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Police Community Conversation

In compliance with the 2018 Federal mandated "Consent Decree" the Chicago Police Department has been holding community input meetings for the past several years.

For this year, this is the first in a series of community input meetings on district's strategic plans.

The Chicago Police Department will be seeking community input in order to draft your district's strategic plans surrounding crime enforcement and community engagement. Your participation is needed and appreciated.

Date and time

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6pm to 8pm

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The 2022 Strategic Plan/Community Conversations, a two part public meeting involving a wide variety of departments. First part will be held in October, and the second part in November. This is definitely the place to bring up any concerns you have so they can be considered for the 2022 plans. Notice will be going out via social media, the email list and also to building managers. This discussion shapes how things are prioritized. **See page 22.**



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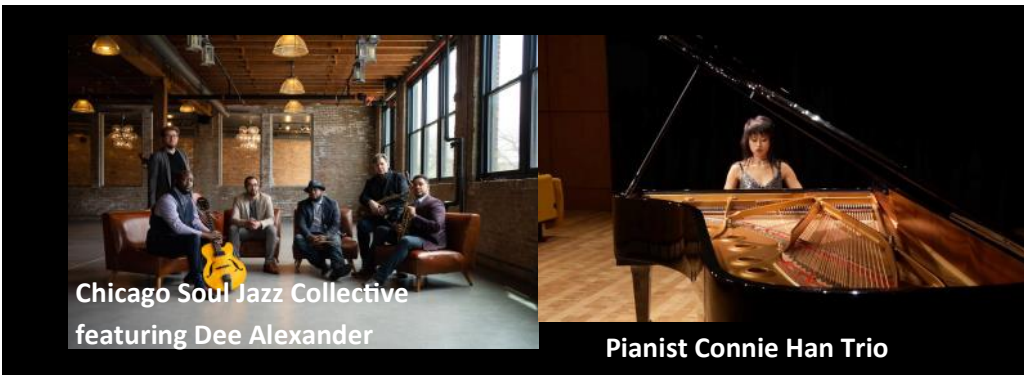
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- 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

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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) September 20, 2021

Social media? No substitute for the real thing.



A few days ago, three bottles of wine arrived from Oregon. We haven't sampled them yet—they deserve a special occasion, equal to the story of how we got them.

It all started at a White Sox game a few weeks ago ... no, that's not true. It all started at Hackney's, a local bar/restaurant that closed back in 2016. For years it was a social hub here in our Printers Row neighborhood, and to this day, we can trace many of our friendships back to that place.

One of those friendships was with Tom, a native of St. Louis who ran a hotel just a block away from our condo. Tom lived in the hotel, while his family remained in St. Louis. He visited home and his family visited him here, but in between, he frequented Hackney's, where he developed his Chicago family of friends.

Fast forward: Tom's work has since moved him to Milwaukee, back to St. Louis, and now, Savannah, Georgia. The hotel business isn't for the faint of heart.

He and his partners in crime here in Printers Row have stayed in loose touch over the years. We visited him at the St. Louis hotel he was running a few years back. That's when we met Tom's friend Willie. Tom and Willie are like brothers—they were schoolmates back in St. Louis. Willie is retired, having worked decades for Anheuser Busch.

Now to the White Sox game. Willie treated Tom and his Chicago friends to a Saturday night White Sox game a few weeks ago—I was lucky enough to be invited. Tom flew in from Savannah, Willie from his home in Kansas City, and we all met at [Half Sour](#)—our new Hackney's.

We were a motley crew of 60-somethings and we had a blast. At one point during the game, I thanked Willie for his generosity. "No, thank *you* for coming," he said. "This is my gift to Tom. I'm glad you could be here."

After the game, back at Half Sour (we sorta forgot we're 60-somethings) I got to talk to Willie for a good long while. Turns out that since I'd met him in St. Louis, he'd been diagnosed with throat cancer. The good news was, he said, "The doctor said it's one of the most treatable types of cancer." The bad news: The treatment was miserable. But he'd made it. And it was clear—to me, anyway—that he was deeply grateful and determined to make the most of his bonus time.



The crew, from left to right: Moi, Carlos, Tom, Clarence, Willie, and Pat. We had fun

I also learned that he'd recently started to learn a little about wine. And in so doing, he'd come across a highly rated wine from a small producer in Oregon called [Lujon Wine Cellars](#)—this was during lockdown times. When he called the producer to order a case, the guy on the other end of the call turned out to be the winemaker. Who also grows and crushes the grapes. And bottles the wine. And answers the phone. His name is John Derthick.

Willie, who seems not to know a stranger, struck up a conversation. After serving in the Navy, Derthick had gone to UC-Davis—renowned for its wine program. Willie also learned that Lujon was hurting. The business relied heavily on restaurant sales, and during the lockdown, well, you know the story.

