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Flyover Construction to Slow Down Traffic in the Loop

By [Kelly Bauer](#) | August 4, 2015 12:52pm

The closures:

Aug. 19-31

- The inbound Kennedy ramp to inbound Congress Parkway will be closed. Drivers will be detoured to the Roosevelt Road exit, Jefferson Street, Harrison Street and Wells Street to connect with Congress Parkway.

Aug. 21-23 and Aug. 28-30

- Inbound Congress Parkway will close at 10 p.m. Fridays. Drivers will be detoured to the outbound Dan Ryan's Roosevelt Road exit, Jefferson Street, Harrison Street and Wells Street to connect with Congress Parkway.

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- All of the lanes on Congress Parkway will reopen and traffic will return to normal by 5 a.m. Mondays.

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Weds, Sept 2, 6pm til ?	Chicago Jazz Tour with Ira Sullivan
Thur—Sun, Sept 3—6, 9pm til ?	Famous After Fest Jam Sessions
Sun, 9 pm til ?	
Thurs—Sun, Sept 10—13, 8 & 10pm	Guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel Trio
Sun, 4, 8, & 10pm	
Tues, Sept 15, 8 & 10pm	Vocalist Judy Roberts/ Gret Fishman
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
 - Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
 - Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
 - Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
 - Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the Chicago River to Lake Michigan.
- www.Southloopneighbors.org**

Have you ever thought about showing off your South Loop home? You can!

Saturday, October 10 from 12 noon to 5 pm
by *Jim Michaels, board member and membership chair*

If you would like to be a part of this year's 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?

Or do you just want 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 for the day, contact jim@southloopneighbors.org. We are looking for a variety of 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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National Night Out with the neighbors and the cops

by **Bonnie McGrath**, August 4, 2015 at 11:46 pm

It was all fun and games in the South Loop tonight on 15th Street at [Cottontail Park](#) when the 1st District cops put on our [local National Night Out](#)--and served up hot dogs and brats and Italian sausage doused with mustard and peppers, accompanied by barbecue potato chips and sweet corn on the cob with lots of butter and tons of watermelon and soft drinks.

Because getting to know each other and having fun together strikes a blow to crime. There was tightrope walking and rock climbing and a raffle with many prizes like Bears tickets and Brookfield Zoo tickets and fanny packs from Target (there are two Targets in the 1st District; one on Roosevelt Road and one on State Street) and gift cards from [Mariano's](#). Not to mention free frisbies and jump ropes and whistles--and art projects for the kids.

Yes, it was all fun and games. Until I realized what a night it could be for the bad guys.

Ahhhhh..... The neighborhood. And the cops. All in one place in the park.

Do the math.

Maybe the bad guys didn't know about it. Or figured it might be a trap. And of course, a lot of the neighborhood didn't go.

And all the identifying information you had to put down on the sign-in sheet for a raffle ticket was your name and email--not that easy to cross reference like it would be with an address and telephone number. And time was of the essence because the whole event was pretty much over in an hour and a half--not like the couple of days the bad guys generally get to plan a caper when they read the obituaries and figure everyone's going to be at the funeral and....

Bonnie McGrath



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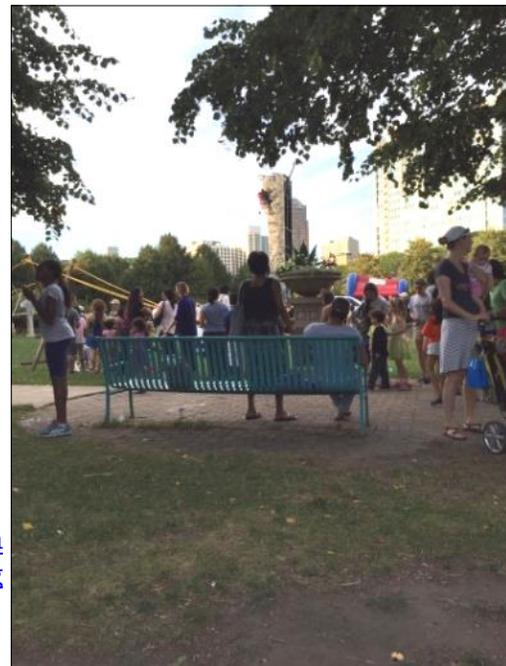
Which leads me to a topic of cocktail party conversation I should have started tonight (sans the cocktail party) with the neighbors. Something I didn't remember until recently. And then forgot again.

You know that [incredible recent prison escape](#) of the [Mexican Sinaloa Cartel Drug Lord](#) who had an underground tunnel built straight from his Mexican prison shower drain right up and into a nearby house?

