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## 50TH ISSUE



This is our 50<sup>th</sup> Issue . . . and conveniently the last issue of 2015. We started this publication on February 1, 2013. It was no accident. We heard that the local newspaper, the *Chicago Journal*, was going to cease publication in the South Loop. We decided that it would be a worthwhile effort if we tried to, in some small way, replace some of the

news that was lost. We don't pretend to be the Journal's equal. They were a "for profit" publication with a paid staff. This is strictly a non-profit effort. Our goal is to support local businesses and local organizations and provide news of Printers Row and Dearborn Park. It is sponsored by the South Loop Referral Group, a networking group of small business owners. We would like to thank those who have contributed to providing quality, lively reading. **Bonnie McGrath** has been in every issue, **Beth Finke** joined us in September, 2013 with her wit and wisdom. Later, **Mike Knezovich** began contributing his "both feet on the ground" commentary of common sense. Thank you to **Brian Hieggelke**, editor of *New City* for allowing us to use selected excellently written pieces. Thank you to our book reviewers: **Lorraine Schmall**, **Mary Lou Wade**, and **Kathleen Moyer**. Thanks to the property managers who help distribute the Dearborn Express to their residents. Thanks to **Bonnie Muir** for her contributions to the Real Estate Section. Thank you to **Karen Trujillo** for proof reading each issue. And finally, thank you to the support from the South Loop Referral Group.

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

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## Density is a dirty word in the South Loop all of a sudden, but should it be?

Dec. 16, 2015

Ever since I moved to the South Loop in 1994, density has been a dirty word. For some reason, many of my South Loop neighbors seem to think they are entitled to rural--or at least quiet suburban--living in downtown Chicago.

What's interesting is that many South Loop abodes have incorporated a quiet, leafy lifestyle where one would never know that just beyond the house, loft or apartment is life that is hectic, harrowing and havoc-laden.

There [seems to be a trillion buildings proposed for the South Loop](#). (Some say the overabundance is due to greedy developers who aim to beat a deadline that will bring a higher [requirement for affordable housing](#).) Thousands of dwellers in high-high-high-rises--some even proposed to be built on top of other buildings and railroad air rights--are soon to be moving in, the reports all say.

And a lot of people who are already here are screaming about everything from ugly shadows and blocked views to just plain too many people in too little space.

But is density bad? As bad as some South Loopers have made it out to be--with turned up noses, raised voices, rolling eyes and plenty of tsk-tsks?

According to some things I've been hearing and reading lately, downtown density is good. Really good for the core of a city. And like it or not, the South Loop is part of the core of Chicago. How can it be bad if families, empty nesters and young people crowd in in droves?

The first clue I had that there is something to be said for density was a few weeks ago when [Chicago Loop Alliance](#) hosted a panel discussion centering on the topic. Density is Good for the Loop--and for downtowns everywhere--the panel insisted. You want a world-



class city? You better have a lot of diversity downtown: of people, buildings and activities therein. And the panel seemed to have the goods to back it up.

So I perused a few articles on the subject--and they all said the same thing. You want [less of a carbon footprint? Bring on the people](#)--the more the merrier will bring on terrific public transportation, less emissions and more efficiency.

Increasing the number of people per acre in a city [goes a long way toward greening goals](#), said others.

Density of residents [increases the skills, wealth, talent, innovation, happiness, growth and income](#) therein, the articles explain.

One caveat: when density becomes the word in a city, [don't leave the heavy lifting to the developers](#). Don't let them empty [the TIF-funds](#) without an infrastructure that can hold it all. And an eye to detail overall.

I see no reason why the infrastructure of the South Loop can't hold what's coming. And the residents and the pros *should* weigh in--and influence the aesthetics.

But that's another story. And hopefully it will be a pretty one.

Bonnie McGrath



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Published December 7, 2015 [Mike Knezovich](#) ,

## Mondays with Mike: My home town



An aerial view of Harvard Square.

As Beth wrote in [her Sunday post](#), we spent a wonderful weekend with our friend Lydia, who moved to Cambridge to take a job with Harvard Magazine. Lydia's a gifted writer and a solid reporter to boot—she just won an award [for this article on the human biome that she wrote for the University of Chicago magazine](#), her previous employer. She's still doing long-form stuff, but at her new gig at Harvard she also gets to write about [Harvard's highly ranked women's hockey team](#). Lydia's a hockey player herself, and teaches little kids to skate, so it's a labor of love and nice change of pace for her.

