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## Crescent Heights Continues to Invest in the Sloop; Buys Burnham Pointe (730 S. Clark)

Friday, June 5, 2015

It's a hot real estate market again and some of the investors who bought after the bubble bursting are seeing some impressive returns (via [Crains](#)):

The downtown apartment boom is paying off handsomely for a Texas investor that's selling a South Loop tower for \$126 million, 43 percent more than it paid in 2010.

Monogram Residential Trust is selling Burnham Pointe, a 298-unit high-rise at 730 S. Clark St., to Crescent Heights, a Miami-based investor and developer that has been busy in downtown Chicago, according to people familiar with the transaction.

Crescent Heights is an active real estate player in Chicago and especially in the South Loop (via [Crains](#)):

More recently, Crescent Heights been in buying mode, acquiring five downtown buildings with 1,355 units since 2010, according to Chicago-based consulting firm Appraisal Research Counselors. In the South Loop, it already owns Astoria Tower, a 205-unit high-rise at 8 E. Ninth St., the Lex, a 296-unit building at 2138 S. Indiana Ave., and the Park Michigan, a 344-unit tower at 1212 S. Michigan Ave.

As you may recall they also own one of the Sloop's most high-profile pieces of vacant land - the southeast corner of Michigan and Roosevelt. While nothing has been announced for this land, a rumored project called "The Chicago" continues to show up randomly across the web. (continued on page 6)



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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.
- [www.southloopneighbors.org](http://www.southloopneighbors.org)**

## Have You Ever Thought About Showing Off Your South Loop Home? You Can!

Saturday, October 10 from 12 to 5

By Jim Michaels, Board Member and Membership Chair



If you would like to be a part of this year's SLN Loft Walk, we would love to have you. Want to show off your renovation? A fabulous restoration? Do you have a very cool, very beautiful place?

Have you ever wanted to volunteer that day as a "docent" so you can tour and view the homes of others at no charge? However you wish to donate your time, South Loop Neighbors needs your help and welcomes your participation.

If you live in any South Loop Loft building—or know someone who does, and would be willing to show off your home with SLN for the day, contact Jim at [jim@southloopneighbors.org](mailto:jim@southloopneighbors.org). We are looking for variety and interesting spaces!

This event is SLN's major fundraiser for the year—and offers us an opportunity to raise the funds to serve you with programs and events all year.

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## Rahm's revenge: two Gingko trees instead of a dead fish

Everyone wonders what's become of me lately, after [14 posts about the mayoral election](#) that were decidedly anti-tiny dancer.

"Are you OK?" they ask.

Yes, fine. Beaten, dejected and disappointed that he's still here. But with all [our municipal troubles](#), maybe it's for the best. Let that know-it-all handle it all. That's what he deserves.

"But, has he done anything to you?" they badger. "Like send a dead fish?"

My girlfriends also wondered what was going on when we got a table in the back at the [Jan Schakowsky Power Lunch](#).

"Probably because of what you said about Rahm, right?," they all leaned in to ask.

Who knows? All I know is, he hasn't sent [a dead fish as he's been known to send](#) political enemies in the past.

But something odd did happen. And I think it's Rahm's revenge.

As everyone's seen, the intersection in the South Loop where I live has been under [reconstruction since last September](#) (more on that in future posts) as part of a new streetscape from State Street to the Museum Campus along Roosevelt Road. Recently, as part of that project, I got two very scrawny new trees planted in front of my house.

Gingko trees.

Although Gingkos are very strong trees and withstand all sorts of environmental stuff, from car exhaust [to atomic bombs](#), Gingko trees [can really smell](#). And I mean smell. Like throw-up. At least the "female" ones do.

Since the trees have only been here for a couple of weeks, I don't know what sex they are yet or if they are going to smell when their seeds [drop to the ground to rot in the Fall, start reeking and attracting squirrels](#).

And sometimes, even male Gingkos transform themselves--[like Caitlyn Jenner](#)--into females. And also turn into seed-droppers and... whew!!

I have smelled Gingko droppings for years on another block near my house.

And believe me, they smell worse than a dead fish.