Well, the drug cartel he headed had [a lot of business connections in Chicago](#). So many that as recently as 2009, his drug empire [was using two large luxury South Loop town homes](#) (as well as other homes in other Chicago neighborhoods) as warehouses to store drugs. The two in my neighborhood were at Cullerton and Prairie and 13th and Indiana.

Who knew?

Yes, we've had bad guys in the South Loop who've made all different kinds of news from time to time. And we probably still do. Wonder what they were doing while the neighbors had a night out tonight with the cops?



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Mondays with Mike: Virtual, schmirtual

Published August 10, 2015 [Mike](#)

[Knezovich](#), [Mondays with Mike](#)

by [mknezo2014](#)



Lately I have been trying to remind myself that whenever I have something touchy, sensitive, or otherwise difficult to say to — or about — somebody, it's probably a good idea to do it in person. Ideally, in the same place at the same time, not on the phone, or via Skype. It's something I like to call Actual Reality (AR®).

A news story here in Illinois last week drove home that very basic principal. I'm a proud graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, but that pride has taken another in a long list of recent hits. The U of I is beset by troubles right now – [in the athletic department](#), and in its academic administration. It's [facing a lawsuit about the hiring/firing of a faculty member](#). It's all pretty complicated and deserving of its own treatment. I bring it up here only to explain the news story I mentioned earlier. Last week, [emails between then-Chancellor Phyllis Wise and other administrators](#) became public (despite their best efforts to prevent that).

The cache of correspondence is not flattering, and I don't know where to begin on the content. But it provided a brilliant example of the virtues of AR®.

If you're a bigwig, of course, worried about scandal, it has the virtue of really keeping it between you and another person.

But apart from the CYA aspect, with all the texting and email and online surveys and Facebook memes, and posts and Tweets, the only truly interactive communication we still have is in-person conversation.

You are forced to look at the person you're about to communicate with, unlike when you're sitting at a keyboard alone, building a righteous, iron-clad argument about why you're absolutely right and the other person is dead wrong. You're less likely to be glib or snarky, and you have the opportunity to correct, steer, and recalibrate in real time.

Seeing that person will probably make you measure your words more carefully. To read facial expression and body language. And the

other person will have the same opportunity with you.

And if you're talking about controversial issues and making tough decisions, it's more likely that at some point, one of you will look at the other and realize, "Hmm, maybe what we're contemplating isn't such a great idea."

Moreover, it means that whatever you are discussing is important enough for you to have taken the time and trouble to be in the same room at the same time. And important things usually do merit such effort.

I'm not preaching on this one. I've done my share of stupid online responses, via e-mail or unwise and unfair Facebook comments. This is more a NOTE TO SELF: If someone says something online that concerns you and that might possibly warrant any back-and-forth, don't type a response, type a note to yourself to take the matter up the next time you're together.

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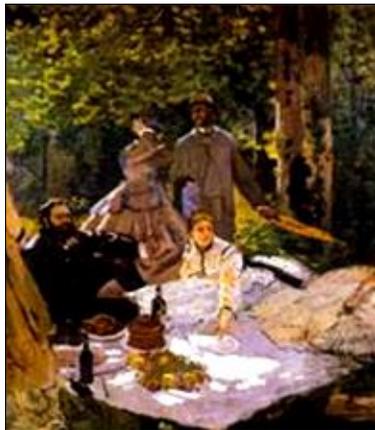
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The Sounds of the South Loop concert series begins on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. with cellist Ian Maksin performing a concert entitled "Cello from Bach to B.B. King". Other performers for the 2015-2016 series include the Mana Quartet, the Apollo Chorus, the Grant Street String Quartet, the Prairie State Jazz Ensemble and five other groups. Season passes are \$100; individual tickets are available at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, see www.soundsofthesouthloop.com Sounds of the South Loop is a series of musical excursions at historic Second Presbyterian Church.



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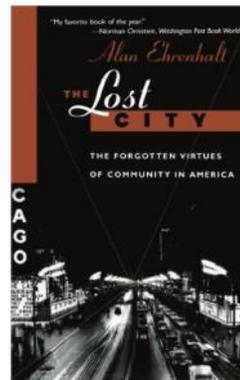
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The Lost City by Alan Ehrenhalt

In the introduction, he states: "Most of us in America believe a few simple propositions that seem so clear and self-evident they scarcely need to be said. Choice is a good thing in life, and the more of it we have, the happier we are. Authority is inherently suspect; nobody should have the right to tell others what to think or how to behave. Sin isn't personal, it's social: individual human beings are creatures of the society they live in. Those ideas could stand as the manifest of an entire generation in America, the generation born in the baby-boom years and now in its thirties and forties (this book was written 20 year's ago). They are powerful ideas. They all have the ring of truth. But in the past quarter-century, taken to excess, they have caused a great deal of trouble."