Since then, Willie has taken on a hobby/crusade to help out Lujon. He connected Derthick with former co-workers in the beverage business. He's bought wine for himself and as gifts. And he talks up Lujon whenever he gets a chance.

And so, last week, we received a Fedex delivery that included a Chardonnay, a Pinot Noir, and a Cabernet Sauvignon. It also included a signed, personal message from Derthick—and a personal note from Willie.

We're waiting for just the right time to start on them.

We'll drink a toast to Willie and John. And to Tom. And to Pat and Carlos and Clarence, all partners in crime at the White Sox game.

Humans can be pretty great sometimes, you know?



Check out the Lujon site.

Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

Senior Class: RIP Melinda Mitchell

September 15th, 2021

<http://Bethfinke.com/blog>



Just got word that Melinda Mitchell, a long-time member of the “Me, Myself & I” memoir-writing class I used to lead at the Chicago Cultural Center, has died. Some of you long time Safe & Sound blog followers might remember Melinda — I wrote about her back in 2014 in a [post called Waking Up in a Strange Room](#).

Some sixty-plus years ago, the girl who was supposed to be Melinda’s roommate showed up with her mother to meet Melinda at their Kalamazoo College dorm. The girl’s mother took one look at Melinda, stormed off to school authorities and insisted her daughter “not room with a Negress.”

Melinda was moved to the dormitory’s unfinished attic but didn’t stay there for long. She eventually transferred schools, graduated from Howard University, and joined our class after retiring from a long career teaching high school Spanish in Chicago Public Schools.

Melinda had a style all her own, and we all learned so much from the engaging — and witty — stories she shared of growing up on Chicago’s South Side, her visits to Cuba as an adult, her experiences teaching in Chicago public schools, and the jazz music she loved so much.

To remember her today I am sharing the piece she read in class when I asked writers to write about rules they had to obey when they were kids. “You expect me to fit them all into a 500-word essay?” she laughed. The next week she returned with a series of nostalgic and thought-provoking lists rather than an essay. I’m sharing her lists with you here today in hopes they give you a glimpse of her creativity, her confidence...and her wit. This first list comes from early childhood:

- Don’t come into mama’s kitchen wearing bedclothes.
- Don’t eat with your fingers, or put your elbows on the table.
- Don’t walk around barefoot in the kitchen.
- Don’t talk with food in your mouth.
- Don’t interrupt when adults are talking.
- Don’t waste food.
- Don’t run in the house or run down the hall.
- Don’t holler out the front window to playmates on the porch below.
- Don’t play in the street and dodge cars.
- Don’t go into other kid’s homes without permission.

“Things were changing as I was growing up,” she said, continuing the list with rules from her teen years:

- Don’t watch TV after 8 pm.
- Don’t leave your room messy.
- Don’t stay in the bathroom primping all day.
- Don’t stay on the phone yakking and yakking with girlfriends.
- Don’t talk back, complain, or whine.
- Don’t make noise after bedtime bumping and thumping around the place.
- Don’t sleep late.
- Don’t let your friends turn the lights out when you have your parties in the living room.
- Don’t go out, or anywhere, if you’re not properly dressed.

Melinda had a knack for switching her writing from first-person to second-person without missing a beat, and this list of hers was no exception. After reading that last high school restriction, she addressed her readers directly with, “May I offer the quaint guidelines adhered to by the grown women in the family during the 1950s?” and read on: **To go to the Loop on the #3 bus**

- Don’t go barelegged, or without a little girdle.
- Don’t wear shorts or pants.
- Do have lunch with the girls at “The Circle,” the only welcoming department store restaurant.
- Do wear your Easter hat.
- Do wear your white gloves.
- Do wear stockings.
- Do carry a purse with a handle and a hankie.
- Do bring a coin purse and enough dollars to pay.
- Do wear a dress with a belt, sleeves and buttons up to the neck.
- Do remember your manners.
- Do enjoy yourself, young lady.

When Melinda was finished reading, a fellow writer piped up. “I think I know the answer to this, but what did you mean when you said ‘the only welcoming’ department store?”

Melinda shrugged and said, “We were African American.” Others in class chimed in, naming the exact store and restaurant: Charles A. Stevens, one of the many now-defunct department stores along State Street in Chicago. And just like that, Melinda had the entire class reminiscing, sharing stories of everything from white gloves to girdles, giving accounts of visits to Stevens, and laughing. Melinda’s stories were like that. She will be missed.

Rest in peace, dear Melinda. We were so fortunate to know you.



Melinda Mitchell
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Darlene Schweitzer.)



5 years ago. Last Call September 12th , 2016 for Hackney's, a beloved restaurant on south Dearborn Street. It came back as "Hacks" a reimagined eatery where you walk up to the counter to order. It's goal, we assume, was to attract younger patrons. It closed after a couple of years.