Bonnie McGrath

Visit my blog: <http://www.chicagonow.com/mom-think-poignant/>



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## [Mondays with Mike: Vincent Velasquez is a lucky man, and so am I](#)

by [mknezo2014](#)



Beth and I went to a White Sox game last Wednesday courtesy of their opponent that night, the Houston Astros. More specifically, courtesy of the kindness of Kevin Goldstein, and old friend who happens to be a bigwig in the Astros front office. ([Beth posted about Kevin's story a couple years ago.](#))

The seats were terrific—behind home plate just on the first-base side, and given the source of the tickets, in a section dense with Astros fans. We quickly sensed that these weren't just any fans—they were on every pitch, cheering strikes and outs every time the Houston pitcher retired a White Sox player. They were polite, joyful, terrific fans. One young guy—who looked like he could be out there playing—would shout “peanut” every time the Astros retired the White Sox and headed to their dugout. Someone asked why “peanut,” and he said, “When we were in high school, he used to call me watermelon head, so I called him peanut head.”

An older man (older as in the neighborhood of my age or thereabouts) and woman watched every pitch, somewhat nervously. They looked like Hispanic versions of the parents of the neighbor kids I grew up with—blue collar types who exuded solid reliability.

Kevin, who lives in Illinois and would normally attend, couldn't be at the game because he was locked up in a room back in Houston with his colleagues during MLB's annual draft. I emailed him to thank him for the tickets, and told him that we were sitting with a great group of Houston fans who were really into the game. He immediately wrote back, “Velasquez debut group?”

Aha! I used my magic phone and learned that 23-year-old Vincent Velasquez was making his first major league appearance. I suddenly felt even more lucky to be at that ball game. I got swept up in it all, and at one point, during a break in the action, I walked over to Victor's father. “Is that your son pitching,” I asked. He said yes. “You must be very proud,” I said, shaking his hand.



“He looks like he's going to be terrific.” He immediately pointed to his right and said, “This is his mother.” She and I shook hands, I said congratulations to her, and took my seat.

Of course, business is business, so I was still pulling for my White Sox. But the feeling in that group transcended loyalty.

Many of the guys on the field that night make millions and millions of dollars. But for Victor and his family, I really don't think that had anything to do with what they were feeling. And I was privileged to feel a little of it with them.

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They also own the one-acre vacant lot at 13th and Indiana (northeast corner).

Anyway, nice to see a respected company continuing to invest in the neighborhood.

If you're wondering about this hot market, the article does end by saying that there are concerns for investors (however we assume they mean real estate companies) - [via Crains](#):

The neighborhood's biggest risk for investors is a surplus of land for new developments. Several apartment projects are under construction or in the works that will compete for renters with Burnham Pointe.

Burnham Pointe was 96.3 percent occupied in the first quarter, according to an Appraisal Research report. Rents ranged from \$1,730 a month for a one-bedroom unit to \$6,182 for the most expensive two-bedroom.

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# Book Review: Terminal Town

By David Lassen | November 6, 2014

<http://trn.trains.com/railroads/>

## Terminal Town: An Illustrated Guide to Chicago's Airports, Bus Depots, Train Stations and Steamship Landings, 1939-Present

by Joseph P. Schwieterman  
*Lake Forest College Press, 555 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, Ill., 60045. 296 pages, 215 color photos, 20 maps; softcover, 7.25 x 10 in.; \$27.95.*

Chicago's status as the transportation hub of the U.S. – even as the nation's favored modes of transport have changed – is underlined and examined in "Terminal Town," Professor Joseph Schwieterman's extensive yet quick-reading look at four dozen rail, bus, ship, and air destinations in and around the city.

Not only a look at what the city has and what it has lost – the post-Amtrak generation may know that at one time, there were six major railroad stations on the periphery of the Loop – the book serves as a reminder of how quickly and dramatically the fortunes of some of these facilities can change.

Midway Airport may be the prime example – the city's primary airport for much of the 1950s, it had lost all scheduled air service by 1962, only to rebound to today's status as a significant arrival and departure point. But the rail-focused portions of the book provide their own such tales.

