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PARK WARS !

At the South Loop Neighbors informational meeting on May 23, 2013, there was a heavy weight fight and the top billing event was the Roosevelt Collection Park. The present developer, Dan McCaffery for Roosevelt Collection was there as was his architect and his attorney.



The original Proposed Development (PD) included a park that was just under 3 acres for the community. It was voted on by the City Council and made into

law. However, as of May 15, the Chicago Plan Commission voted to approve the school at this location. The ball is now in the Zoning Board's court and Ald. Solis to see if they agree to amend the PD to allow for a school to be built with a green, park-like roof with an adjacent athletic field. This roof top park and athletic field will be available to community residents when the school is not using these facilities. The opponents to this plan feel that there was a promise made that was built into the PD and voted on and should be honored by the developer. The school is not the issue because the school could be built elsewhere. The audience had a number of British School parents attending. A number of those in the audience voiced the opinion that this proposal as presented by the developer was better than having a muddy field with no immediate prospect of having it developed into a park. Others felt that this was a betrayal of the original promise and questioned whether this private park will resemble what was originally proposed and will it serve the community like what was envisioned in the original rendering.

Old Colony Rehab

Other topics of interest. The Old Colony Building is being rehabbed and developed into a residential rental building. The building is already zoned for residential, however, they wish to increase the number of units to 204. The building was built in 1896, is a historic building and was the tallest building in Chicago when it was built. It will have retail on the ground floor on three sides, the main entrance on Plymouth Ct. It will include a roof top deck. The windows are original as are the interior doors with transoms. They plan on around 135 one bedroom units, 32 studio apartments, and 33 or 34 two bedrooms. They anticipate starting in the first quarter of 2014. Their target market is the young urban professional with an average target rent of \$1750 month.



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COMING AT THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

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

South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

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

Www. Southloopneighbors.org

FASHION IN THE STREET is coming to The South Loop! www.fitschicago.com

South Loop Neighbors is proud to host the 2nd annual FASHION IN THE STREET! This event has captured the attention and imagination of thousands, as Chicago's top designers and boutiques will be given a platform to showcase their fashion and talents on a whole new level for the general public! The 2-day event will include live bands & DJ performances, high-end catering and beverage options, boutique street shopping, lux after parties, and of course the explosive Fashion Shows down a 100ft. runway with an awe inspiring

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OPINION

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MMM

Last night was week 3 for the South Loop version of Meatless Mondays in May. Not that it's strictly a South Loop event. It's [done worldwide](#). But thanks to South Loop green maven, neighborhood stalwart and all round getter-of-things done [Gail Merritt](#), who heads the [Alliance for a Greener South Loop](#), MMM is a big deal in the 'hood. In fact, we in the South Loop are in [our second year of MMM](#).

On the first Monday this May I enjoyed a [portabella mushroom](#) sandwich at [Epic Burger](#) on the 500 block of South State--which is known for great burgers and fries; they offered a 20 percent discount to MMM-lovers if they chose the mushroom. Last Monday I joined a few South Loopers--including Gail and her husband Paul Brayman--at [Tapas Valencia](#) on the 1500 block of South State for several rounds of meat-free Tapas. And Spanish wine. All was good. We had everything from eggplant to goat cheese.

Last night, Bruce and I dined at a hightop table for two outside at [Brasserie by LM](#). The warmth of the night felt good--and the view of the 800 block of South Michigan and Grant Park was fun to gaze at. Gail and Paul were a couple of tables away, also enjoying the night air and the two specials LM made up for MMM participants. We had watercress salad, carrot soup, veggie quiche, creme brûlée and rice pudding. Paul, I noticed, had a vegetable gratinee instead of the quiche, which looked very good. But for some, we heard it may have been a tad salty.

Bruce wondered at one point during our dinner last night, when taking account of Gail's cucumber splash martini, that maybe meat production isn't the only thing we should all be worrying about in terms of energy consumption and carbon foot-prints and such. "I wonder how much energy it takes to produce gin," he said.



