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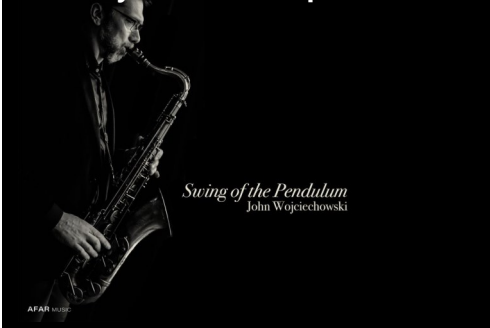
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South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

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

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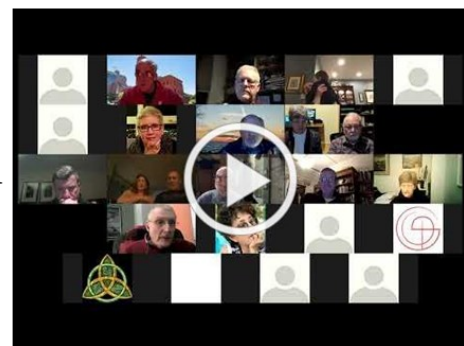
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Development update Presentation

A roundup of what's proposed and underway for the South Loop was the program at our annual meeting in January. You can watch it on YouTube.



The latest information on planning and development in our area can always be found at our website SouthLoopUpdate.org



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Sincerely, Marianne

Strong muscles make for robust aging September 3,, 2023

By **Marianne Goss**

Hearing aids at 66 and cataract surgery at 70 didn't make me fret about aging. I was still able to do everything I'd always done.

Knee and back pain, on the other hand, restricts my activity. Osteoarthritis, the most common cause of joint pain as people age, has caught up with me. For the first time I'm starting to feel my age.

Volunteering at the Anti-Cruelty Society, I needed help standing up when I took a cat out of a low cage. My lower back hurt enough after a 4½-hour drive to my sister's lake house to keep me from playing cornhole.

“My parents lived well into their 90s, so I may have 20 years left, but I don't know if I want them if I'm going to be limited in what I can do,” I complained to the osteopath who was injecting a steroid into my right knee.

I made another pessimistic comment to a friend: “Aging pains are only going to get worse.”

My friend responded with a quip — “We Baby Boomers thought we'd never grow old” — but the doctor delivered a serious message: Life doesn't have to be downhill the rest of the way. Feeling good, however, is going to require more effort than it used to.

Strong muscles are the key, she said. Not only do they keep us able to function, they also relieve pain from conditions like arthritis. When strong muscles support the body, there's less pressure on joints and bones.

Seniors have to work harder to maintain muscle mass. Our bodies start losing muscle at age 30 and lose it faster after 60. By our 80s, we may have lost 30 percent of our muscle mass, and that lessens mobility and puts us at risk for falls and injuries.

The walking I do consistently is a good cardio activity, but it should be supplemented by targeted muscle-strengthening exercises. I should have listened to that message decades ago, but it's not too late.

The osteopath suggested physical therapy, but I want first to try an exercise program on my own. She gave me a printout with back exercises to do every other day. The physical therapist I saw last summer gave me knee exercises, which I haven't been doing often enough.

The exercise routine for back and knees takes less than a half-hour. Surely a retiree can fit it in every other day. Scheduling a time, ideally in the morning before the day gets busy, should ensure that I do it.

There's another part to the muscle issue that I've been reading about: diet. Protein helps maintain muscle. Seniors need to increase our protein intake as our bodies become less efficient at processing protein, according to a recent book published by AARP, *The Whole Body Reset*. It recommends that women consume 25 grams of protein and men 30 grams at each meal — breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Upping my protein intake may be as simple as adding chia seeds to my morning oatmeal and legumes to my evening salad.

I can go on moaning about what's happening to my body, or I can do a few things to counteract it. The changes I'm looking at aren't overwhelming, and if they help as expected, I will feel better. It should be a relief to discover

COMMENT

South Looper Marianne Goss blogs at <https://sincerelymarianne.blogspot.com/>



Group exercising in Dearborn Park, August 28, 2023

THE DEARBORN EXPRESS

We welcome letters to the editor.

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Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

Back to School

Aug 29, 2023



By the time I'd left the eighth grade, I'd attended thirteen schools. Dealing with all those changes led to the development of uncanny protean skills, including the art of answering questions before they were asked. For instance, my mother, Agnes, an ace at avoiding small talk, taught me:

"When you meet new people say, 'My name is Regan. It's from Shakespeare and it means queen in Gaelic', so you won't have to answer all their questions."