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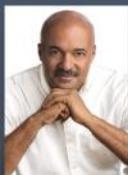
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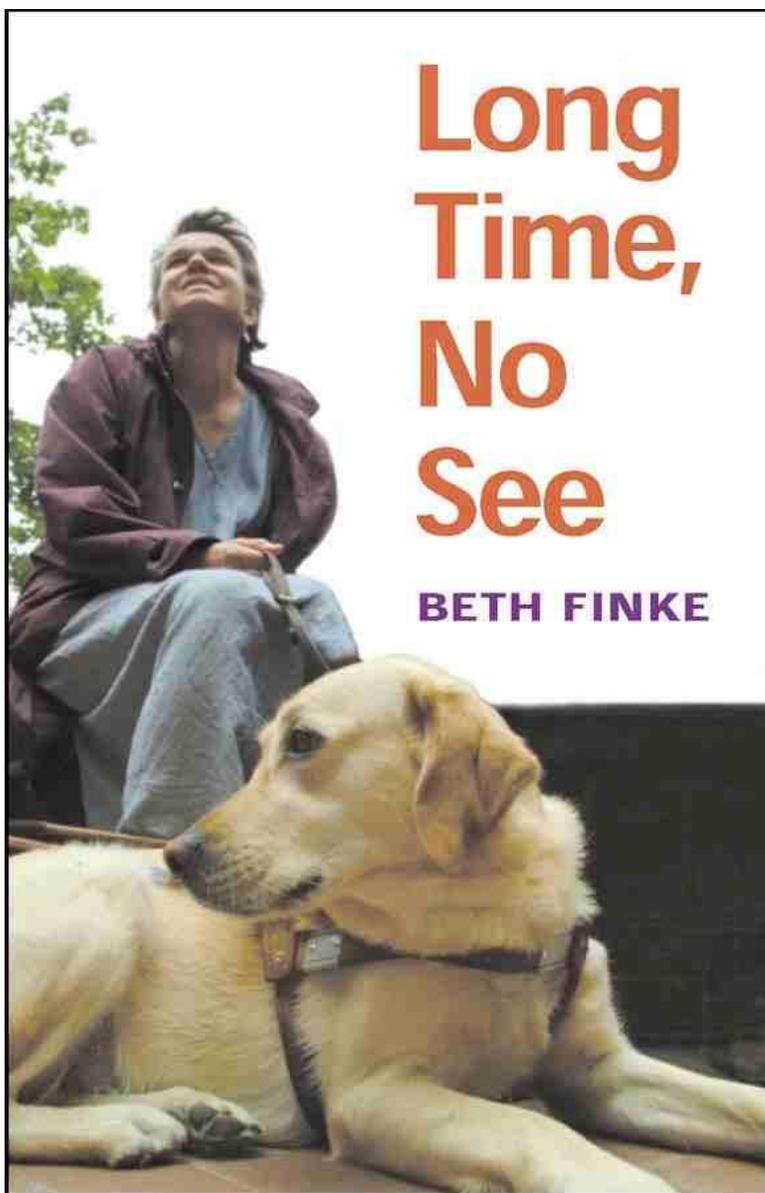
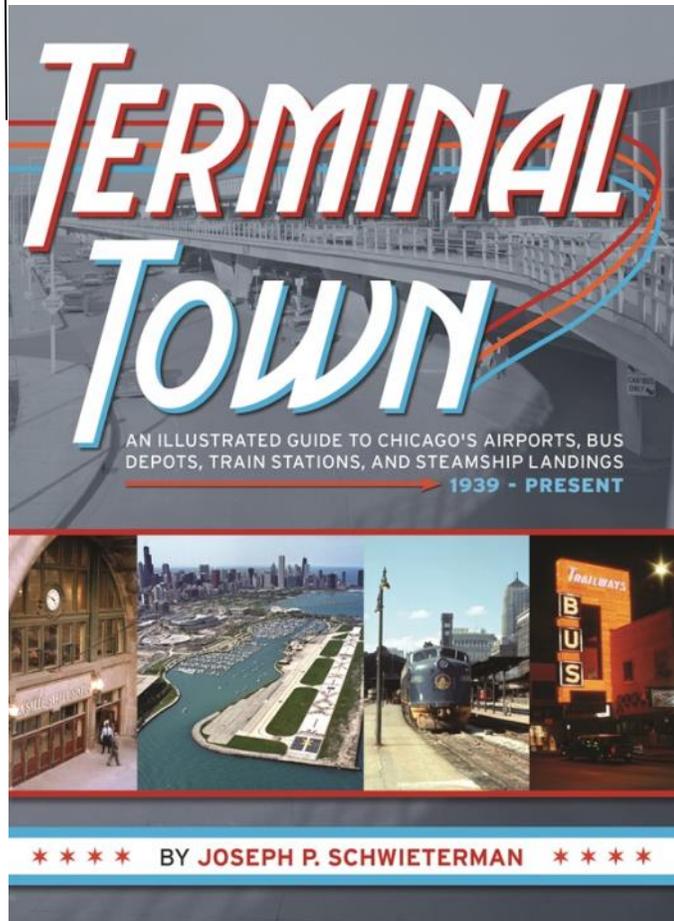
Joseph P. Schwieterman is an authority on the economics of urban transportation and an expert on economic development in Chicago. He teaches at DePaul University. Shown here at the Printers Row Lit Fest (in baseball cap).

