested we put them all together. That’s one thing the administration is trying to do, it’s trying to put together proposals and see where they’re aligned and where the differences are. It’s hard to speak to one individually because each is nuanced and until I see what the differences are in each of them... once I see what the differences are in each of them I can talk about a solution. But the big emphasis is on inclusion. Communities want to be included, know the process is transparent, and feel that they have a voice in that process.

TDL: Do you feel prepared to take a vote on this at the October 3rd meeting?

King: I’m a voice that thinks that we need to make sure we’re more deliberate about taking time with this. I don’t want to rush into addressing something that didn’t happen overnight. It’s a very important step we’re about to take. I want to make sure the community is informed and I don’t think they are as informed as they need to be. That’s why I suggested putting out a comparison about different proposals. I will be prepared if it comes down to that, I will have to be... [but the] community and fellow councilmen still educating themselves around what direction we should go.

TDL: The city’s also facing a fiscal crisis. What are your priorities going forward, and for the upcoming budget?

King: As you know I voted in favor of the water tax. I think it’s important that we make sure that our city is whole in terms of the finances, so that’s one of the reasons I voted for that. We really don’t want to go the way of Detroit, we don’t want to continue to go to junk bond status and not be able to handle our fiscal responsibilities. From a global perspective, that’s really important. It was a hard vote because I don’t want it to impact those who are most needy, seniors and on fixed incomes, but it’s something I felt that we needed to do. That being said, my priorities going forward for budget are education... that’s really important to me. I’m an educator, was a teacher, administrator for a while.

Education is near and dear to my heart, it speaks to a lot of issues. We can’t think to these in isolation.

Education has implications on safety, economic development. It all goes hand in hand, and I would love to see budget address comprehensive solution to those issues - youth engagement, schools, jobs, economic development. It’s like an ecosystem: if you impact one the other moves. I want to take a holistic approach when looking at the budget.

For the rest of the interview, go to Alderman Sophia King’s Newsletter. The link is below.

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**Immediate Occupancy!** The Transportation Building Condominiums. Extra Large 900 Sq Ft 1BR/1BA city home. Hardwood Floors th-out, updated kitchen and bath. Rent includes RCN Super High Speed Internet & Cable TV w/2 TiVo Boxes.

#### **124 West Polk St Unit #203 - \$1800/mo**

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#### **633 S. Plymouth Ct Unit #209 - \$1550/mo**

**October 15th or November 1st Occupancy!** The Pope Building, Fabulous Loft Located in the heart of the Printers Row Historic District. Huge 1000 Sq Ft Wide-Open Floorplan offers many options for furniture placement. Sleek polished concrete floors th-out, Soaring 13' Barrel Cove Ceilings, Massive Walls are perfect to display your art collection! Kitchen with Breakfast Bar and tons of storage. Fabulous Loft at an unbelievable Price!

#### **Parking**

#### **801 S. Plymouth Ct. P#222 and P#223 - \$70K**

Indoor Parking for 2 Full-Size Vehicles in the heart of Printers Row, South Loop.  
Huge Tandem Parking Space offered for Sale, Conveniently located on the main parking level, near the garage entry door. The Garage Offers an indoor car wash, full time security and an air hose.

**CALL John Zimmers, Managing Broker @ 773-617-4734 or Email [JohnZimmers@aol.com](mailto:JohnZimmers@aol.com) Dearborn Street Realty**

Next CAPS Meeting Oct 12, 2016

7PM at 525 S. State St.