And so it begins, an examination of two Chicago neighborhoods (Bronzeville and St. Nick's Parish) and one suburb (Elmhurst). He examines the what and the why of the 50's and the forces that made it that way and why that made for great community in America. It compares Ernie Banks to the "guns for hire" athletes of today. It talks about loyalty to the local grocery store and the loyalty of companies like Maytag to the town where they started to today's bribing of companies to stay. It talks about housing, small houses full of kids with one bathroom and no air conditioning. Everyone out front on warm evenings providing a neighborhood party every night. If you are of a certain age, you will remember and nod your head with every turned page. Yes, this is how it was and it was good . . . but do we really want to go back there?

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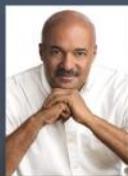
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Trio's Opens at 705 S. Dearborn (Former Daniela's Salon)

There is a lot of business news happening in the Sloop and we're going to spend the better part of this week highlighting some of them.

First up a reader writes: Missed the name but a new hairstylist/spa opened on Dearborn next to the wine shop.

A different reader sent us the following picture:

as a reminder, this space used to be [Daniela's Salon space that closed back in 2011](#). We recently [posted that a reader noticed that there was activity so good to see this moving in](#).

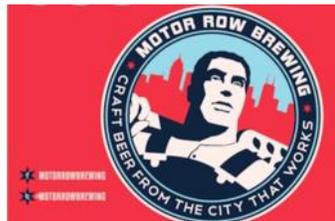


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Inaugural Motor Row Beer & Wine Fest Coming to South Loop

By [Alex Nitkin](#) | August 12, 2015 5:27am

SOUTH LOOP — A historic stretch of the South Loop will see its first ever beer and wine festival this Labor Day weekend, according to a news release published last week by the event's organizers.



The Motor Row Craft Beer & Wine Fest, planned for the 1600-1800 blocks of South Wabash Avenue, will feature food and live music along with ticketed beer and wine tastings. In keeping with the area's history of car showrooms and repair shops going back more than 100 years, the festival will also include "a display of nearly 20 antique cars," according to the release.

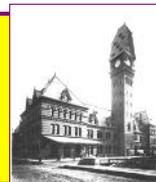
A \$35 tasting pass will buy visitors 15 samples of beer and wine at the event. Those who don't buy passes will be asked to give a **\$5 donation to the Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance**.

The Motor Row Craft Beer & Wine Fest will run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 5-6. The beer and wine tastings will run between 2-6 p.m. both days.

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Safe & Sound Blog

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World-famous blind nude model tells all

Published August 7, 2015

My one minute of fame from that “Where are They Now?” video about [me on the Oprah Winfrey Network last month](#) brought up a lot of questions from friends who didn’t know me back when I modeled nude for art students.

One *Safe & Sound* blog follower emailed me personally with a lot of questions, and assuming some of you other readers might have been too shy to ask, I figured I’d answer the questions here for any of you who are interested.

1. Did it bother you being nude in front of all those guys? Well for one thing, there **were** some female art students in class, too. And the art professors who were at my audition (yes, you have to audition to be a nude model, they want to make sure you won’t freak out on your first day and waste the three-hour classtime) reassured me ahead of time that art students think of models the same way medical students think of the naked bodies they work with. “It’s all very professional,” they said, pointing out that a lot of the students would be freshmen and not yet very sure of themselves as artists. “Add to that the fact that they’ve probably never been in a room with a naked stranger before, and you’ll realize they’ll be a lot more nervous than you’ll be.” I remember wondering why we didn’t **all** get naked then, you know, just to make absolutely sure the nervous playing field was level? So yes, I was a bit nervous at first, but after a while I focused more on staying still than worrying what I looked like up there.

2. How long did you have to stay very still and not move? Fifty minutes, and then I’d get a ten minute break.

3. How long do you have to sit there? Each class was three hours long, and remember, sometimes I was standing up in the same pose the entire time with just two ten-minute breaks. Teachers made it clear that if I couldn’t hold a pose for the entire 50 minutes, all I had to do was call out to the teacher that I needed a break. They’d come with masking tape to mark the position my feet were in

so that I’d have a better chance of striking up the identical pose when I returned. My favorite poses were the ones where I was laying down.