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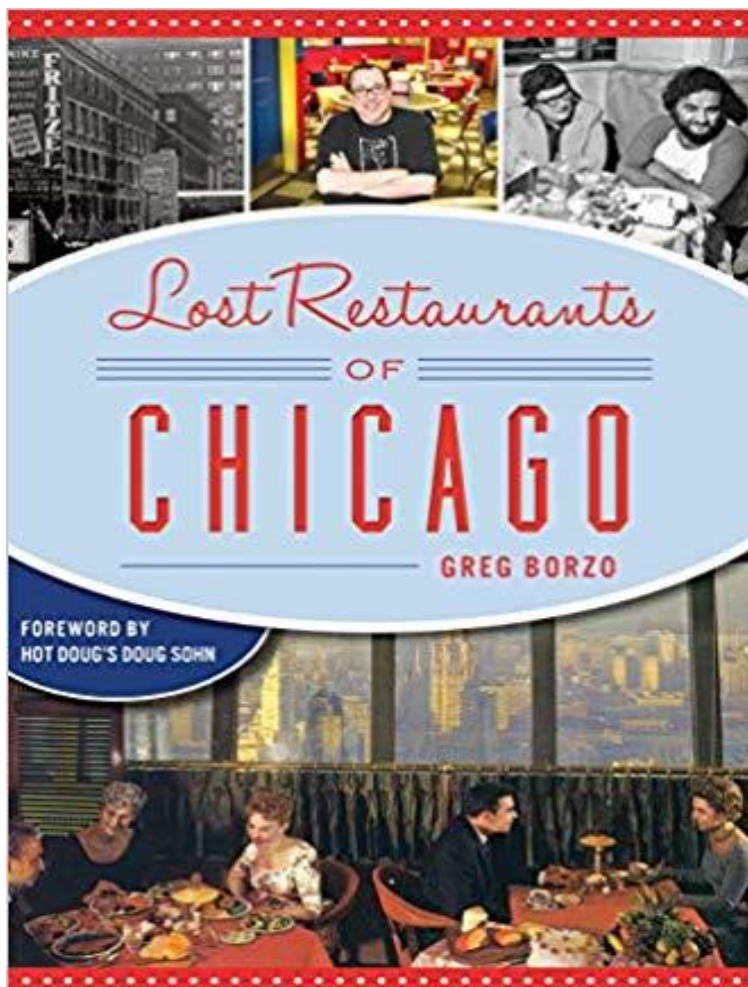
Three Girls from Bronzeville A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood by Dawn Turner (Simon and Schuster 2021).

Dawn Turner—twenty-year veteran of the *Chicago Tribune*, commentator, lecturer, and novelist—opened the Printers Row Lit Fest this year discussing her memoir, **Three Girls from Bronzeville**. If you missed it, read this book. She's not a poet, or a politician, or a patient recovering from illness or addiction or insanity. She's a top-notch journalist who can tell a story that makes us glad we subscribed. Dawn is one of the three girls we follow for several decades; the other two are her little sister, Kim, and her best friend, Debra. They lived at 35th and Rhodes, across from the shabby, then blighted, then demolished Ida B. Welles public housing units. Her home, the Lawless Community, had "working class" residents with "middle class aspirations." It was protected from the projects by modest landscaping and a gentle fence, and was nearly contiguous with the elegant Lake Meadows Apartments, designed for urban Black professionals. Turner tells us precious little about herself: she craved order, loved structure, worked hard, and made it big. We also know her best friend Debra complained that Dawn "sounded like Michelle Obama," and that her sister told her "I already have a mother." Turner confesses that she wished her mother, who'd worked and raised her kids alone, had "better control" of her family and that she hugged her father only once in her life. She loved her granny, adored

her auntie, and was lifelong friends with a boy who made her join him in applying to a special program for gifted kids at the University of Chicago because he was gay and didn't want to have to take PE at public school. The book is about race, as it makes clear what some already know and others are still learning: not being white means your chances, especially your *second chances*, are different—often worse. White neighborhoods don't have projects aside chic high-rises; Bronzeville families suffered inadequate health care and the crack epidemic. Turner writes and lived in that context: "Sometimes we avoid peril not because of any series of things we've done perfectly, but by a grace far bigger than our own steps and missteps." The grownups are interesting, but the real stars are Kim and Debra. Turner's sisterly devotion and newswoman's eye for detail and description affords them their due and keeps us glued to the page. Rather than judge them, or distinguish herself from the other two girls, Dawn reflects: "We are all nicked and chipped, bruised and battered....We learn to move forward."