A Chicago resident of the 1940s could hardly have imagined that Englewood Union Station, where the *20th Century Limited* and *Broadway Limited* once called almost simultaneously, and which provided direct service to more than 40 of the nation's 100 largest cities in 1946, would be abandoned and torn down in the 1970s.

The book's final section is an indication that these sorts of changes are ongoing, looking at projects that could change facilities as we now know them, such as a modernization plan for Union Station, or alter the entire fabric of regional transport, such as a long-discussed but currently stalled effort to create a third major Chicago airport.

Richly illustrated and featuring a wealth of maps, some sourced from *Trains Magazine*, this is a valuable reference tool for people interested in all forms of transportation in the Chicago area.

<http://trn.trains.com/railroads/>



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## Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

<http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com>



### [Maps, memoir and food: Northwestern](#)

Hey, it's time to [sign up for the 2015 Northwestern Summer Writers' Conference](#), a three-day institute at the end of July that's dedicated to the creation and revision of novels, short stories, non-fiction, and poetry. From their web site:

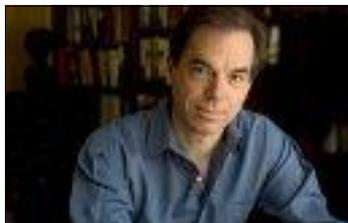
The program is tailored to writers of all genres, backgrounds, and levels of experience, and welcomes anyone seeking a fuller understanding of the craft — and business — of writing.

This conference is held every summer on Northwestern University's Chicago campus, and this year I'll be giving a workshop at 9:30 a.m. on the morning it opens: Thursday, July 30, 2015.

My 90-minute workshop is called [Getting Your Memoir Off the Ground](#). I plan on giving a couple in-class exercises and discussing techniques to get past whatever it is that's stopping writers from getting their work done, whether it be worries about writing as a victim, facing issues that come with writing about friends and family, or arranging writing they've already completed into book form. The overall emphasis will be on craft and on overcoming the barriers that keep us from writing and assembling our stories.

Each workshop at the Northwestern Summer Writers' Conference is limited to 18 participants, and organizers told me yesterday that workshops and panels are filling quickly. My friends and fellow published authors [Miles Harvey](#) and [Audrey Petty](#) are giving workshops at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 30 as well.

I met Miles long ago when both of us wrote for the *Daily Illini* at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.



That's Miles Harvey. (Photo by Matt Moyer.)

His first book [The Island of Lost Maps](#):

[A True Story of Cartographic Crime](#) was a national and international bestseller, and his session for the Northwestern conference is called [Start Here: Get Your Story Started with a Map](#):

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I was introduced to [Audrey Petty](#) in Urbana, too. Audrey taught creative writing there, and she and I took to each other the minute we met.

Audrey was born and raised in Chicago and moved back here with her husband and their daughter a few years ago. An oral history Audrey put together of stories from residents of Chicago's Henry Horner Homes, Robert Taylor Homes, Stateway Gardens and Cabrini-Green (all publicly-funded buildings here in Chicago that no longer exist) called [High Rise Stories: Voices from Chicago Public Housing](#) was published by [Voice of Witness](#), the nonprofit division of McSweeney's Books. She's had essays published in *Saveur* and in a 2006 anthology of Best Food Writing, and her workshop for the Northwestern conference is called *Writing about Food*. Audrey will give in-class exercises and use texts by Laurie Colwin, John T Edge and Vertamae Smart-Grosvenor as examples so participants can "venture out and begin their own stories and/or essays about food."



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## Memories of Summer: Romancing the Van



Summer reminds me of skinned knees, rainy nights and short hair. Of climbing trees, catching fireflies and coming home wasted. And even though summers are never the same, I fall in love every time. With a boy? Sure, sometimes but mostly with the warm breeze. With yellow tulips and sundresses. With faint stars and ripened avocados. With new friends and green tea frappuccinos. When I was fifteen, I fell in love with a van. A decrepit white messy whale of a thing my entire graduating class faithfully dubbed the "Party Van." I was a freshman, going through what my sister called "the classic phase of teenage rebellion." You've likely seen the scenario played out innumerable times in movies and television shows: Girl yawns, stretching her arms out wide feigning immediate and uncontrollable drowsiness. Girl kisses parents goodnight, marches down the steps to her room, closes the door silently behind her and starts getting dressed with the clothes that have been lying in wait atop her splintered cherry wood dresser since about supper time that day.