4. Do you think you would have been a nude model if you still had your eye sight? No way.

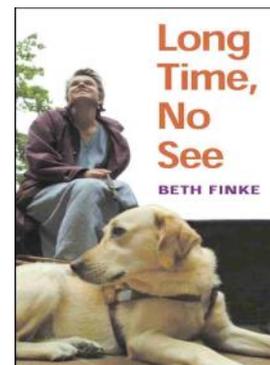
5. Or did the fact you were blind enter into your decision to model at all? Yes. The ADA had been passed, but I was still out of work and pretty bummed out about it. I’d applied for jobs but by then employers had already figured out ways to avoid hiring me without mentioning anything about blindness, they knew how to avoid being sued. On Sunday evenings my husband Mike would read the want ads out loud to me. When he came to the one about needing nude models, he read it out loud as a sort of joke. I memorized the phone number without telling him and called for an audition.

6. Did you enjoy doing it or did it bother you? It was okay. A thing I didn’t like about it was that I got achy sometimes, standing in one position. The good part was feeling like I was still part of the visual arts. Another thing: staying still so long gave me lots of time to think about my writing, how to reformulate a lead, how to get across a certain idea. In fact, I used that quiet time to put together my very first published essay. I composed it in my head and then typed it into my talking computer the minute I got home. [Nude Modeling: Goin’ In Blind](#) was picked up by “Alternet” and published in alternative newspapers all over the country.

7. Do you still model? I quit modeling in 2003, after my memoir *Long Time, No See* was published and we moved from Urbana, Illinois to Chicago. In a convoluted way, the success of that essay I’d written about nude modeling led to the publication of my memoir, my appearance on Oprah, my job leading memoir-writing classes here in Chicago, my recorded essays on NPR, and this blog. So hey, I’m glad I gave it a try.



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



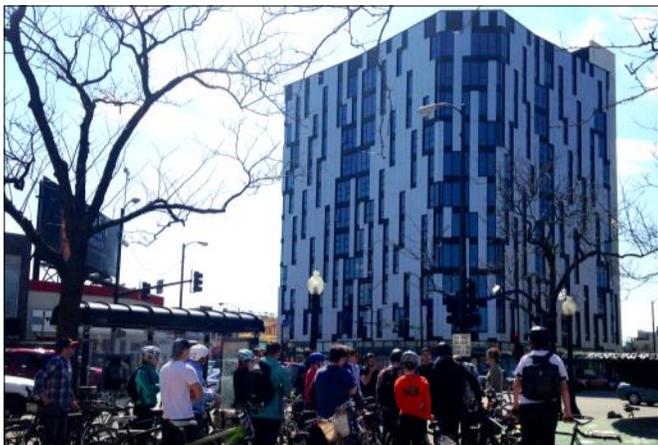
Checkerboard City: Dense Thinking

By John Greenfield

Believe it or not, back in the early nineties, ex-mayor Richard M. Daley was planning to tear out an entire branch of the El system. "The Lake Street branch of what's now the Green Line had terrible slow zones and you could almost walk to Oak Park faster," recalls Jacky Grimshaw, the Center for Neighborhood Technology's vice president for policy. "The mayor and the CTA president wanted to take it down."

Grimshaw says this moment of crisis was the birth of Chicago's transit-oriented development (TOD) movement, a push to create dense, parking-light housing and retail near rapid-transit stations in order to reduce car dependency. CNT and the West Side community organization Bethel New Life teamed up to present the CTA with a plan for TOD near the Lake/Pulaski stop, but it fell on deaf ears.

However, after Grimshaw penned a "woodsman spare this tree" op-ed for the Tribune, Daley apparently took notice. Soon afterwards, she says, the CTA managed to find \$364 million in funding from leftover projects to pay for rehabbing the Lake Street branch.



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Chicago's TOD movement has picked up steam over the past couple years. In 2013, City Council passed its first TOD ordinance, sponsored by First Ward alderman Proco Joe Moreno. The city's zoning code generally mandates a one-to-one ratio of parking spots to housing units in new or rehabbed buildings. However, the 2013 law cuts that requirement in half for parcels within 600 feet of a rapid-transit stop, 1,200 feet on a designated Pedestrian Street, and allows higher density within these districts.

The legislation spurred a wave of development in Moreno's ward and other Northwest and North Side neighborhoods. The most visible of the new TOD towers is the 1611 West Division building in Wicker Park, which looks like a giant silver ice cube, with ninety-nine units but zero parking for residents. Other projects are currently under construction by the O'Hare Branch's California station and the Brown Line's Paulina stop, and several more TOD developments are in the planning stages. - See more at: http://newcity.com/2015/08/11/checkerboard-city-dense-thinking/?utm_source=Newcity+Chiletter&utm_campaign=3413a782b2-3a782b2-306512713#sthash.YxCM6Jz.dpuf

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Loopy Yarns

August 19, 2015

It is with mixed emotions that I write this email. Things are changing at Loopy Yarns! I have sold Loopy Yarns to Barbara Flom of Yarnify. While I'm going to miss my daily interactions with all of our wonderful customers, I am ready to begin a new chapter of my life with more free time and less stress. Don't worry, I will frequently attend Sunday in the City, Knit Rx (Monday nights) and Knit Club (Friday nights). Meg, Krista and Wendy will still be working at Yarnify and, for the immediate future, open hours will remain the same. All of your enrollments in clubs/classes and store credits are still available to you as the register will not change. I'm excited about the new ideas Barbara has to improve your Yarny experience.