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, September 30, 2021



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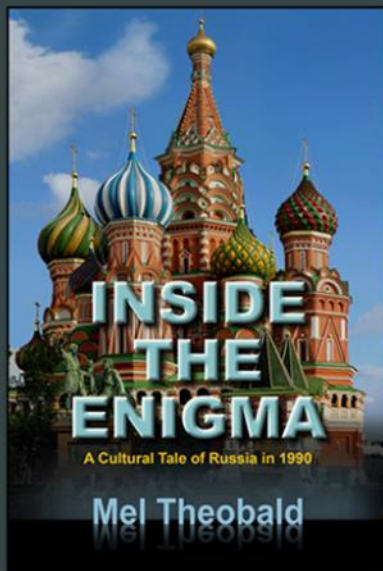


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Retired in Chicago

Are you supposed to love volunteering?

By **Marianne Goss**, September 20, 2021

I was telling someone about being disappointed that my latest volunteer gig has not turned out to be a “this is it” experience. I don’t dislike it, but I’d rather be doing something else.

She (let’s call her Carol) said that I have the mistaken impression that we’re supposed to enjoy volunteer work.

Her comment took me aback. All of the articles in the AARP magazine about people who love their volunteer roles, who feel they get back more than they give, must have brainwashed me into thinking that volunteering should be an enjoyable experience.

It’s nice if that happens, Carol said, but don’t expect it. She believes that fulfillment in volunteering comes not from the activity itself but from knowing that you’ve done good. Think of it like housework: you don’t like to do it, but you feel good about having a clean house.

A few years ago, I was hearing the opposite opinion from friends after I quit a volunteer role I didn’t like. Volunteering is not supposed to be self-sacrifice, they reassured me. You’re entitled to like it.

I thought so, too, but was disappointed in myself for disliking nearly everything I’d tried. That’s not entirely true; I have been a happy Chicago Greeter for 14 years, and I like writing this blog. But I believe that I should be doing something for underprivileged people, and I’ve not found a suitable activity that I like.

I don’t deserve all the blame for disliking what I’ve tried. A food pantry assigned me to stocking shelves alone. A mentoring organization said that I could work with students on their college application essays but then used me in the same coaching role as every other mentor. An immigrant support group had me remotely watch court hearings to support people who couldn’t see me — an activity whose usefulness escaped me.

“A lot of people go into a volunteer experience with the best of intentions. But they wind up disappointed by something that should be making them feel good,” writes Ronnie Ann on her website [Work to the Wise](#). Boredom, not using one’s particular skills, and not seeing how one’s time is making a difference are among the complaints on Ronnie Ann’s list of why people don’t like volunteer work. At least I know that I’m not unusual.

When I learned that the League of Women Voters of Chicago was looking for volunteer issue reporters, it seemed a good fit for a retired editor and journalist: Interesting subjects. Researching and writing at home on my own schedule. No deadlines.

But as time goes on, I find myself procrastinating about my current LWV project.

Maybe I’m not connecting my efforts with making a difference for the underprivileged. Or maybe I just don’t want to sit inside at a computer when it’s warm outside.

I’ll give it the winter and then reevaluate. I don’t want to search again for something else, however, so I may stick with it as long as I don’t dislike it. As Carol said, “don’t dislike it” is better than expecting to love it; it’s less likely to lead to disappointment.

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Mexican Independence Day Caravans

South Loop

While we encourage and support the celebration of culture and heritage, especially those that have been marginalized, this year and last year the South Loop, especially Printer's Row was taken over by many who abused and disrespected this annual celebration. Again, because the parade was cancelled there were unorganized caravans that wreaked havoc in communities that people call home.

Last year the City made the decision to close off Downtown to the caravan traffic. This decision Did Not take into consideration the impact it would have on the South Loop community. We sat down with the Mayor's Office, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC), and the Chicago Police Department to

share our objections to this course of action and consider the broader implications of these kinds of policy decisions, especially given the same impact on the South Loop after the social unrest and looting.

This year was better but still not without major disruption. Again, our office made a number of recommendations to the City, OEMC and of course our Commander which worked including shutting down Ida B Wells at 290 and Columbus. And not allowing access into the community from Lake Shore Drive. We were out for hours and could see firsthand, however, that caravans still had access on Harrison, Clark and State. The bottleneck at Harrison and State was exceptionally bad. This caused an awful "parking lot" on State. We again sat down with authorities to ensure those spots and others were not missed and managed better in the case of more caravans. The next night was more peaceful.

Next year the City must discourage caravans completely and have an organized celebration to highlight this occasion. We will work to this end.

Best,

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From the Editor

Brian Hiegelke
September 20,
2021



Over the years, I've met a handful of folks who, among many other talents, have a special generosity of spirit and collaborative vision to make them great connectors of people. As such, they catalyze cross-cultural ideas almost as a matter of course. One such person is Michelle Boone, the new president of the Poetry Foundation. In my [interview with her](#), I suggest that she is the heir in this way to the late Lois Weisberg, who was lionized as a legendary conduit of human relationships by Malcolm Gladwell in a New Yorker profile.