Bonnie McGrath

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



LETTER TO THE EDITOR RE. FASHION IN THE STREETS

These events [LitFest and the fashion shows] are lovely for visitors to the neighborhood and those S-Loopers who don't live on S Dearborn, and we've been pleased to see that Lit-Fest organizers do their best to minimize noise and other problems for those of us who live on Dearborn between Polk and Harrison. Fashion in the Street has a website and its proposal for the two day event presents an entirely different picture: music (and noise) until 10 pm and then an afterparty with more of the same. Doesn't a regulation exist that would prohibit that sort of carrying-on after 10 pm? The SLN is a fine organization but they don't represent everyone living here. (Name withheld upon request)

JONES CTE PROGRAM IS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS

In the CTE Program, 75 places are held for local kids of which 37 are for law and 37 are for engineering. CTE stands for "Career & Technical Education. It is made up of approximately 40 different programs of study. Since the South Loop paid for the school, we have the opportunity to let our kids go to Jones but only through CTE if they did not make it in the regular way. If you are accepted into a CTE program, it is a four year commitment. The selection process is over for the school year 2013 – 2014. Apparently, there were not enough neighborhood kids or all did not qualify for the CTE program creating available spaces for kids not from the neighborhood. At any rate, the applying student would have to evaluate whether they would really want to commit to four years of law or four years of engineering.

Other news from Jones. The new building construction is on schedule for the Fall opening. And, according to the Washington Post, Jones ranked #168 in the country and #2 in the city of Chicago.

Proposal for the "Dog Chip" Park

Proposal was reviewed for a new building at 776 S. Dearborn, the "dog chip" park on Dearborn and Polk across from the Dearborn Station. The main problem the owner, Chris Talsma, who is also the architect, has with the city is determining how it is zoned. The purpose of the presentation was to alert us of his intentions. He and his wife live in the Printers Row area about twelve years ago. (from South Loop Neighbors)

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June 8th and 9th

The Printers Row Lit Fest was founded in 1985 by the Near South Planning Board to attract visitors to the Printers Row neighborhood (once the city's bookmaking hub).

By 2002, it had grown to five city blocks (on Dearborn, from Congress to Polk), attracting more than 200 booksellers from across the country displaying new, used and antiquarian books and featuring more than 200 authors participating in panels, discussions and a variety of other programs.

As part of its ongoing commitment to the written word and its support of literacy and literary endeavor, the Chicago Tribune purchased the Printers Row Book Fair in 2002 from the Near South Planning Board. Recently renamed to be the Printer's Row Lit Fest, it is considered the largest free outdoor literary event in the Midwest-drawing more than 125,000 book lovers to the two-day showcase. <http://graphics.chicagotribune.com/litfest/>

New at Sherwood Community Music School

Robert Tenges, Director of Sherwood, the community Music School, Columbia College Chicago, presented to the South Loop Neighbors an overview of changes going on at Sherwood. Sherwood will be a fully functioning performing arts center rather than the former emphasis on Classical music. They will provide dance for adults, theater classes for adults and children as well as guitar, violin, voice, improve and dance. Their new catalog will be available in the Fall. [i](#)

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BRASSERIE by LM... YUM

If you haven't had a chance to visit this local eatery, put it on your list! The food is delicious, well priced, the staff are terrific, the hours are incredible (I guess that goes with being attached to a hotel) and the atmosphere is quaint (especially for such a large space)!

The menu is true French, and not overwhelming, so even though you will have plenty to choose

from, it won't take a half hour to order. They also happen to be a Business Partner of South Loop Neighbors, so if you are a member and show your card, you'll receive a 10% discount.



I had the pleasure of meeting Nicole (one of the owners) the first time I went, and she shared a bit about their history and other locations. It's wonderful to have another place to go and dine in the neighborhood, and especially one that caters to us early risers when you're looking for breakfast at 6 am. Check it out, you won't be disappointed!

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See more comments about the Brasserie in Bonnie McGrath's column on page 4.



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ST. JOSAPHAT BASILICA, MILWAUKEE

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What do these two buildings have in common?