(Every 2nd Wednesday)

## Police Blotter



<http://home.chicagopolice.org/>

**Theft: \$300 and under** from Apartment  
800 block S. State St. • Sep 02 @ 3:00 AM

**Simple battery: Simple** at restaurant  
0 block E. Balbo Ave. • Sep 02 @ 4:40 PM

**Weapons violation: Unlawful possession of handgun** on  
subway train  
1100 block S. State St. • Sep 03 @ 4:25 AM

**Theft: \$300 and under** at hotel  
State and E. Harrison St. • Sep 04 @ 10:30 AM

**Theft: \$300 and under** from parking lot  
800 block S. Wabash Ave. • Sep 04 @ 11:35 AM

**Motor vehicle theft: Automobile** on street  
700 block S. Financial Pl. • Sep 05 @ 12:30 PM

**Theft: From building**  
800 block S. State St. • Sep 05 @ 11:30 AM

**Theft: From building** Athletic Club  
800 block S. State St. • Sep 05 @ 12:00 PM

**Theft: \$300 and under** Athletic Club  
800 block S. State St. • Sep 05 @ 12:45 PM

**Criminal sexual assault: Non-aggravated**  
600 block S. Wabash Ave. • Sep 05 @ 3:59 PM

**Theft: Over \$300** on street  
900 block S. Clark St. • Sep 11 @ 12:00 PM

**Theft: Over \$300** on street  
100 block W. Polk St. • Sep 11 @ 2:00 PM

**Burglary: Unlawful entry** Apartment  
1100 block S. Plymouth Ct. • Sep 12 @ 8:30 PM

**Theft: From building** from grocery store  
1100 block S. Wabash Ave. • Sep 16 @ 12:00 PM

**Theft: Over \$300** on street  
State & E. 13th St. • Sep 16 @ 10:00 PM

**Motor vehicle theft: Automobile** Garage  
State and E. 9th St. • Sep 17 @ 7:00 AM

**Robbery: Strongarm: no weapon** on street  
400 block W. Roosevelt Rd. • Sep 17 @ 12:15 PM

**Simple battery: Simple** parking garage  
100 block W. Roosevelt Rd. • Sep 17 @ 12:40 PM

**Burglary: Forcible entry** Business office  
600 block S. Dearborn St. • Sep 18 @ 8:46 PM



Package thief suspect

### SOUTH LOOP WOMAN ASSAULTED, HAD PACKAGE STOLEN IN SAME WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 05:21PM

CHICAGO -- The South Loop's Dearborn Park area is supposed to be one of Chicago's safest neighborhoods, but one woman was victimized twice in a four-day period last week.

Young Ri was targeted by a package thief. Then, three days later she was assaulted.

The package thief was seen in a surveillance video casually walking up to her home, opening one of her packages and then walking away with its contents.

Her more serious incident happened on a walking path just off South State Street and West Roosevelt Road that leads into Dearborn Park.

"This guy grabbed me from behind and touched me all over. At first, I couldn't understand what was going on," she said from her office on Tuesday. "I couldn't move. I turned around to see if he had a gun or knife so I started screaming."

The path is heavily trafficked by residents at all times which is why she felt safe using it.

Making matters even worse, Ri said she called police to file the report, investigators told her they'd already fielded several similar calls that evening, describing the same man.

"No crime is acceptable to us," Tina Feldstein, of the Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance.

Hoping to curb what appears to be an increase in neighborhood crime, South Loop residents recently created a safety association that has discussed several options for potential solutions.

"Is it necessary to have a private security company to drive around the south loop, what would that look like, who would contribute? What would it cover?" Feldstein asked.

The assault offender is described as a man who is about 30-years-old, with black, curly hair and a beard. He is between 5-feet-7-inches and 5-feet-10-inches tall, weighing 160-200 pounds. He wore a black jacket, dark pants and sunglasses.

<http://abc7chicago.com/news/south-loop-woman-assaulted-had-package-stolen-in-same-week/1528450>



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\$495,000.00  
160 S MICHIGAN AVE 3005  
9/7/16