Tomorrow (Thursday) is my last day, please stop by to help me celebrate this exiting transition. I've enjoyed all the new friends I've met at Loopy and plan on continuing these friendships as this new chapter unfolds.

You will be receiving an email from Barbara telling you a little about herself and some of her plans.

Only this week, as part of this change, the store will be closed on Friday, so there will be no Knit Club.



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SOLUTIONS to avoid a budget crisis in CPS



We need a multi-pronged approach to solving the deficit at CPS.

CPS has made some poor spending decisions over the past few years, but we can't undo those. The city and state *can* move forward to make sure that our schools do not receive further drastic cuts. The future of Chicago depends on a healthy, resourced public school system. We need all stakeholders to work together to make sure schools open on time and without cuts.

There are multiple ways the city and state could raise revenue and decrease costs.

Cut Costs

Potential cuts to Central Office: \$60M+
FACE, Incubation, Accountability, Network Offices: cut in half = \$46M

Human Capital Office: \$30M budgeted for 112 positions FY14, ended with 51 positions in FY13.
Corporate Accounting- Up \$29M from FY2014.

Cut contract spending: up to \$177M

More than \$1.1 billion budgeted for contracts in FY15. \$320M for professional and technical services or contractual services.

At least \$177 million of contracts approved in FY14 should be re-examined, including payments to the Chicago Police for \$39M and \$15M in cloud contracts flagged by the Sun-Times in Nov. 2014.

In FY2015, CPS spent more than \$25M on contracts with ed tech and standardized testing companies. Contract details are [at our website](#)

*Also, review Aramark contract- not included in these numbers.

Cost-saving CTU contract items

- Increase teachers' daily prep and prof. development time, e.g., AM prep
- Reduce standardized testing and teacher paperwork (most is testing related)
- Moratorium on charter expansion

For more info go to www.ilraiseyourhand.org

Raise Revenue

End Double pension payment

Chicago taxpayers are paying into two pension systems while the rest of the state is not paying into Chicago pensions. Estimated between \$200-\$300 million.

Chicago's share would go up if we weren't double paying.

State income tax

Currently IL has flat tax of 3.75% (down from 5%). Every ¼% increase yields a billion dollars in revenue. A progressive income tax would tax earners in a fair way based on ability to pay and raise more revenue.

Sales tax on services

Could yield \$300M for city. Indirect benefit to CPS.

More options: [Voices for IL Children report](#) bit.ly/chooserev

TIF surplus return: \$200M to CPS

The city brought in \$422 million last year in new TIF increment. Last year there was \$1.7B in TIF accounts. New accounting will be done in July. 53% of TIF surplus goes back to CPS. The City should declare a surplus of at least \$400 million in TIF which would yield over \$200 million for CPS. This would still leave a lot of money in the TIF jar to cover expenses.

If there are questions about the status of monies in TIF accounts, the city should provide a full, transparent review of TIF projects, including contracts for committed projects and TIF district status. TIF districts that do not meet "but for the TIF definition" should be shut down.

Moderate property tax increase: \$100M

Currently, Chicago has a lower property tax rate than the rest of the state. As a last resort for revenue increase, CPS's property tax rate could increase by 4.4% to yield \$100M. This would need approval from the state legislature.

State

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

Meets need of rapidly growing neighborhood.

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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Composting Made Easy!

Have you been thinking about composting but just can't swing it where you live? Good news! Now there is way to keep your food scraps out of the landfill without undertaking your own composting operation! Jon Scheffel has launched his Healthy Soil Compost service, which offers customers two ways to return food to soil for a small fee.

- 1) Bring your food scraps to the South Loop Farmers Market every Thursday 4-8p. (Until October 8).
- 2) Sign up for year-round at-home pick-up service

Drop-off Fee Info: Starter kits of \$7 with 2-gal or 5-gal containers (or use your own container); Drop-off prices per volume of material: 2-gal = \$4 and 5-gal=\$7. Anything less, please make a donation to the service.

Interested? Please remember some composting basics.