This tactic thwarted the name questions on the first day of any new school, especially since my grade school classmates didn't know what the heck I was talking about.

Word Daily, coughed up "protean" the other day, a word seen once in every 16,000 pages you might read. I never use it, though I completely click with the namesake origin, Proteus. He was a Greek sea god who knew all things, past, present, and future. Recognized as a shepherd of sea creatures, he slept among the seals and otters, which, save for the smell, appeals to the phantasms leftover from my childhood mermaid dreams.

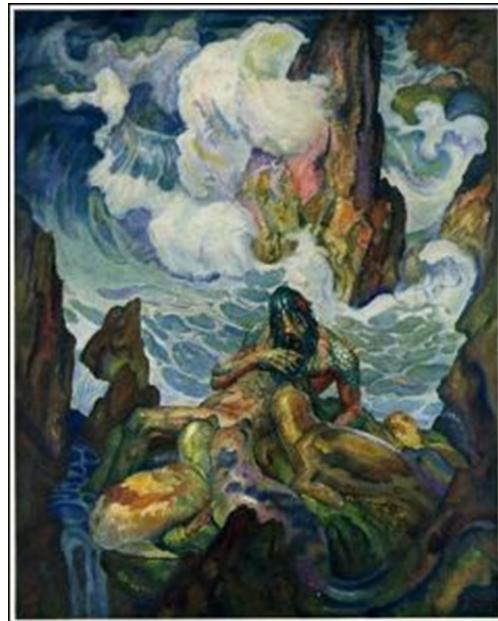
Proteus escaped those seeking his knowledge by changing his shape to avoid answering questions. In modern parlance, not a shape-shifter, but rather someone flexible and adaptable, is protean.

In the lower grades, adapting to mean-girl culture, I inevitably and reluctantly had to announce, "I repeated first grade because I was sick; then I skipped second grade." This answered the question of why I couldn't add or subtract. If I had remained in that first-grade school, my parenthetical nickname would have been "The Repeat" all the way to the eighth grade. The Repeats were few but well-known. We bonded with knowing glances passing silently in the hallways.

We were Catholics. My sisters and I attended parish schools, wore parish uniforms. There was never a back-to-school ritual in our house because we never went back to a school we had been to before. The beginning of each new school year was a fresh start.

Proteus sleeps with the seals.

Artist:
N.C. Wyeth



In Terre Haute we rode our bikes; in St. Louis the school bus. In downtown Indianapolis, we

caught a public bus crammed with garlic-breathed commuters. In the Chicago suburbs, a school bus, my mother's station wagon, bicycles, and walking, all brought us each year to a new building, a new neighborhood.

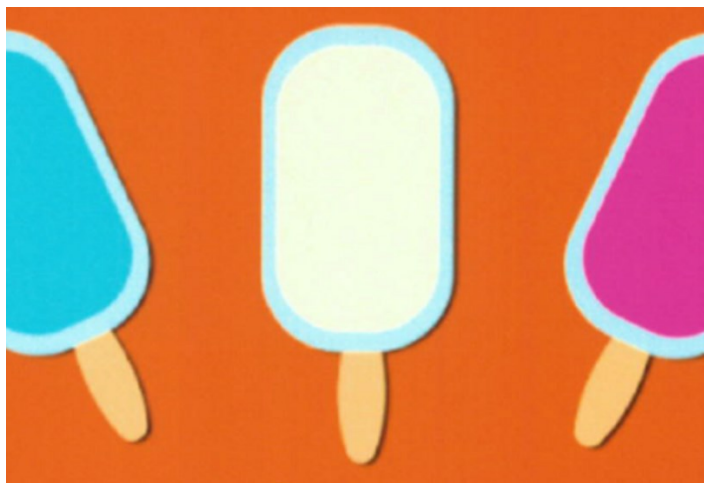
I never learned how to predict the future like Proteus (though a spiritualist on LSD once told me I had the gift of prophecy). Predicting what the next parish would be was never in the cards—it was always a mystery. My ears didn't reach high enough to hear my parents deliberating the matter. But I could easily predict we'd be in a different school for the next grade. For better or worse, we all exhibited protean traits: flexible and adaptable.