\$195,000.00  
1 E 8TH ST 809  
9/7/16

\$214,500.00  
40 E 9TH ST 802  
9/2/16

\$350,000.00  
101 S STATE ST 1607  
9/1/16

\$119,000.  
680 S FEDERAL ST 309  
9/01/15

\$1,050,500  
1160 S MICHIGAN 4201  
8/31/16

450,000  
1111 S WABASH ABE 2805  
8/26/16

\$345,000  
1101 S STATE ST H 1203  
8/26/16

\$200,000  
801 S PLYMOUTH CT 518  
8/26/16

\$200,500  
732 S FINANCIAL PL 213  
8/29/16

\$450,000  
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8/26/16

\$345,000  
1101 S STATE ST H1203  
8/26/16

\$200,000  
801 S PLYMOUTH CT 518  
8/26/16

\$192,000  
740 S FEDERAL ST 1204  
8/23/16

\$530,000  
888 S MICHIGAN AVE 503  
8/23/16

\$260,000  
1101 S STATE ST 1605  
8/23/16

\$248,000  
900 S WABASH AVE 704  
8/19/16

\$495,000  
910 S MICHIGAN AVE 410  
8/19/16

\$181,000  
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2 bed, 1 bath, 974 sq ft  
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## For Sale

**124 West Polk St Unit #203 - \$219,900**

Huge 1000 Sq Ft Printers Row Loft. Beautiful Oak Hardwood Flooring Throughout this 1br + Den/1ba City Home. Open Concept Floorplan offers great flow throughout the Unit. Kitchen features brand-new Stainless Appliances, Breakfast Bar and tons of storage. Building offers great amenities; Exercise Room, Storage Lockers and Rooftop Deck.

**600 S. Dearborn St. Unit #1308 - \$250,000**

Fully Rehabbed 1BR+Den/1BA Lux Condo in the Printers Row Historic District. Hardwood Flooring Th-out, Brand-New Kitchen with 42" Cabinets, Quartz Counters and Stainless Appliances. Rehabbed Bath & In Unit Laundry.

**431 S. Dearborn St #1602 - \$329,900 -**

Ginormous 3BR/2BA City Home. Gorgeous top floor South/West Corner Unit features Brand-New Stainless Appliances, Granite C-tops, Custom Lighting and Carrera Marble Backsplash. Hardwood th-out common areas, Wood Burning Fireplace, Rehabbed Baths and Fabulous City Views. Three separate bedrooms with full walls & doors for Privacy.

**1250 S. Michigan #1103 - \$299,000 + \$30K for Parking**

Enjoy stunning Lake & City Skyline Views from this North/East facing 1br/1ba Luxury Condo. Fully upgraded South Loop Condo in Fantastic Full Amenity Building; 24hr Doorman, Exercise Room, Dog Run, Party Room & Outdoor Pool!

**1250 S. Michigan #1904—\$269,000 +\$30K for Parking**

South Loop, EVERYTHING is just steps from your front door! Bright South/East Facing 1Br/1Ba Luxury Condo Fully upgraded th-out! Full Amenity Building; 24hr Doorman, Exercise Room, Dog Run, Party Room & Outdoor Pool!

### Rentals

**732 S. Financial Place #619 - \$1500/mo**

**Immediate Occupancy!** Timber & Brick Loft for Rent. 600 Sq Ft Completely Open Loft features Hardwood Floors th-out, Stainless Appliances, Gas Fireplace, Indoor Laundry and a huge Custom Organized Walk-In Closet.

**633 S. Plymouth Ct Unit #208 - \$1500/mo**

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**801 S Plymouth Ct # 101  
2 bed, 2 bath, 1300 sq ft  
\$259,000**

Jeanette Gregg, Berkshire  
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**633 S Plymouth Ct #303  
1 bed, 1 bath, 850 sq ft  
\$155,000**

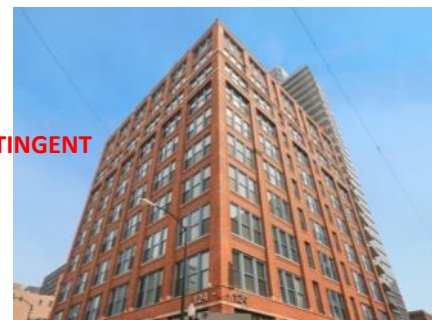
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**124 W Polk St #1003  
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**732 S Financial Pl # 507  
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