Answer: carved stone, bricks, wooden doors, ornamental bronze railings, light fixtures, door knobs and more –

On Wednesday, May 8th, 2013, Susan Rabe, President and CEO of St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation, spoke at the Lunchtime Lecture for the Chicago Architecture Foundation. What we learned that day was an amazing story of grit and determination, and creativity to build a Catholic Church for a Polish community in Milwaukee, and how Chicago played a major roll.

The year was 1896. Polish immigrants were pouring into the southside of Milwaukee. The neighborhood swelled. Parishioners numbered more than 12,000. Rev. Wilhelm Grutza had a vision – build a grand church, one the community would be proud of, would honor the Polish heritage and be a destination by people from around the world. The original plans of architect Erhard Brielmaier was a building made of brick and terra cotta trim. But that was not to be. Rev. Grutza learned the U. S. Post Office and Custom House located in Chicago at Dearborn and Jackson was slated for demolition. To save the poor parishioners \$30,000 of material costs, **the entire building - carved stone, wooden doors, ornamental bronze railings, light fixtures, door knobs and more – were purchased. It was dismantled and loaded on 500 railcars. The granite pillars were salvaged from the courthouse. (A**



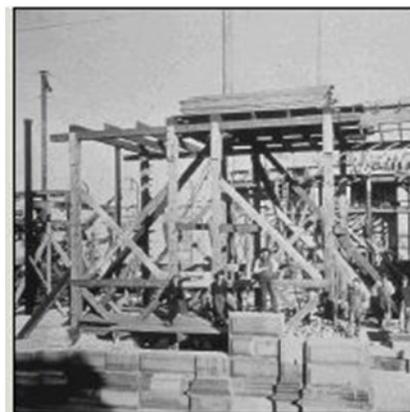
“green” project of seismic proportions.)

New materials meant a new design. Brielmaier had to work backwards, he crafted a new plan. And so the parish began the task of construction. Mostly unskilled, parish labor constructed this monument. Women of the parish carried the dirt away in their aprons while the men carefully followed Brielmaier's redone plans. Amazingly, after five years of work, the church was completed in 1901. Rising more than 220 feet above Lincoln Avenue, it is one of the most imposing domed structures in the

world – larger than the Taj Mahal. When the church was dedicated in 1901, only the United States Capitol boasted a larger steel dome.

At the time of its elevation to a basilica by Pope Pius XI in 1929, it was North America's third basilica. And Wisconsin's first – an honor reserved for the grandest, most beautiful and most historically significant structures.

Since its completion more than a century ago, the Basilica endured many misfortunes. A fire in the lower church damaged the magnificent canvas paintings in the Basilica as well as floods. In 1988, a storm damaged a portion of the copper domed roof. After a repair attempt, it was soon clear that the Basilica needed immediate repair and restoration. In 1990, aware of the impending threat to the Basilica, a group of community leaders began to take action. The St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation was organized and accepted responsibility for restoration of the Basilica.



Information provided by Susan Rabe and the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation.
www.thebasilicafoundation.org



Photos in body from St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation



The Long, Hot Summer of Transportation Trust me, my friends, this is the year sustainable transportation blows up in Chicago. Say what you want about Rahm Emanuel's record on

education, crime and privatization. But since he took office in early 2011, joined by forward-thinking Transportation Commissioner Gabe Klein and shrewd CTA President Forrest Claypool, the city has embarked on a number of bold projects to encourage walking, biking and transit use. I promise the next three months are going to be a tipping point as we make the move from the car-centric status quo to becoming a healthier, more efficient and more vibrant city. Where to start? The elephant in the room is the south Red Line shutdown, or rehab, depending on whether you see

the glass as half empty or half full. Launched last Sunday, this \$425 million project has closed the entire line south of Roosevelt for an extreme makeover, featuring the elimination of slow zones through track replacement, plus station enhancements.

It's true the work is forcing South Siders to dramatically alter their commutes for the next five months, but the alternative to a complete closure would have been four more years of weekend work and \$75 million in additional costs. The CTA appears to have done a solid job of getting the word out about the overhaul, and is providing numerous alternatives, like free shuttle buses to and train rides from the Green Line's Garfield stop. In October customers will be rewarded for their patience with a twenty-minute-faster roundtrip from 95th Street to the Loop.