Early on, knowing stuff came to be my *raison d'être*. I became and remain an insufferable know-it-all. Geographic stability has diminished the necessity for protean mental agility of late.

by Regan Burke [In That Number: One March From the Streets of Protest to the Halls of Power \(And Beyond\)](#)

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[Ice Cream Social September 2023](#)

Wed, Sep 13

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Sat, Sep 09
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Time & Location

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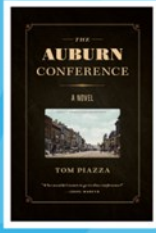
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for purchase and Piazza will sign them following the program. Piazza is joined in conversation by author and *Booklist* editor **Donna Seaman**. Your ticket also grants you admission to all AWM exhibits. [GET TICKETS HERE.](#)

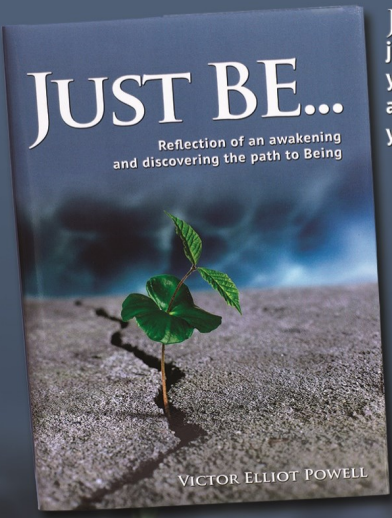
This is an in-person program at the American Writers Museum. This program will also be livestreamed, and you can [register for the link to the online broadcast here.](#)



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Writing Out Loud

what a blind teacher learned from leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

Hila Blum, **How to Love Your Daughter** (translated from Hebrew by Daniella Zamir) (Riverhead Books 2023).

“The first time I saw my granddaughters, I was standing across the street, didn’t dare go any closer.” Forced by love and driven by guilt to be both detective and voyeur, Yoella—estranged from Leah, her only child, and unknown to the only daughters of that daughter—tracks her long-absent child across thousands of miles, stalking Leah’s husband and eventually her children, to find closure. How, we readers wonder, and Yoella explores—through painful self-examination and meticulous retread of everything in her life since the glorious birth of her daughter—could she have lost her precious offspring? When Leah was born: “It was an infatuation. I had fallen in love, I wanted to shout my love for Leah from the rooftops, and at the same time I didn’t care about anyone. I was elated, celebrating the invention of my own motherhood.” When and how does that change? As Blum’s narrator searches “the seemingly insignificant missteps and deceptions of family life,” we readers look for clues of some tragic, irreparable, intentional *acts rei* to see whether she deserves blame for the painful schism. “Everything I ever did, I did out of love,” Yoella insists. We parents, sons and daughters, spouses, partners, teachers, coaches, confessors—panic at the possibility that our own love might have steered some things tragically off course. So many of Yoella’s memories uncover innocent,

understandable, and likely typical parental gloss. “I think about Leah at 14, 15,— the perilous years. I’d studied her face hundreds of times, thousands, always thinking, you take my breath away. Sometimes I told her, you’re so beautiful, it’s crazy. And Leah would roll her eyes, her features hardening, and I knew that with my lovestruck gaze, so blinded to her flaws, I was letting her down. And yet I kept doing it. I didn’t stop. I refused to accept the wall between us.” Leah’s father tells his wife: “Let her be. That girl needs space. She’ll go off and she’ll heal.” “Heal?” Yoella asks, “heal from what?” Blum travels back and forth between the present, where Leah is gone, her father is dead, and her mother—living with a new lover—appears more than mildly obsessed and unstable, and the time of her child-raising. Yoella reveals her own painful trauma, and some darker and more shameful intercourse between her and Leah, that might make readers guess that she is more culpable than righteous. Shall we weep for, or condemn, this grieving mother? The denouement *might* settle the question, but this terse, vivid, beautiful psychological weave of mystery and morality play is a must-read.