YES - raw/cooked veggies, fruits, and mushrooms, dry cereal, bread, rice, grains, shredded paper, natural fibers, pet hair, coffee ground and filters, loose leaf tea and filters, eggshells, pesticide free yard waste or plant trimmings

NO- Dairy products, eggs, grease, oil, fats, peanut butters, fish, meat, pet droppings.

To read about our spring Composting Workshop, visit our website: [Event Recap](#)

Alex Panowko epitomizes integrity, energy hard work and creative service in every detail of your real estate transaction. Alex grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and started his real estate career by joining a major developer performing brokerage banking services throughout the country. Since 1998 Alex has been residing in Chicago, and has spent several years in the banking sector with a focus on the residential and commercial markets.



Alex uses his experience and foresight to proactively address details before they become a problem. Initiating communication in every level of the transaction is his major priority in order to insure efficient and complete service for you.

In his spare time Alex enjoys travel, reading, films, learning foreign languages and physical fitness.

Please feel free to contact Alex anytime without obligation at 773-628-3536

Farmers Markets in the South Loop

Why not go for healthy, locally-grown, fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables? When you shop at farmers markets you support local family farms and businesses, and it is a great way to connect with your neighbors!

The South Loop has two farmers market options:

1: [South Loop Farmers Market](#), 4-8pm, Thursdays until October 8. The South Loop Farmers Market is located at 1936 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60616 (2nd Presbyterian Church)

2: [Printers Row Farmers Market](#), 7am-1pm, Saturdays until October 24

Printers Row Farmers Market is located at approximately 700 S. Dearborn St., Chicago IL 60605. (Fountain Square Park)

Looking for places to get food from local farms and businesses on other days? in other neighborhoods? Check out the [City's Farmers Market schedule](#).

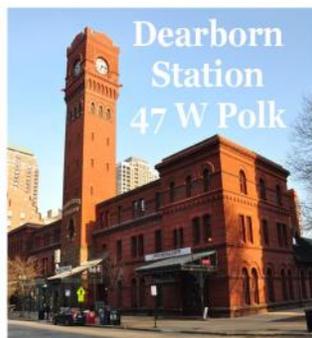


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Student Housing in the Sloop: A Safe Real Estate Bet?

Tuesday, August 18, 2015



We know real estate is hot all over the city, but [Curbed Chicago](#) looks at a student housing trend in the Sloop:

However, it was a little surprising that just this month, two Columbia College-affiliated student housing properties have been bought and sold to investors. First, Crain's reported that the student apartment tower at 777 South State is [being purchased for \\$85 million](#). Five days later, Crain's reveals that the Dwight Lofts facility, only a few blocks away, [is being purchased for \\$105 million](#). The two purchases don't seem to be related, although both properties are privately owned come with multi-year contracts for Columbia to lease all-or-most of the units. Crain's describes both as safe investments due to the contractual lock-in with Columbia, but it's not hard to wonder if there could be something bigger going on.

Regardless of the residential market, it seems like student housing has remained pretty constant in the Sloop. We're fans of the students. We know some aren't.

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



Yesterday there was an article on [Curbed Chicago](#) highlighting that a developer has received the green light to move forward with condos at 837 S. Wells. While they said it was CMK, we're pretty sure it isn't (see [old post from Jan 2015](#)) and judging by the comment section on the Curbed post most also don't think CMK is developing this lot. They own/are developing the lots [across the street on Wells](#).

Regardless, it does look like the developer of this property (on the east side of Wells) did get their permits recently (via [Chicago Cityscape](#)):

New 4 story residential building of type iii-b construction. ground floor commercial space with 42 residential units and 42 parking spaces at the ground floor. building is fully sprinkled. 837 S. Wells St

While some might complain about losing a parking lot (most likely people who have cars and use this lot) it is probably a good development as it will bring additional density to a rapidly changing street in the Sloop.

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Saturday, September 12

Yard Sale

Dearborn
Park

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

It's that time again, clean out the old (make room for the new?)



Dearborn Park is at 9th and Plymouth

There is no charge for sellers who are members of SLN. We ask nonmember sellers for \$20 to offset the costs of permits and insurance.

Bring your own tables, blankets, or anything else you need to display your wares.

Contact sandi@southloopneighbors.org



Thursday, September 10 7pm

South Loop Neighbors Members Meeting

Grace Place

637 S. Dearborn

New real estate developments are coming our way. See a presentation on an apartment project proposed for 776 S. Dearborn. Also three new restaurants are going to 1132 S. Wabash. We hope that Korean restaurant Nara, Mediterranean Sociale Restaurant and coffee shop Cafe Press will join us. Join us to be in the know!