It is fitting, then, that I am writing this from the Usina de Arte in Pernambuco, Brazil, where the artist Denise Milan inaugurated her new permanent art installation, "Banquete da Terra," with a dramatic performance on Saturday in front of a select audience of gallerists, curators, artists and journalists. Denise asked the organizers to invite Jan and me, and we've made a great number of new friends in the Brazilian art world as a consequence.

Denise, based in São Paulo, has a special relationship with Chicago, which began with her 1998 sculpture, "America's Courtyard," which is located on the south side of Adler Planetarium. Weisberg commissioned the work, and Denise befriended her, and later did the same with Michelle Boone, under whose leadership the Cultural Center presented her solo exhibition, "[Mist of the Earth](#)," in 2012. Like Michelle and Lois, Denise brings together people and ideas, especially between Brazil and Chicago. Sometimes she even connects Chicagoans with Chicagoans, as it was through Denise that I first met my friend Greg Cameron, the executive director of the Joffrey Ballet. Now that's a great connector.

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The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** grew up in St. Louis, MO and came to Chicago to attend The University of Chicago and never left. She has been an educator for 52 years as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and educational coach.

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Sometimes you feel something in your gut. Learn to trust your instincts and avoid situations. What is it that makes you feel uncomfortable? You can activate your subconscious.

When you park, what should you look for? Anything unusual? Review your plan.

First line of defense is running away. Find a place to shelter like under a car or behind a solid locked door is best. If no lock, sit on the floor facing the door and put your feet on the door and lock your knees. Never allow someone to relocate you to another place.

Ways to get help. Whistle (not great)

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Yelling loudly is effective -“Help! I’m being attacked.”

Call 911, “Assault in progress. Must give specific location/entrances.

If in an elevator, hit many buttons so doors open frequently.

Self Defense usually not a good choice.

Stand hands on hips looking as large as possible.

If perpetrator is within 20 feet, turn sideways, small target, easier to run.

Verbal Yell loudly, “Back Off.”

Self Defense stance: Slam your foot on top of theirs, stomp on metatarsal. Very painful.

Self Defense Weapons:

Salt, Sand or Sugar toss it into their eyes.

Gun, sometimes they end up with the gun.

Stun guns – problem of it not getting through clothing or they’re too close.

Knives – get trained on them.

Flashlights are sometimes effective like a club.

Mace – doesn’t necessarily disable people.

His favorite is Pepper Spray

Eyes swell shut

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If you buy one, test it outside – cheap, easy to carry, effective.

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Fans watch as Brother John (Kattke) performs on stage.
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South Loop blues club Buddy Guy's Legends reopens its doors after 17 months

By [Valentina Pucarelli](#) and [Abra Richardson](#)
September 22, 2021

Buddy Guy's Legends feels quieter than usual, but with [precautions](#) in place, it's finally back to having almost daily blues performances and dancing patrons after a year and a half of darkness.

Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 S. Wabash Ave., had its grand reopening on Aug. 20 with NuBlu Band featuring Carlise Guy, plus an appearance from blues legend and owner Buddy Guy.

In an interview with the Chronicle Sept. 15, Charlotte Nunn, director of operations at Buddy Guy's Legends, said COVID-19 restrictions for Chicago bars prohibited them from opening sooner.

Nunn said reopening with 25% capacity would have been a financial disaster for them.

"I have to be able to sustain myself, and that means that I have to have enough customers in here to maintain and [make] payroll with the staff, as well as keep my lights and gas and pay bills," Nunn said.

Jim DeRogatis, music critic and associate professor of instruction in the English and Creative Writing Department, said many music venues were facing an existential crisis after being closed for a year and a half.

DeRogatis said government aid was slow in reaching art and music venues and theaters.

"We're lucky they survived because Chicago without places like Buddy Guy's or Metro or Thalia Hall would be a very different and much poorer city in terms of the arts," DeRogatis said. **For the rest of the story click here.**

<https://columbiachronicle.com/south-loop-blues-club-buddy-guys-legends-reopens-its-doors-after-17-months>