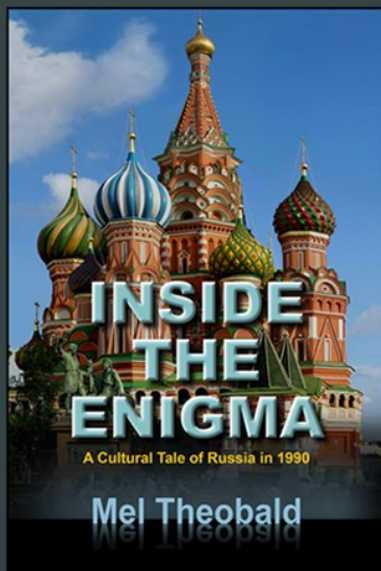
Lorraine Schmall

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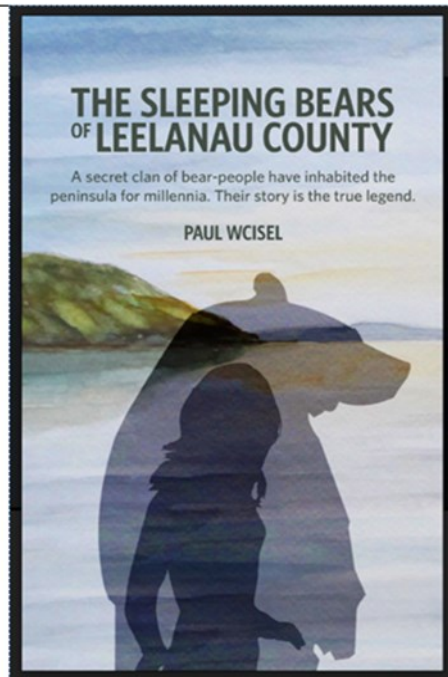
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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#)

An unfortunately uncommon experience Aug 28, 2023



Beth and I spent yesterday afternoon with friends in the suburbs—breezy sunny weather, burgers on the grill, lots of great conversation and good company. At one point, those of us of a certain age bemoaned the overwhelming number of streaming services offering an overwhelming number of streaming programming.

Our friend Joe pined for the days when there were maybe five channels. And that nearly all of us watched certain shows (All in the Family, e.g.), and that it made for easy water cooler discussions. (The most popular streaming shows get a fraction of the audience of the most popular network shows of the day.)

All the “it was better back then” stuff aside, it did occur to me that in today’s America, there are very, very few common experiences. We can segregate ourselves a thousand different ways—where we get our information, where we get entertainment, where we live. And, the ranks of the generation that experienced the great depression and WWII are thinning.

In any case, it’s easier to avoid people who aren’t like ourselves than ever. And I think that’s a factor in our overall national polarization.

All this reminded me of a stint of jury duty I served a couple weeks ago. I was called by Cook County as a backup juror and as it happens, I was selected. It was an inconvenience, yes, but I’ve actually been called a few times and never have been able to serve. Because of one crisis or health issue or another, I haven’t been able to. And I wanted to.

I’ll save the details—it was a civil suit and something of a study in human behavior that, despite it being a sort of mundane matter, was weirdly compelling.

And inspiring.

I served with a woman CTA bus driver (who liked having a break from that work), a fund raiser for veterans, a U of I student on summer break, an Asian American who apologized for his choppy English, to name a few. Every one of us was respectful to one another, listened carefully throughout the proceedings, and deliberations were totally civilized. Beyond that, the County Sheriff’s officers were incredibly polite and kind over our nearly week together.

I’ve always thought mandatory service for 18 year olds would be good for the country, service where people have to rub elbows and work with people they didn’t pick out of the lineup. That’s probably a long-shot; until then we have jury duty.

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Amanda Darrow, director of youth, family and education programs at the Utah Pride Center, poses with books that have been the subject of complaints from parents in Salt Lake City on Dec. 16, 2021.
 (Rick Bowmer / AP Photo)

[Summary Transcript](#)

This summer’s extreme heat has contributed to disasters around the world—but some of them are hard to see. On this week’s On the Media, why extreme heat is one of the most challenging climate disasters for reporters to cover. Plus, the story of how historical fiction became the unexpected darling of the literary world.

1. Jake Bittle [[@jake_bittle](#)], staff writer at Grist, on this year’s scarily hot summer and the impacts of extreme heat. [Listen](#).

2. OTM producer Eloise Blondiau [[@eloiseblondiau](#)] takes a deep dive into how historical fiction became a rich resource for reckoning with our past, feat: Alexander Manshel, assistant professor of English at McGill University [[@xandermanshel](#)], and novelists Alexander Chee [[@alexanderchee](#)] and Min Jin Lee [[@minjinlee11](#)]. [Listen](#).

3. Tiya Miles [[@TiyaMilesTAM](#)], professor of history at Harvard University and author of *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*, on re-discovering lost histories. [Listen](#).

Free Days Are Back For Illinois Museum Residents This Fall. Here's When To Visit

With proof of residency, Illinois residents can visit some of the city's most famous museums for free this fall.

[Isaiah Reynolds](#)

7:44 AM CDT on Aug 30, 2023

CHICAGO — The city's renowned museums just got even better with free admission for Illinois residents. With proof of residency, Illinoisians can visit some of the city's most famous museums for free this fall. Chicago's museums invite patrons to explore the city's night sky at the Adler Planetarium, meet the [new Spinosaurus](#) at the Field Museum or take a walk in the ancient city of Pompeii at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Tickets and booking are accessible through select museums' websites.