Beth and I stayed in Cambridge, right on Harvard Square. I've been to Boston proper several times, but this was the first time I'd stepped foot in Cambridge. It was in many ways exactly what I expected. Harvard Yard, small by Big Ten standards, was just as Ivyish as I'd imagined. And there were the nearby neighborhoods, with big old houses and tree-lined streets and red-brick sidewalks that were buckled by tree roots. (Let the record show, however: It's no Madison. I'm a University of Illinois graduate, and nothing beats our Quadrangle. But Madison, Wisconsin, is in a league of its own as far as college towns go.)

In other ways, I was a little surprised. Cambridge is more urban than I'd guessed, and there's a lot of traffic and bustle mixed in with all the ivy quaintness. And I was a little surprised that it seemed like, well, lots of other college and university towns. Not sure what I expected—that Harvard students would look different? Well, they don't. I mean, there's clearly a lot of money in that town—you can sense it the same way you do in say, D.C. But overall, and I'm kind of happy to say this, it seemed like just a nice college town.

All in all, it was a splendid visit. Our friend is getting along well. But she made clear she misses Chicago, dearly. She's actually from the South (and no Chicagoans, I don't mean Kankakee), but between journalism school at Northwestern, community newspapering in the South Loop and her time at the University of Chicago, the city seems to have gotten into her blood.

When I first moved here, I wasn't sure I could stand the sirens and the screeching of the L and all the construction noise. And it never gets really dark because of all the light pollution. Wide open spaces are hard to come by. Randy Newman's got a song called "I Love L.A.," in which he extols the virtues of Southern California, and explains why he wouldn't live in some other places, including Chicago—here's a line:

*"Let's leave Chicago to the Eskimos,  
that town's a little too rugged, for you and me babe."*

My first year or two here, I thought maybe it *was* a little too rugged. Gradually, something has changed. I think it's perhaps that I've embraced the rugged, and rugged is what I love about this place. It is also, at times, what I hate about it. It's goodness and awfulness seem to both be bald-faced. Phenomenal architecture and the symphony and art—all this tremendous beauty only miles from the Laquan MacDonald shooting. They might as well be separate universes. And citizens seem to be addicted to boss-system politics at the expense of transparent democracy—we must be, we keep voting for the monsters.

But, walking home from the Orange Line L stop on our way home Sunday, we passed the Harold Washington Library. Which reminded me that there are good people chipping away against the awfulness. And sometimes they win out. Like the many quiet heroes who stayed on that MacDonald case and made sure it didn't go away. Good striving against evil. Always. Right here in Chicago.

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## Book Review: We Wish You a Merry Blackout? *Lorraine Schmall*

As we lay out the holiday cocktail napkins and spike the Christmas punch, we might consider that one woman's "good figgy pudding and cup of good cheer" is another woman's sugar rush and nip on the road to Gehenna. **Sarah Hepola**, a talented, alcoholic journalist proves that point in her funny, fluent and honest new book, "Blackout: Remembering the Things I Drank to Forget" (Grand Central Publishing 2015). Since St. Augustine's Confessions in 357 BCE, recovery memoirs have been compelling reading. But unlike other habitués of the genre of unseemly self-exposure, Hepola lays no blame. Neither her family nor the boozy ambiance of her newsroom, where her boss gave her a hat with beer holders on either side, so she could "drink more at work," transformed her from a beer-swiping toddler into a woman who only and always drank to get drunk.

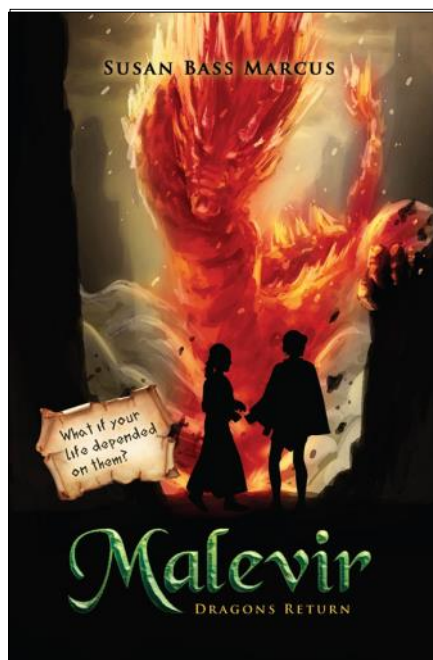
Her recovery, described in a chapter called "This is the Place," isn't the hackneyed fairy-tale version of lesser diarists, who become not only un-ironic and sober, but fit, successful, happily married and wholly embraced by the people they most abused. Hepola's fascinating and optimistic third act--her sobriety--is the "plot twist" in her life.