- See more at: <http://summer.newcity.com/2015/05/25/memories-of-summer-romancing-the-van/#sthash.ss5YypmO.dpuf>

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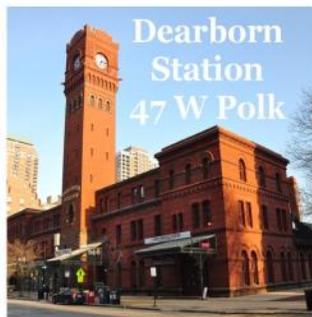


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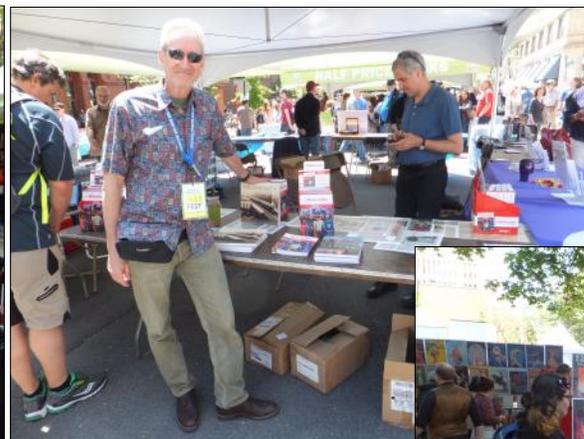
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Above: Park on the roof of the new British School not yet open.

Left: New Soccer Field next to the British School.



Shadows under the El Tracks at 9th between State and Wabash



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Holy Trinity in the Loop, an extension of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wrigleyville, began weekly Saturday evening services in February, 2014. **Holy Trinity in the Loop meets Saturdays at 5 pm at Grace Place in the South Loop and is member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).**

All are welcome at Holy Trinity in the Loop. At every service, Pastor Craig states, "Whoever you are, whatever the color of your skin, whoever you love or marry, or whatever you think of organized religion, you are welcome here."

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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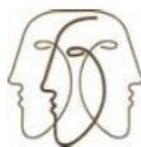
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 Sat., July 20th, 2015**



**South Loop Referral Group**

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

**Next Meeting Fri  
 June 26 at  
 Au Bon Pain**

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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*Dandy Lion: (Re)Articulating Black Masculine Identity* seeks to distinguish the historical and contemporary expressions of the Black Dandy phenomenon in popular culture. The first comprehensive exhibition of its kind, this project highlights young men in city-landscapes who defy stereotypical and monolithic understandings of Black masculinity by remixing Victorian-era fashion with traditional African sartorial sensibilities. *Dandy Lion: (Re)Articulating Black Masculine Identity* features work from emerging and renowned photographers and filmmakers from the US, Europe and Africa. This exhibition is guest curated by US-based independent curator Shantrelle P. Lewis.

*Dandy Lion: (Re)Articulating Black Masculine Identity*  
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## DATES THROUGH JULY 12, 2015

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 AT 10:00AM TO 5:00PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 AT 10:00AM TO 5:00PM

MONDAY, JUNE 22 AT 10:00AM TO 5:00PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 AT 10:00AM TO 5:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 AT 10:00AM TO 5:00PM

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Photography exhibit of Columbia College Chicago student work for **Byline Bank**, the branch in Dearborn Station.. This exhibit, curated by **Stephan DeSantis**, Director, Academic Initiatives and co-curated with junior in Photography, **Tracey Hawkins**, is focused on photography. All of the work is available to purchase directly from the students.