Bike rush hour on Milwaukee, torn up for repaving/Photo: John Greenfield

For the rest of the story go to:

<http://newcity.com/2013/05/21/the-long-hot-summer-of-transportation/>

NEWCITY

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Hello Families The South Loop Summer Camp will incorporate a new gardening component this year. We would like every student enrolled this summer to have the opportunity to learn more about the science of plants, weather and pollution, as well as where we get the food we eat. To make sure that every student can participate, we will need a few supplies. What We Need:



- wood for planter boxes
- five-gallon pails
- soil
- gardening tools
- possible off-campus sites for students to assist tending garden

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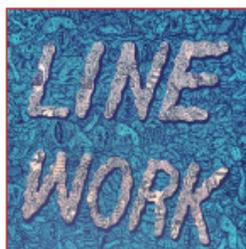
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Soprano **Hope Littwin** is a Chicago-based singer and composer. A recent graduate of the Chicago College of Performing Arts (CCPA) at Roosevelt University where she was a Pressler Music Scholar, double majoring in Classical Voice and Music Composition, Ms. Littwin continues to study voice with Julia Faulkner at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and composition with Kyong Mee Choi at the CCPA. She also serves as the Music Director of Chicago's Renegade Music Theater Company. Ms. Littwin previously studied Musical Theater at New World School of The Arts in Miami, Florida, and toured the US as a folk singer/songwriter.

Oboist **Jen Gardner** currently is a student of Peggy Michel at the CCPA. She has played with the CCPA Symphony Orchestras, CCPA Wind Ensembles, and in various chamber ensembles. In addition to performing with these ensembles, Ms. Gardner freelances and teaches the oboe and piano.



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Hope Littwin *soprano*
Jen Gardner *oboe*
Reshmi Hazra *stage director*

Stephanie Pielok *violin* | Sarah Blick *violin*
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Stage director **Reshmi Hazra** holds an MFA in Directing from DePaul University, as well as a BFA in Drama from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University.

She has worked primarily in new play development. Recent projects include CHOOSING TO BE HERE: A STORYTELLING FESTIVAL, with Side Project, BASTARDS in Reykjavik, Iceland, with Vesturport; THE PENTAEON .

France native, violinist **Stephanie Pielok** studied at the Conservatoire National de Region of Cergy-Pontoise with Franck Della Valle, concert master of the Ensemble Orchestral de Paris, until 2007 when she moved to Montreal to



study with Vladimir Landsman. In May 2010, Ms. Pielok graduated with a Bachelor's degree in violin performance,

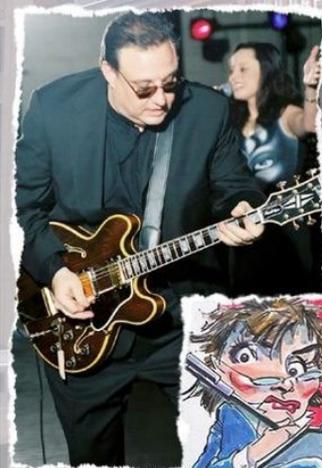
and moved to DePaul University to work on her Master's degree with Ilya Kaler. She is a Laureate of many national competitions and most recently won a scholarship from the Polish Arts Club in Chicago. Long an active chamber musician, she performed as such with the French Youth Orchestra and has participated in numerous chamber music classes, masterclasses, and festivals.

Ms. Pielok currently is enrolled in the DePaul chamber music program where she studies with violist Rami Solomonow, of the Chicago Chamber Musicians, and cellist Stephen Balderston. She also teaches in the DePaul University Community School of Chicago.



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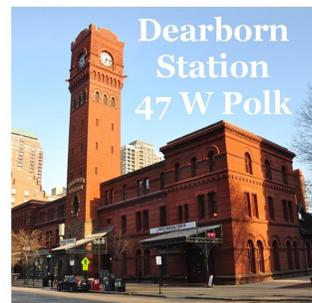
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