Alcohol is more deadly than AIDS, violence and TB combined. And "that's not even considering the role it plays in domestic violence, petty crime, personal injuries, traffic accidents, sexual assault, and general ass-holery." Hepola regrets that hard drinking signified gender equality, and occasional suggestions that "women should drink less to avoid unwanted sex" were met with feminist screeds that "we can drink however the fu\*\*k we want." She proffers the science behind the blackout, where a drinker stays conscious, and even active, but ends up with no memory of what happened. She often felt "the thunderbolt of waking up to discover a blank space where pivotal scenes should be" and "evenings [that] come with trap doors."

Hepola dedicates Blackout to "anyone who needs it." If you love someone--or are someone--who worries about addiction, or sexism, or the science of alcohol abuse; or if you simply love a good story, this book's for you.

Lorraine Schmall

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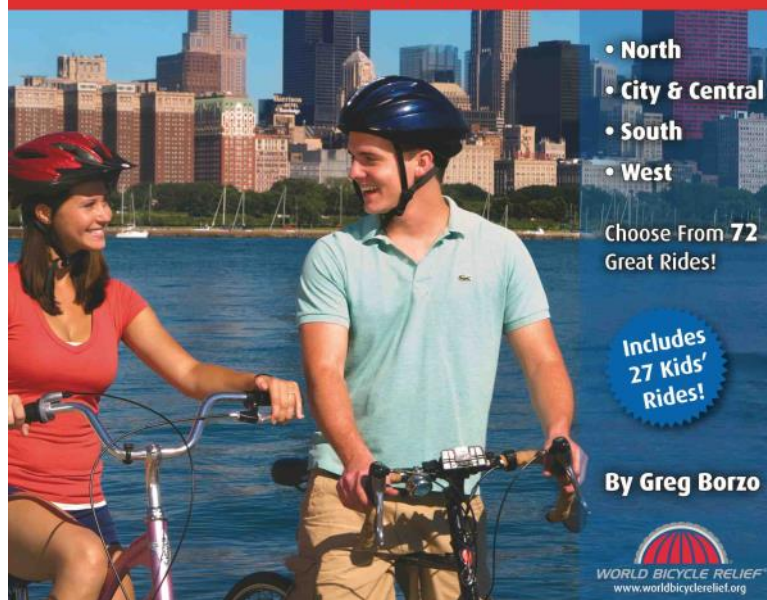
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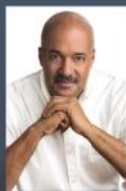
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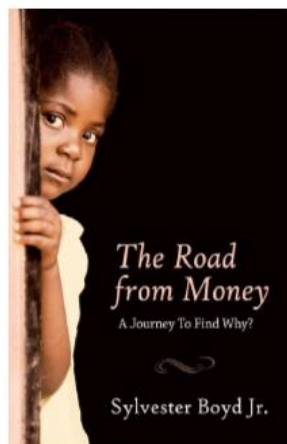
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# Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

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## Does she get an organ donor card now?

Dec. 6, 2015



Me and Mike with Nancy Faust at the Green Mill. Nancy showed Mike her World Series ring—and yes, he did eventually let go of it.

Retired White Sox organist Nancy Faust donated her own personal Hammond organ to White Sox Charities for their holiday garage sale, which was held yesterday. Nancy and I have become friends over the years, and she told Mike and me about her “organ donation” a few weeks ago when we joined her along with her husband Joe Jenkins and their son Eric for happy hour to hear Chris Foreman on the Green Mill Jazz Club’s Hammond B3.

“The one I’m donating is a Hammond Elegante,” she said, assuring me that she and Joe still own a number of organs so she’ll have a way to play at home when she gets the urge. Nancy’s mother was a professional musician, and Nancy’s father owned a business renting organs to music clubs, bars and civic groups in Chicago when Nancy was growing up. Her husband Joe eventually took over that business, and he’s retired now, too. “I was lucky to be born with perfect pitch,” she told me. “I’ve been playing by ear ever since I was a little girl.” To prove her point, she turned toward the Hammond B3 playing behind us. “Like right now,” she said. “He’s playing in the key of F.”

We all had a fantastic time together at the Green Mill, and back home I looked up Nancy’s donation on an MLB site:

This organ is a Hammond Elegante Model 340100. Nancy was the White Sox organist for four decades from 1970 – 2010. This organ is Nancy’s personal organ from her home. She has autographed the music rack.