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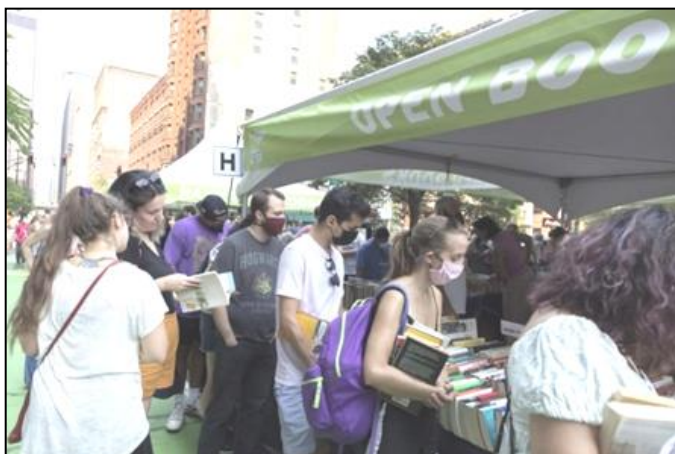
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Annual Printers Row Lit Fest held for the first time since the start of pandemic

By [Olivia Cohen](#), Staff Reporter
September 20, 2021

When Bette Cerf Hill founded the Printers Row Lit Fest in 1985, she had no idea that the book fair would turn into a staple event for the Printers Row neighborhood in the South Loop near Columbia.

Now, 36 years later, the event has stood the test of time, as it lived through a pandemic and has been enjoyed by generations of downtown Chicago residents and people from throughout the city.

"I think it's wonderful," Hill said, regarding the various groups of people who come out to enjoy the event. "We wanted to bring books and literature out into the open. You'll see when you go there, [that] there is a whole different atmosphere. There's just people noodling around reading books, looking for treasures. It's just a very pleasant, sweet atmosphere."

The event, which typically takes place on South Dearborn Street in June, was canceled last summer due to COVID-19 and postponed until September 11-12.

Hill said because of the pandemic, there "was no other way" to host the event, even in a virtual format.

Traditionally held in the early stages of summer, turnout among college students at the South Loop festival has been lower than other demographics.

"Because we've always had it in the second week of June, it's been very problematic for the college people to have much to do with it," Hill said. "A lot of times they're out [of town] by then, or they're wildly involved in finals and whatnot."

Javier Ramirez, co-owner of [Exile in Bookville](#) at 410 S. Michigan Ave. and the Lit Fest's program director, agreed and said although this year college students were in town, the weekend coincided with the Pitchfork music festival.

"It is a little difficult [this year] because we're the same weekend as the Pitchfork music festival, so that diverse, dynamic crowd might not be attending Printers Row," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said this year was unique because Lit Fest brought in a panel of "BookTokers," which are a group of TikTok users who create content called "BookToks." Ramirez said that by bringing in the "BookTokers" for the first time, Lit Fest hoped to draw in a younger crowd.

"The festival always tries to think younger, and every year we bring in a diverse group of writers," Ramirez said. "We [have] found that the books that we represent are the books that college students want to read and buy."

One of the many booths at the festival was occupied by DePaul University's graduate program in Writing and Publishing.

Rebecca Johns Trissler, an associate professor and the director of the graduate program in Writing and Publishing at DePaul, has worked for the booth and promoted DePaul students' literature at Lit Fest for four years.

"Part of what we are doing is getting our books into people's hands. Because our books are distributed free, people don't always realize it, so if we're here, and we can hand them out, that kind of increases the understanding of our projects," Trissler said. "[This is] also outreach for our graduate program, but that's a secondary concern."

DePaul University is not alone in that respect, as several other Chicago colleges had booths, including Roosevelt University and Columbia.

Many booths publicized various publications, news networks and local shops with secondhand books for sale.

As of now, it is unclear whether the event will stay in September or move back to its usual date in June next year.

Ramirez said the event would be more successful if it stayed in the fall.

"Honestly, I think it's better if it's in the fall," Ramirez said. "It's better for booksellers, because [it's] bigger and better. [Fall is] the big time of year for publishing. Hopefully, they keep it in this time frame."

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Senorita's on Dearborn looks to be about ready to open. Probably waiting on a liquor license or maybe waiting on some equipment to be delivered. The owner owns a restaurant in Pilsen. The new restaurant will occupy the former SRO Restaurant which was a landmark for many years dating back to the mid 90s. SRO never opened again after the looting in June 2020. For those who remember, the walls were lined with sports memorabilia that took years to accumulate. It will be good to fill this vacant storefront but for many, it's difficult to replace the memories and the best Turkey Chili in Chicago.

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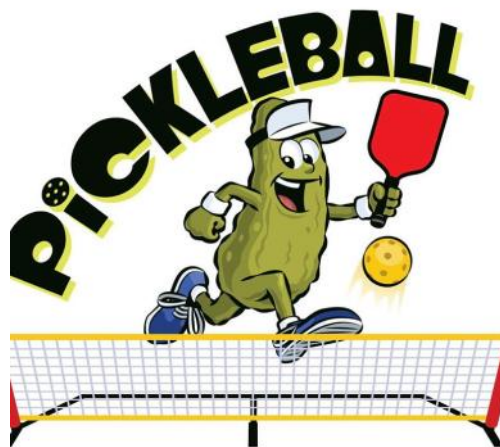
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[Checking-in at The Reed Development](#)

YIMBY [checks-in](#) at The Reed development:



Since Chicago YIMBY's last update on Lendlease's "The Reed," a planned 41-story residential tower at 234 W Polk Street in South Loop, various new developments have taken place. Fencing and additional equipment, including a crane, are now on site, while staging areas and an access road have been built out.