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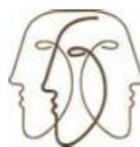
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South Loop Referral Group

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

Next
Meeting Fri
Aug 21 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.

The group also serves as a rainmaker, encouraging local business development and supporting a thriving professional community in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood through motivation, communication, and education.



Summer Dance

Friday, August 21, 2015 (6-9pm)

Salonathon: Smooth Moves with Jyldo

Jyldo leads a series of easy-to-follow smooth moves and soft grooves for all ages - featuring line dances, bodyrolls and her signature Slow Jammercize. DJ Danny LeRoy provides a creamy soundtrack of soft rock, smooth jamz, hip-hop and R&B classics.

www.facebook.com / salonathon.tumblr.com / twitter.com

Saturday, August 22, 2015 (6-9pm)

DJ Derrick Carter *

www.derrickcarter.com / soundcloud.com / www.facebook.com / myspace.com / twitter.com

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Steve Cooper Orchestra (Ballroom)

www.nbea.com/SCO.htm

Fred Astaire Dance Studio (Rumba, Bolero)

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Friday, August 28, 2015 (6-9pm)

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Saturday, August 29, 2015

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Music & Dancing 5—7pm

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Irma Suárez Ruíz of Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater (Flamenco Rumba)

www.ensembleespanol.org / www.facebook.com / twitter.com

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Teddy Lee Orchestra (Ballroom)

www.teddyleeorchestra.com / www.facebook.com

Tommye Giacchino (Waltz and Fox-Trot)

windycitywedding-dance.com / www.facebook.com / twitter.com

Friday, September 4, 2015

Lake Shore Syncopators (Prohibition Jazz)
soundcloud.com

Margot Toppen and Riley Wimes, Jr. (Jitterbug)

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Saturday, September 5, 2015

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Fall Term begins August 31, 2015

Now Enrolling for Fall Term Classes at Sherwood!



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In addition to our variety of music, dance and theatre classes for all ages, we're excited to launch our new visual arts programs for ages 2-5, and several new classes for kids ages 4-8! We invite you to take a minute to check out all of our new classes [on our website](#).

Are you looking to try out a new kids group class, or know someone who is? Well, you're in luck! You're invited to join us for [Columbia Kids Day](#) this Friday, August 7th. We'll be opening up the doors to some of our kids group classes, and we would love to see you! View the complete schedule of events [here](#).

[Register early](#) to ensure a spot in your favorite class today! Learn more about our classes and see our full class schedule at colum.edu/sherwood.

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The Tutoring Program at Second Presbyterian Church will begin with an Open House on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. Free tutoring, help with homework and preparation for exams is offered each Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. by women from the Junior League of Chicago and other volunteers from Old St. Mary's Church, Trinity Episcopal Church and the South Loop neighborhood. Parents and children (grades 3-8) are welcome to the Open House to meet the tutors and hear about the program. All are welcome. For more information, please call the church office (312) 225-4951. Registration forms can be found at

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Newer Murals on the Wabash Arts Corridor

Ben Eine wall behind Super Dorm on Wabash top

The mural on the right is a mystery right now. I don't recall seeing it before. At Wabash and Balbo.



Hebru Brantley across from Trader Joes above
Never 2501 at the Buckingham, Wabash & Van
Buren, lower right

WAC (Wabash Arts Corridor) is a collaboration
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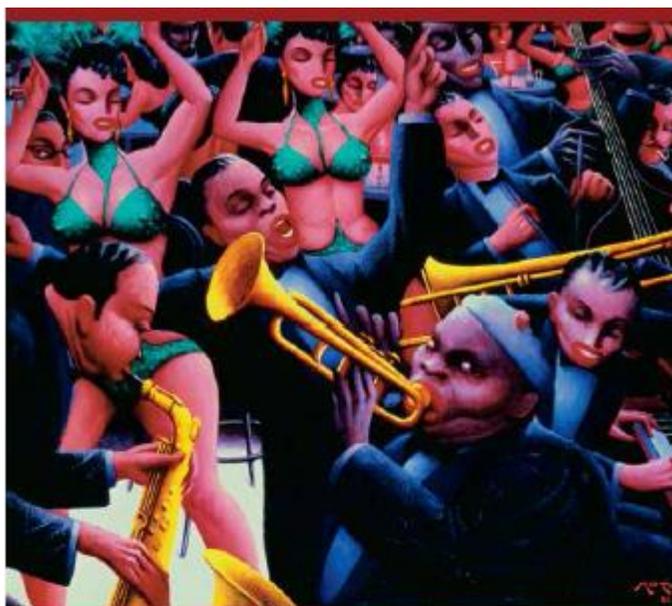
Venue: PianoForte Studios,
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Date: Wednesday, 02 Sep 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

[More Detail](#)

FREE



Archibald Motley: Jazz Age Modernist

March 7 – August 31, 2015

Chicago Cultural Center

78 E. Washington Street

The FREE exhibition **Archibald Motley: Jazz Age Modernist** celebrates twentieth-century American artist Archibald J. Motley, Jr. (1891-1981) and reveals his continued impact on art history. While considered a major contributor to the Harlem Renaissance, Motley never lived in New York but rather played that role from Chicago – his home for most of his life. This full-scale survey of remarkable paintings chronicles the African-American experience, including life in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, and gives a radical interpretation of urban culture of the Jazz Age 1920s and 1930s.