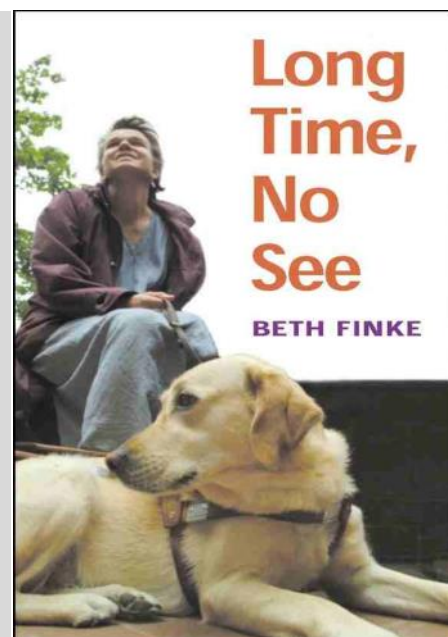
Hmm. The wheels started turning. I can play piano. Could I play the organ? Even if I couldn’t play it, wouldn’t it be cool to own one? And wouldn’t it be **especially** cool if it had once belonged to White Sox organist Nancy Faust? But wait, there’s more: the money spent on the organ all goes to charity!

The MLB site said the opening bid would be \$1000 and gave the organ’s dimensions as 53 inches tall and 55 inches wide. That wide? Almost six feet, right? We already have a grand piano, an upright string bass, a guitar, an accordion, drums and various percussion instruments squeezed into our living room. Our apartment really isn’t big enough for a Hammond organ. But we could always get rid of the couch, right?

About the time I was getting serious about this — and Mike was getting nervous — we were happily distracted by a visit to our dear friend Lydia. She moved away from Chicago a few months ago to take a job writing for the *Harvard Alumni Magazine*. It’s a great job in a very cool town. We knew we’d miss her, though, so we made arrangements long ago to fly to Boston to spend these past couple days with her in Cambridge. We walked and laughed and hung out and shared stories and ate lots and lots of oysters. To Mike’s great relief, all thoughts of bidding on the organ went out the window, and by the time we landed back at Midway, the bidding had closed.

This just in: MLB reports that “the organ, put up for sale by the Chicago White Sox during their annual holiday sale for charity on Saturday, was purchased by Josh Kantor, the popular organist for the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.” Fantastic to know it will be quite literally, in good hands.

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







## Recommendations for Holiday Giving and Reading

### From Ulrich and Ellen Sandmeyer

*City Creatures* by Gavin Van Horn (Univ of Chicago Press \$30)  
A beautifully produced book full of essays, art, poetry and photography.

*Career of Evil* by Robert Galbraith (Mulholland Press \$28)  
Robert Galbraith is a pseudonym for J. K. Rowling, best selling author of the Harry Potter series. This is her third mystery featuring private detective Cormoran Strike.

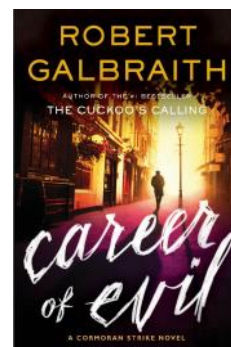
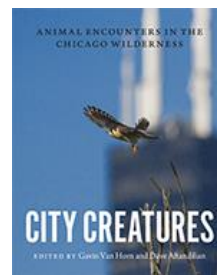
*Cabin Porn* by Zack Klein (Little Brown \$30)  
Features over 200 handmade homes for those yearning for a simpler existence in a quiet place.

*Snow Rabbit* by Camille Garoche (Enchanted Lion Books \$16.95)  
Cut paper illustrations of delicate beauty draw the reader in to world of two sisters, one of whom is in a wheelchair, with a magical rabbit in this wordless children's book.

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is appearing in many new editions in celebration of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our favorites include the whimsical, colorful illustrations of Anna Bond of Rifle Paper Company fame (Penguin \$30), the rarely seen Salvador Dali illustrations that emphasize the surreal yet logical realm of Wonderland (Princeton University Press \$24.95) and the deluxe anniversary edition of *The Annotated Alice* (Norton \$39.95) which includes the original John Tenniel illustrations, along with a wealth of other material.

*Soup for Syria: Recipes to Celebrate Our Shared Humanity*, photographer Barabar Abdeni Massaad (Interlink \$30)  
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**CHICAGO** — If you're ready to put the 2014 holiday season behind you (Scrooge!), the city wants to make sure you don't toss your Christmas tree in the alley behind your house.

Once again, tree recycling is being offered throughout the city.

From now to Jan. 17, residents can drop off trees at one of 23 Chicago Park District locations, where they'll be turned into mulch. You can pick up the mulch starting Tuesday.