While foundation permits have been issued, full construction permits have been filed but not issued. Lendlease is also serving as general contractor, with an opening anticipated for 2023.



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Former Georgia state legislator Stacey Abrams gets a welcoming round of applause from the crowd at the annual CFW luncheon. [Irvin Ibarra](#)



'I vote because of the promise of progress': Stacey Abrams takes on voter suppression, reproductive rights at Chicago luncheon

By [Olivia Cohen](#), Staff Reporter
September 15, 2021

All eyes were on voting rights activist and former Georgia state legislator Stacey Abrams at a Chicago luncheon this week as she tapped into attendees' sense of patriotism, delivering a message of empowerment against a backdrop of voter suppression happening in parts of the country.

"We are yoked together by our citizenship, by our residency, but we should also be yoked together by our patriotism," Abrams said. "I am here because I believe in this mission. I don't vote because of the act of voting, I vote because of the promise of progress. I vote because when we do so, when we elect people who see us, serve us, value us, we write the next page of our history."

The Chicago Foundation for Women's 36th annual luncheon, with a theme of "Rise Up, Disrupt," was held Sept. 14 in a hybrid format at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Abrams' address touched on many topics, including voter suppression, several states stripping reproductive choice from their constituents, as well as the ways political activism and change have been ingrained within her, as Abrams' parents were both heavily involved in voting rights. **Click on link for the rest of the story**

['I vote because of the promise of progress': Stacey Abrams takes on voter suppression, reproductive rights at Chicago luncheon – The Columbia Chronicle](#)

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Man charged with robbing high school students at knifepoint on CTA train

[September 25, 2021 CWBChicago CTA, Loop, South Loop](https://www.cwbchicago.com/2021/09/25/man-charged-with-robbing-high-school-students-at-knifepoint-on-cta-train)

Prosecutors on Saturday charged a man with robbing two teenagers at knifepoint as they rode a CTA train home from school this month. Police arrested Trenton Tidwell, 20, after someone recognized him in photos of the assailant that police [distributed to the media](#).

The victims were heading home from De La Salle Institute in Bronzeville when Tidwell asked them for money on an inbound Green Line train around 5:30 p.m. on September 10, prosecutors said. The students declined, and Tidwell went to a different car, only to return and order the teens to hand over their wallets and phones at knifepoint, according to the allegations.

Trenton Tidwell (left) and images of the robber that were released by Chicago police. | CPD

One of the victims dropped their wallet on the train floor, and both victims ran from the train into the Roosevelt station when Tidwell bent over to pick it up, prosecutors said.

CTA surveillance video recorded the robbery and allegedly showed Tidwell discarding pieces of clothing as he fled at Roosevelt.

Detectives released two images of the suspect from the CTA footage to media outlets in a "seeking to identify" bulletin on September 14. Someone recognized Tidwell from those photos and contacted the police. Both victims picked Tidwell out of photo line-ups, prosecutors said.

Tidwell is charged with two counts of Class X armed robbery.

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Man shot in Grant Park is Loop's 5th shooting victim of the month, 23rd of year

[September 16, 2021 CWBChicago Loop](https://www.cwbchicago.com/2021/09/16/man-shot-in-grant-park-is-loops-5th-shooting-victim-of-the-month-23rd-of-year)

A 26-year-old man was shot and critically wounded in Grant Park on Thursday afternoon, police said. He is the fifth person shot in the Loop this month and the sixth person shot in the neighborhood since August 29.

Witnesses approached officers near the 1100 block of South Michigan around 1:45 p.m. to report shots fired near the skate park. Police investigated and found the victim, who reportedly had a gunshot wound to his leg near the groin area.

Officers applied a tourniquet and QuikClot bandages to help reduce his blood loss until fire department personnel arrived. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Police searched the area for the shooter, who was an acquaintance of the victim. One witness provided police with a picture of the suspect, and city surveillance cameras captured additional footage of the gunman, an officer said.

The suspect is a Black male in his mid-20's with dreadlocks who wore an olive green backpack and light-colored Crocs. Officers said he was last seen heading north from the skate park on a black bike with white tire rims.