Inside Dearborn Station



**35th Annual Taste of Chicago**  
The highly anticipated, five-day Taste of Chicago - the world's largest food festival - is July 8-12 in Grant Park. This year's event features 60 restaurants, pop-ups and food trucks - including 19 newcomers - as well

### Summer Save-the-Date:

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August 6-27: **Made in Chicago: World Class Jazz**  
August 15-16: **57th Annual Chicago Air & Water Show** presented by Shell Oil Products US

# Summer Dance

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

Mambo Express (Latin Big Band Mambo)

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Mixed Motion Art (Mambo, Cha-Cha)

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**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

DJ Herb Kent (Chicago Steppin')

[www.v103.com](http://www.v103.com) / [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) / [www.idvl.org](http://www.idvl.org) / [twitter.com](https://twitter.com)

Majestic Gents (Chicago Steppin')

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**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

• Steve Anthony Orchestra (Ballroom)

Kasper Dance Studio (Cha-Cha)

[www.kasperdancestudio.com](http://www.kasperdancestudio.com) / [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**Friday, July 3, 2015**

DJ Eric "ET" Taylor (Chicago Steppin')

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Dawud and Lura Shareef (Chicago Steppin')

**Saturday, July 4, 2015** Nabori (Salsa)

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Dance Academy of Salsa (Mambo, Cha-Cha)

[www.danceacademyofsalsa.com](http://www.danceacademyofsalsa.com) / [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**Sunday, July 5, 2015**

Redwood Tango Ensemble (Modern, Piazzolla and Nuevo Tango from San Francisco)

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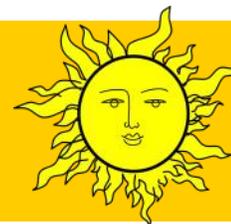
American Tango Institute (Argentine Tango)

**Friday, July 10, 2015** (6-9pm)

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## Summer in the City



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### Summer Dance

Fridays & Saturdays  
Dance Lessons: 6-7pm  
Music & Dancing: 7:30-9:30pm

Sundays

Dance Lessons: 4-5pm  
: 5-7 Music & Dancing pm

**Saturday, July 11**

### Neighbors Bike the South Loop



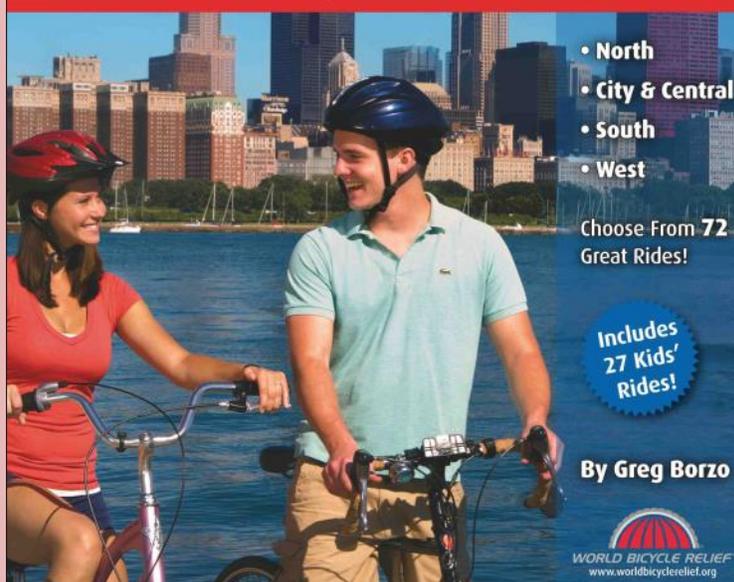
Join Susie Ohde and your Neighbors as we take a ride around the neighborhood. We will meet at 10:00 am at Printers Row Park, 640 S. Dearborn. From there we will ride to the lakefront and head south to 31st Street Beach (want more? We can ride to Oakwood Beach on 39th Street). We'll take a break at the beach and then continue west on 31st Street to King Drive. We'll go north toward McCormick Place and then up Calumet. We'll head west on 18th and stop at *The Spoke & Bird Cafe* on 18th and Indiana. There, folks who choose to purchase brunch will receive a complimentary craft beer.

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## CMK/Lend Lease Propose Zoning Change to Build 2,700 Residential Units Along Chicago River

Friday, June 19, 2015

<http://www.sloopin.com/>

More news is emerging on the CMK/Lend Lease joint venture and their intentions to develop the current vacant land Harrison and the Chicago River ([via crains](#)):

A development group that has been gobbling up South Loop land wants to build five towers with nearly 2,700 residential units on one site it controls just four blocks south of the Willis Tower.