Oh, and make sure to remove lights and ornaments before dropping the tree off.

According to the mayor's office, 10,000 trees were recycled in Chicago last year.

### Here are the tree drop-off locations:

Or RECYCLE at Grant Park, 900 S. Columbus Drive til Jan. 17.

<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20141229/downtown/christmas-tree-recycling-offered-at-23-chicago-locations>

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John Macis, 41, took advantage of the recycling program for the first time last year. The program has recycled more than 157,000 trees during its 24 years, according to the City of Chicago



**Roy Svenson**, former branch manager for Community Bank, now Byline bank, chats with **Gail Merritt** who is spreading wood chips around trees in Ferd Kramer Park, just west of the Dearborn Station. With the help of the organization Neighbor Space, Gail created the park with community support.

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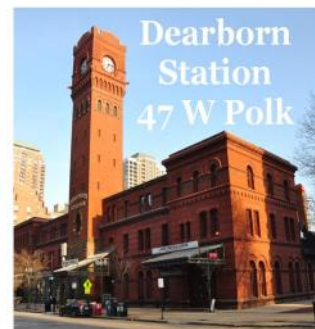
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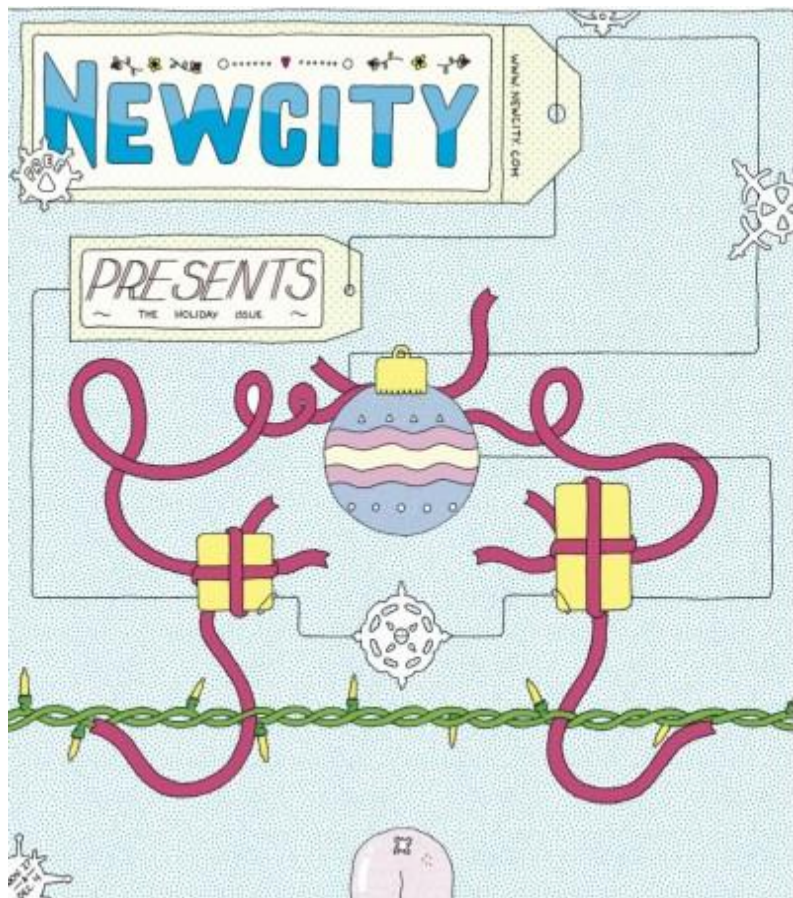
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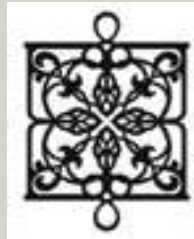


Whether you're early Ebenezer and hate the holidays, or late Ebenezer and adore them, one thing is definite. Like death and taxes, they're inevitable. So why not make the best of them? We're used to mediating both Scroogean extremes in our household, and we've discovered a couple of things: try to cut through the commercialization of the season, and relish the finer ideals of the time (charity, peace, family); and, if you must buy gifts (and who does not?), shop local. Not only will you feel better about keeping your money in our ecosystem and supporting the efforts of a mom and pop you know, but you'll actually enjoy yourself. And so, contemplate our mix of stories (and advertisers!) and let us help you find your way to "keep Christmas well." Or Kwanzaa, or Hannukah or... (Brian Hieggelke) Read the rest of this entry » - See more at: <http://www.newcity.com/category/holidays/#sthash.AhWNX8LY.dpuf>