Among other recent shootings in the Loop:

- Police said an 18-year-old man was shot [during an armed robbery](#) on Roosevelt Road just west of State Street around 6:30 p.m. Sunday.
- [At 2:30 a.m. Sunday](#), a 24-year-old man was traveling in his car when his driver's side window shattered near 50 West Ida B. Wells, according to police. He told police he didn't know where the shots came from or who shot him. Officers found shell casings near a gas station at the shooting scene.

• A 28-year-old man was shot during an [apparent road rage incident](#) on the 600 block of South Michigan at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, September 4. There have been no arrests.

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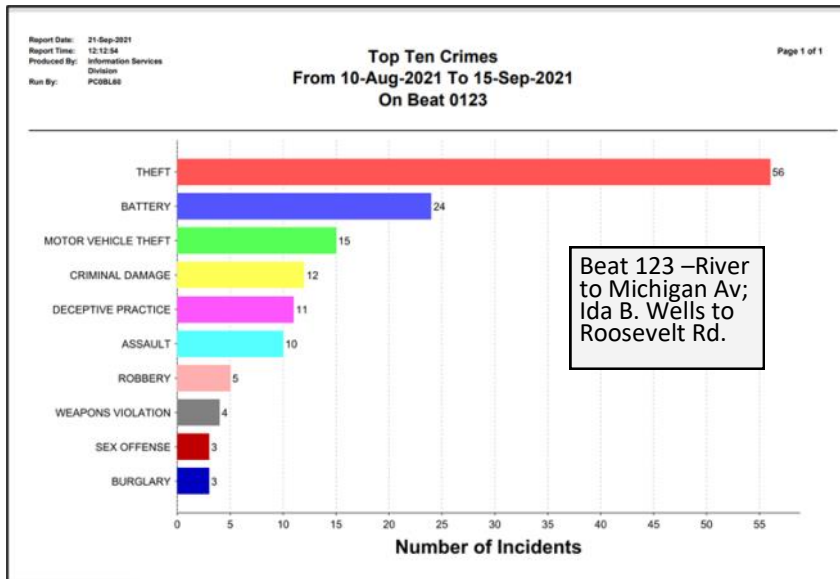
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Summary of CAPS MEETING for Beat 123 9/14/221 by Christine Cassata

Homeless: Sleeping in Printers Row Park, behind Transportation building. They say they can't do anything if they are on the sidewalk because it is the "public way". The park is different, but honestly it doesn't sound like they are too interested in addressing homeless issues. Officer Hicks said they do have outreach teams going around, and that 8 out of 9 people are waiting for housing.

Public Urination: brought up the Sandmeyers incident. Also, Officer Hicks said that he had officers check out 740 and at that time they did not see evidence of public urination. Note in chat about the Sandmeyers person still in Printers Row Park area, was seen breaking glass and littering in the park.

Back to homeless: people are sleeping in alcoves behind buildings on Plymouth between Congress and Harrison. Again, a bit of a brush-off (at least it seemed that way to me). Per Officer Hicks, many homeless are interested in moving to housing but it will take some time.

Mexican Independence Day: They have a plan, they have barricades, they will try to keep them confined to (I believe) Clark and Columbus. Lots of resources are being assigned and they are ready to issue citations/impound cars/etc.

Back to homeless: in Printers Row Park - after 11 pm they are still there - basically Officer Hicks said they will not enforce the curfew since so many people are waiting for housing. Call 911 for drinking/urination/other such things.

More homeless: an aggressive person entered the Transportation building last night and refused to leave. This is not the first time he has entered Transportation. It would be on the security camera for 9-14. Person is Maurice Johnson, AA in 40s. Has also been seen in the park. Officer Hicks says make a report, get a report #. Then that person can be arrested if they do it again. To make a report: do it with responding officers, call 311 to get connected to ARS reporting system, or you can also do it at the police station (front desk).

We focus on crime that is violent or may affect your physical safety. If you look at the graph on top of this column, you will see that the highest incidence of crime is theft, usually on the street or in restaurants (like cell phones stolen from tables). The crime shown on this page is based on Beat 123 131 and 132.

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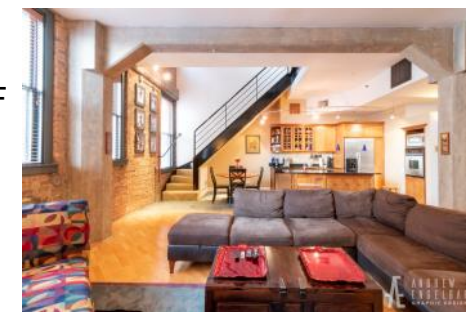
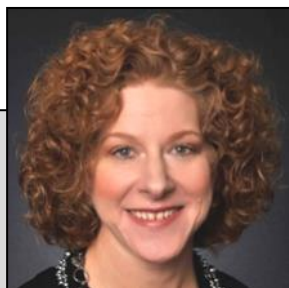
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