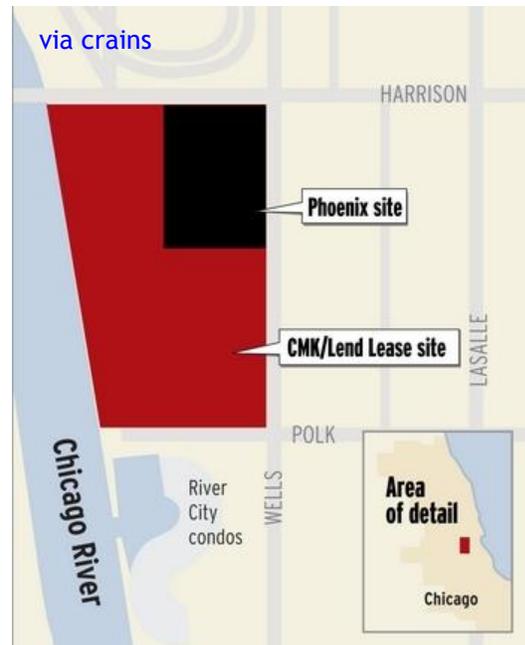
The joint venture between Chicago developer CMK and Australian construction company Lend Lease Group has submitted plans with the city for the 7.3-acre riverside parcel between Harrison Street and the River City condominium complex. The largest building, on the north end of the site, would rise 47 stories and include 626 units.

As you may know, CMK and Lend Lease [also acquired vacant land just south of here as well](#). The article says they joint venture is currently drawing up plans for these lots as well.

Residents are also starting to get these letters in the mail, which announced the proposed zoning change:

That's a lot of units! While urban density proponents are probably giddy, many other neighbors are reasonably concerned. Our neighborhood continues to get more and more crowded. Generally speaking we are excited about these developments, but the city needs to make sure infrastructure improvements are moving at a similar clip ([such as the proposed Wells/Wentworth connector](#)).

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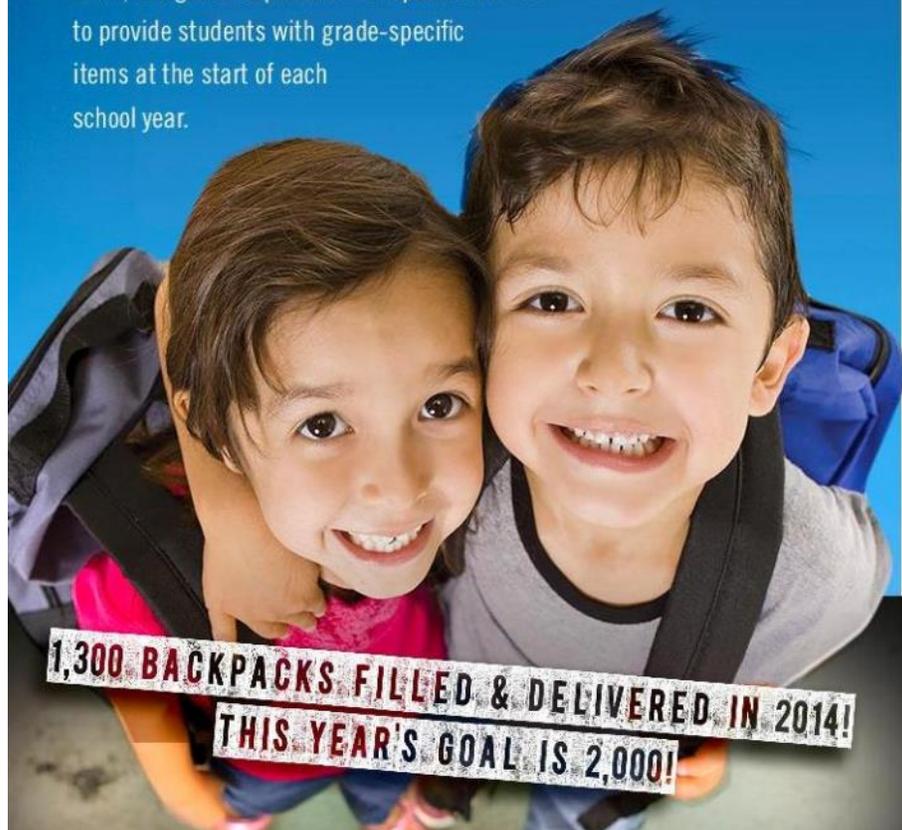
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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Organize a Drive**  
Enlist your office, place of worship, or other community group.
- **Donate:**  
visit [roonga.com/voaoperationbackpack](http://roonga.com/voaoperationbackpack)
- **Volunteer**