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## Christmas Eve at Second Presbyterian Church at 1936 S. Michigan

DECEMBER 14, 2015 BY [DAVID NEFF](#)

A Candle light Christmas Eve service will be offered on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include traditional lessons and carols of Christmas. The Second Church Quartet, under the direction of Michael Shawgo, will present solos and anthems. The service will conclude with the lighting of candles and singing "Silent Night, Holy Night." Please join us for this service of holy joy! A Christmas Table with light snacks and hot cider will precede the service from 5:30–6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

[church@2ndpresbyterian.org](mailto:church@2ndpresbyterian.org)

## Winter Clothing Drive, 1936 S. Michigan

NOVEMBER 16, 2015 BY [DAVID NEFF](#)

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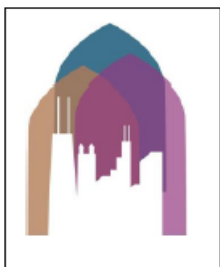


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## 'You have to care enough': The letter one Sandy Hook mom wants you to read

Dec. 11, 2014 at 2:59 PM

Nicole Hockley  
TODAY contributor

This was published 1 year ago.

Dec 12 is the 3rd Anniversary of  
Sandy Hook

To the mom I used to be:

Two years ago, you were happy and whole. You had a plan for life — start a new business, get involved in the school PTA, teach your sons how to ride bicycles and play sports, spend as much time with your friends and parents as possible, watch your children mature, grow old with your husband. You were optimistic — a "glass half full" person who saw the silver lining in every cloud and often felt so much joy you thought you would burst. You always looked forward — never backwards, no regrets. You smiled and laughed a lot. You danced.

You aren't that person anymore.

Two years ago, on December 14, 2012, the world changed and you changed with it. A disturbed young man with access to high-powered firearms went to your sons' school and killed six educators and twenty first-graders. Your eldest son Jake survived, but was changed by the day he discovered some monsters are real. He describes it as the day "when hell came to my school." Your youngest son, [Dylan](#), your beautiful baby boy who you thought of as pure love, with his captivating eyes, infectious giggle and warm deep cuddles, was killed. Shot multiple times, dying instantly in the arms of his special education assistant who also died while trying to protect him.

The tragedy changed every single aspect of your life, not only because of the obvious absence of your child, but because of the constant hole inside you that can never be filled. Your eldest son has been forced to grow up way too fast because of the unfathomable loss of his baby brother. The [pain](#) has altered the lines on your husband's face. The way you look at the world has changed. Your interactions with friends and family seem foreign. You've become much harder. No longer brimming with optimism, you are now someone far more realistic and still. And you look back so much more.

You view life through the prism of "before" and "after." Jake's fifth grade photos came recently. They are still sitting on a table because you haven't put them in the frame that sits next to Dylan's last school photo. It's too hard for you — too soon. Jake is getting older. But Dylan is frozen in time forever. Even after two years, there's this denial that is still very present inside you. You have Dylan's baby teeth and a lock of his hair on your bedside cabinet, beside the urn holding his ashes. That's all you have of your little boy now.

It hurts. It just hurts. You suppress your feelings as much as you can because you fear if you really let it out, you would never recover. If you started truly crying, you would never be able to stop. It would destroy you.

And here's the thing — you didn't have to be that Mom. For all the Moms and Dads reading this now — this doesn't have to be you.

Because every gun-related death is a preventable death.

These are not random acts. You can't ever say, "This will never happen to me." It can happen to anyone, at any point, at any place. You have to care enough and be insightful enough to do something before it's too late. Taking action to protect children from gun violence can take many forms. For some people that means fighting for policy and political change — that can be a long, frustrating road, and certainly not the only option. Small but meaningful actions create change. If you have five minutes, [start a dialogue at the dinner table about gun violence](#) with your kids. If you have two hours, host a conversation with other parents. If you can dedicate one day a month, work with educators on [how to better recognize the signs of children who may be troubled and reach out to their parents immediately](#). But to do nothing? That doesn't honor the dead and doesn't protect the living.

One of the most important actions families, schools, employers and communities can do is learn the signs of someone in crisis and then [intervene before they hurt themselves or someone else](#). We need to teach kids better anger management and conflict resolution skills, because much of gun violence stems from anger and fear. Learning other ways to deal with anger and fear rather than striking out at someone is a good first step. We need to recognize the signs on social media— and know the difference between someone who is just angry and someone who poses an imminent threat. Lines of communication always need to remain open between ourselves and our children.