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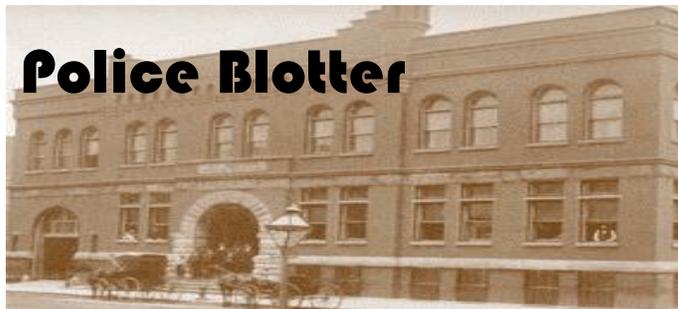
The Art Institutes

Next CAPS Meeting Sept 9, 2015
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Beat 123 for
Printers Row and Dearborn Park



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TUES, AUG 4 at 9:36 am
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THURS, AUG 6 at 5:10 pm
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SAT, AUG 8 at 2:30 am
1100 S State
Armed Robbery with knife on sidewalk

SAT, AUG 8 at 9:53 pm
600 S Clark
Aggravated Robbery on street

SAT, AUG 8 at 4:00 pm
Roosevelt and State
Pocket picked on train

WED, AUG 12 at 4:10 pm
Roosevelt and State
Pocket picked on train

801 Garage see story right column

This is a screenshot of the suspect from one of our CCTV cameras

Description:

Male, medium built, black, wearing a dark baseball cap, light color shirt, dark pants, and carrying a backpack.



All meetings will be held at:
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On Monday, 8/17/15, around 10:25 am, an unknown individual entered the **garage at 801 S. Plymouth Court** through the South vehicle door, following a car that was pulling in, and took the garage elevator to the lobby, where he broke into the door-man podium. He left a few minute later via Plaza Deck. One of our residents sent us a picture of the suspect taken in the garage at 41 E. 8th Street, last week, from where he stole a bike and other stuff.

From 801 South Plymouth Court Management

From emails we received and The Chicago Tribune article - appears there was a shooting at 3:13am outside 2101 S Michigan Avenue, near the corner of Michigan Avenue & Cullerton. The apartment building on that corner is Long Grove Apartments (run by Habitat Company) Saturday, Aug 15, 2015

"Around 3:13 a.m. Saturday, a 25-year-old man was wounded in a shooting in the Prairie District on the Near South Side, Gaines said. The man was sitting in a vehicle in the 100 block of East Cullerton Street when someone in a vehicle pulled up to him and fired shots, striking him in the buttocks, Gaines said. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in good condition, Gaines said."

"SOUTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" group sponsored by the PRAIRIE DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (www.pdnachicago.com). This system serves as a direct community alert sharing tool for residents in the community to quickly share crime and safety alerts with other local residents and businesses.

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When you meet with a Agent to list your property: These are some of the things you may want to be aware of before meeting with a listing agent.

1. Find out how many transactions he/she has completed (important) within the year. It doesn't matter if the agent is new or to the business as long as they have completed transactions under their belt.

2. Think about the answer to the question: Why should we choose you to sell our home? Do you want to know their expertise in the area, how much marketing and what the flyers will look like, their availability to be there to do showings, open houses etc.

3. Ask your agent to give you a performance guarantee that on the list of things the agent has agreed to do that the commission will be reduced 200 or so dollars if they fail to do them.

4. Think about how long the agent wants to have to market the home and if you have the same time period. You may want to put in 30 days check and review periods to either lower price, change strategies or even give notice to cancel if things are not moving along.

5. Ask the agent to give you their selling speech and see if you would move forward. Did they know the answers to the questions you would ask and did they make you feel confident that the price was fair and researched. Was it a soft close or a hard hit. Put yourself in the place of the buyer and see if you would feel comfortable. Most likely that the agent for you.

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650 sq ft

\$1350 per mo.

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Building

22x140; 2640 Sq Ft

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