## 2015 TIMELINE

- **June 15 – July 24**  
Corporate drives
- **July 27 – July 31**  
Backpacks and supplies delivered to VOA sort space
- **August 3 – 21**  
Sort supplies into backpacks
- **August 29**  
Back to school event

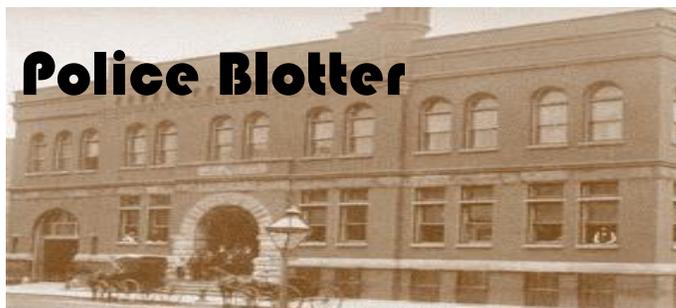


## GET INVOLVED TODAY!

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Next CAPS Meeting July 8, 2015  
7PM at 525 S. State St.  
(Every 2nd Wednesday)

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

Sun., May 31, at 5:45 pm  
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Mon., June 1, at 12:30 pm  
Harrison and State  
Pocket picked at a restaurant

Mon, June 1, at 9:15 am  
Harrison and State  
Residential Parking garage  
Theft of under \$500

Sat, June 6 at 1:30 pm  
Polk & State  
Theft of under \$500 on street

Wed, June 10 at 2 am  
1100 S Plymouth Ct  
Theft from bldg.

Thurs, June 11 at 8:10 am  
800 S State  
Parking lot/garage  
Theft of under \$500

All meetings will be held at:  
525 S. State  
7:00 p.m.  
Every Second Wednesday of each month  
For Residents on Police Beats: 121, 122, 123, 124

A Printers Row resident warns of US Census Bureau Scam at the CAPS meeting  
June 10, 2015.

if anyone is contacted by the US Census Bureau, a legitimate contact follows this protocol:

- before any contact by a representative, there is a mailing from the Bureau first detailing the type of census study being done
- the representative will followup by phone
- the representative will be able to describe the study which you are being asked to participate in
- the representative will be able to provide the name of his/her supervisor
- the representative will have a bureau photo id with the representative's photo, the expiration/completion date of the study, and a personal identification confirmation. Please note that these IDs used to contain a Census Bureau watermark but this is no longer the case.
- Bureau studies do not require in person contact as everything can be handled by phone or email. In the rare case that an in person visit is needed, the representative will make arrangements ahead of time.
- If you have any questions about a US Census Bureau study you are being asked to participate in, contact the US Census Bureau, Chicago Regional Office, [630-288-9200](tel:630-288-9200).

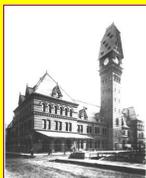
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## Technology and Real Estate

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Considering a short sale? Some things to think about. The trend has been over the last few years to buy foreclosures and short sales. One is because the value and the selling price can get you a great bargain. Two, the emotions of the owner are not really present, your dealing with a lending institution that wants property off their books and some way to compensate for the outstanding debt owed to them..

With distressed properties, there can be confusion about when the offer is accepted. The seller is still the legal owner of the property in most cases, unless foreclosure. So with a short sale the seller is the first that must accept the offer. Yet the lender must approve or disapprove the transaction, since they are being asked to take less than what is owed them from the seller on the mortgage. When the seller approves an offer under these conditions and a contract is formed, the offer is accepted though it has at least one unresolved contingency: the lender's approval of a short sale.

Many multiple listing offices leave their property marked active and not pending because of this caveat. Most must disclose that an offer is submitted but will continue to accept offers until the lending institution makes a final decision. Even if the offer has been accepted by the Seller, it still needs to be approved by their lender. This is why it is very time consuming and a real waiting game till you get a fully executed contract from both seller and the mortgage holder. Many buyers are not aware of this second stage and think they are finished, only to find the Mortgage company has rejected the offer and accepted a different buyer. Please seek legal advice when getting into short sale purchases, especially if your ending your rental or selling a home as a result of thinking your sale is complete in advance. The seller also should seek legal advice before allowing his realtor to continue to show and present offers. And if another offer is submitted, the seller should be required to seek legal advice unless offer is contingent on the termination of the acceptance offer.

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