I am beginning to feel some of my old optimism returning, because more and more people are engaging around this issue. Our conversation is gaining momentum. I sense a sea change is coming. I know everything we're doing at [Sandy Hook Promise](#) will protect more children. We're fighting a good fight.

But after every sort of victory, there's also a moment of incredible sadness for me, for whatever happens, I know I still can't bring Dylan back. That hole will never be filled. No matter how many lives get saved in his name, or in the name of others, I can't go back.

But *you* can go forward and make a difference.

With love,

**Nicole Hockley, a.k.a. Dylan's mom**

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## 21 Story U-Stor-It Self Storage Coming to 615 S. Wabash (Wabash and Harrison)

Well this is a new and unusual type of development:

U-Stor-It Self Storage, will be opening its largest store yet, and the tallest self-storage facility in Chicago. The current project involves redeveloping a parking garage, neighboring the Travelodge Hotel, in the South Loop of Chicago, on Wabash Ave and E Harrison St. The 1000+ unit property, at 615 S. Wabash, will rise 21 stories, making it the tallest self-storage facility in Chicago, and one the tallest facilities in the country.

With an expected opening date for Jan. 31, 2016, this location will also feature state of the art wine storage. Additionally, the self-storage outfit is in preliminary talks with a distinguished art muralist, for a future project on the building's western façade, as an addition to Columbia College's

Wabash Arts Corridor.



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

This is interesting on a couple fronts:

First - a 21 story storage building. That's a lot of storage.

Second - they're proactively in talk to add to the Wabash Arts Corridor. Good to hear that their is foresight to add to the neighborhood's cultural ambitions. Nicely done.

### THE DEARBORN EXPRESS

This publication is sponsored by the South Loop Referral Group, a professional and business networking group. It is our mission to provide the Printers Row area with current news and to promote local businesses and organizations. This publication will be distributed through email to individuals who wish to receive it. It is our hope that we will be able to expand our features and publish every 20 days. If you have any questions or would like to contribute information, please email us :

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#### South Loop Referral Group

Meets every other Friday at 7:30 am

At Dearborn Station Atrium

At E-W University Atrium Lobby

Next Meeting  
Fri Dec 4 at  
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7:30 am

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We recently stopped by Burger Bar, the new restaurant which opened at 1150 S. Michigan Ave. (near Roosevelt Rd.) to see what it was like. The name pretty much says it all as opposed to "Sociale" which is another restaurant owned by the same folks. When you walk in, you notice it is your basic loft-like exposed brick on the wall kind of place. On the day we stopped by, it was the University of Illinois vs. Northwestern football game. So that's what it reminded me of, a college bar with lots of young people wearing mostly orange and blue. Oh, and if you like beer . . . over 100 brews served behind the bar, including a huge selection of craft beers, many beers on tap, and wine and the hard stuff is also served. Here is the "meat" of the menu.

## FIREHOUSE 15

Chipotle spiced burger, charred jalapeno-scallion chorizo, pepper jack + Guajillo aioli

## FA-GETTA-BOD-IT 15

Prosciutto d'parma, fried egg, fresh mozzarella, tomatoes + pesto aioli

## WILD BILL 16

Grass-fed lean bison, arugula, goat cheese + tomato chutney on a pretzel roll

## BORREGA LAMB 16

Lamb burger, lamb sausage, manchego, mint chimichurri, spinach + charred tomato-onion salsa

## HOT & SMOKEY 15

BBQ beef burger, smoked pulled pork, grilled andouille, tilamock smoked cheddar, hobonero BBQ glaze + cucumber-onion slaw

## GET-IN-MY-BELLY 15

Braised and smoked pork belly, bacon red onion jam, brie cheese + dijonnaise

## BIG SHOULDER BLUES 14

Peppercorn burger, bleu cheese, sweet onion-bacon jam + port wine glaze

## WILD BOAR CUBANA 15

Smoked pork, griddled ham, swiss cheese, brest & butter pickles + mustard sauce

## BAR CHEESE BURGER 12

Horseradish-cheddar spread

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## Condo Market gets Boost from FHA Rule Change

**Gregory Karp** [Contact Reporter](#) Chicago Tribune

Buying and selling affordable condos in Chicago and nationwide is likely to get easier, as federal rules on which condo buildings qualify buyers for mortgages through the [Federal Housing Administration](#) loosened on Friday.

"The buyer pool just expanded," said Mabel Guzman, a real estate agent with @Properties. "It's a win-win."

The FHA, often catering to first-time homebuyers because of its modest 3.5 percent down-payment requirement, on Friday published new guidelines for its condominium approval process "intended to increase affordable housing options," the agency said.

To protect itself from bad loans after the financial crisis, the FHA in 2010 discontinued its unit-by-unit "spot" approval for FHA-backed mortgages and instead required whole buildings to be certified every two years.

If a building was not certified, potential buyers could not get an FHA loan.

That dampened the market for buildings that couldn't pass muster, and they sometimes became known as "blackballed" or "zombie" buildings.

Deal killers could include too many renters in a building, pending litigation, inadequate association reserves and delinquent assessments.

The requirements thwarted the plans of some potential buyers, who abandoned their homeownership quests and instead remained renters.

Nationally, homeownership is near a 30-year low, at 63.7 percent, according to third-quarter figures from the U.S. Commerce Department.

However, on Friday and effective immediately, the FHA provided new and temporary guidance on its rules for certifying condo buildings.

First, it loosened the definition of owner-occupied units to include second homes that are not investor-owned. In Chicago, that's a big deal because so many owners are snowbirds who flock to southern climates during the winter, Guzman said.

The change means more buildings qualify for the required ratio of owner-occupied units, which "brings more buildings onto supply for buyers to choose from," she said.

And it helps sellers in those buildings. "Now they have a bigger buyer pool," she said.

The changes also streamlined the condo recertification process to include less paperwork. Buildings will only have to submit paperwork on "substantive changes" since the project's last approval rather than documents for the entire approval.

That not only reduces the hassles of assembling all that paperwork but could mean more buildings become certified because it's simpler for, say, a new homeowners association president unfamiliar with the process who might just let certification lapse, she said.

The FHA also loosened rules on the type of insurance it requires, which is more of an issue in coastal regions where getting affordable homeowners insurance is more difficult, for example, because of potential hurricane damage.

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Fri, Dec 4 at 3pm  
Polk and State  
Theft, \$500 and under on street

Fri., Dec 4th at 3 pm  
State and 8th  
Theft \$500 or under public parking garage

Tues, Dec 8 at 1 am  
1500 S Wabash  
Burglary of Apartment

Tues, Dec 8 at 2:05 pm  
200 block E. 13th St  
Motor vehicle theft from Residence garage

All meetings will be held at:  
525 S. State  
7:00 p.m.  
Every Second Wednesday of each month

For Residents on Police Beats: 121, 122, 123, 124



**CHRISTMAS PACKAGES** - Expecting packages? Send to an office address, PO Box, or place where packages it won't be left outside; or have UPS or FED-EX hold at the local distribution store.

**Suspicious Behavior** - Report suspicious behavior, people acting like vagrants, people loitering, and people scoping. - Call 911.

### YOUR VEHICLE -

Don't leave your car running unattended!  
Lock your car door, double check, don't leave valuables visible, and keep your remote in your house if possible

Check Out these Recommendations in the use of the ***Emergency release latch & chord*** on your garage door. Here is a video on break-in techniques thieves use with the Emergency release latch - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSO\\_HTBHLFI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSO_HTBHLFI)

***In Your Garage*** - Use your Wall Mounted 'Keypad Emergency Locking Feature'. In event you lose or have your remote stolen, by depressing the locking feature on your garage door when you are home, or away, will keep someone from using your remote.

### Here are typical instructions and a video on the 'Keypad Emergency Locking Feature'

*"Lock feature - Designed to prevent operation of the door from hand-held remote controls. However, the door will open and close from the Door Control, the Outside Keylock and the Keyless Entry Accessories. To activate, press and hold the Lock button for 2 seconds. The push bar light will flash as long as the Lock feature is on. To turn off, press and hold the Lock button again for 2 seconds. The push bar light will stop flashing. The Lock feature will also turn off whenever the "learn" button on the motor unit panel is activated"*

Here is a YouTube video of the above. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY3NZtsaTNs>



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### "FHA Rule Change" continued from page 19

The new provisions will expire in a year, giving the FHA time to implement a more comprehensive condo rule change, it said.

Guzman said she would like to see even looser FHA rules.

"We'll take this, but this now opens the conversation for change," she said. "All in all, it's a positive."

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# For Sale

See listings on next page

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## For Rent!

600 S. Dearborn St. Unit #911 - Printers Row 2BR/1BA - Spacious Corner Condo. Immediate Occupancy! \$2050/mo

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**\$270,000 #611**

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**Touchstone Group LLC**  
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**600 S. Dearborn St Unit 709 - Printers Row 1BR/1BA Fully Rehabbed Condo w/In Unit Laundry \$234,500**

**1322 S. Wabash Unit #902 - Gigantic 2BR/2BA South Loop Loft. Indoor Heated Parking Included \$359,000**

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