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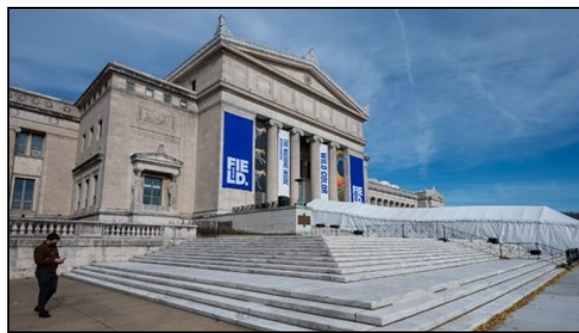
5-8 p.m. on Thursdays through Aug. 31.

[Adler Planetarium](#), 1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.

Every Wednesday after 4 p.m.

[DuSable Black History Museum and Education](#)

[Center](#), 740 E. 56th Pl.



[Shedd Aquarium](#), 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive
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Wednesdays

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- Sept. 5, 9, 12, 19, 26
- Oct.: 3, 9, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Nov.: 7, 10, 14, 28

Dec.: 5, 12

[Museum of Contemporary Art](#), 220 E. Chicago Ave.

Tuesdays

[Museum of Science and Industry](#), 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive

- Sept. 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, 26
- Oct. 4, 5, 9
- Nov. 1, 8



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Editor's Letter: September, 2023

September 5, 2023 by [Brian Hiegelke](#)

Once again, our September edition is the biggest Newcity issue ever in thirty-seven years, topping last year's record by twenty-four pages.

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This edition includes the Art 50, profiles of the artists making Chicago one of the world's great creative capitals. Next month, print subscribers will get a limited edition insert created by one of those artists as the next installment of our Folio series. If you still need convincing.

—BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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45 PERFECT Recipes for the PASSIONATE Palate

Jonathan Horwich & Carol Montag

Records Raise Questions On CPS Transparency Over Near South Side High School Plan

Chicago Public Schools promised to listen to residents concerning the school location but did closed door planning for months. Appraisals for purchased land differ by millions of dollars, records show.

[Emeline Posner, Illinois Answers Project](#) and [Jewel Jackson, Illinois Answers Project](#) Aug 22, 2023

The site of Chicago Public School's new Near South Side high school is seen, looking north, at 2400 S. State St. on Thursday, June 22, 2023. Trent Sprague/For Illinois Answers Project

CHICAGO — When Chicago Public Schools first announced a plan in June of last year to build a new \$120 million high school on the Near South Side, officials assured residents they would play a key role in the project over the coming months.

But for nearly a year, CPS worked behind closed doors with the Chicago Housing Authority and city departments to negotiate a land-swap deal that would allow the district to build the school — later projected to cost \$150 million — on a portion of public housing land, the former Harold Ickes Homes, according to public records obtained by the Illinois Answers Project.

In return for a long-term lease on the public housing land, CPS agreed to buy nearby land for the CHA. CPS bought the land for \$10.3 million, even though one appraiser on the deal estimated the land value at just \$7.7 million, records show.

These records, which include more than 1,500 pages of land appraisals, real estate agreements and internal



emails between officials, offer a closer look at the school's development process — which some critics say has not been transparent or involved the community in a meaningful way.

An Illinois Answers review of the documents found that:

- CPS, the CHA and the city began meeting in the fall of 2020 to consider potential locations for the new Near South Side High School.
- By July 2021, the three entities were intent on pursuing the land-swap plan — CPS would lease the former Ickes public housing land at 24th and State to build the school and buy replacement land at 23rd and Wabash for the CHA — despite anticipating community opposition.
- When CPS received an appraisal report that valued the Wabash land at \$7.7 million, district counsel reached out to a second firm to research the first report and provide a new valuation. The second firm valued the land at \$10.275 million, then raised the value to \$10.32 million.

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If the land-swap deal did not get necessary approvals, CPS planned to use the Wabash land as a back-up site for the school. But in community meetings CPS maintained that there were no other viable locations for the school, even as community members and elected officials asked the district to rethink its plan to use public housing land. Local activists have argued that the city should complete the construction of promised affordable housing on the Ickes land before building a school.

The proposal for a new school comes after years of requests for a new open enrollment high school for families in Chinatown and the South Loop.

The majority of high schoolers in Chinatown currently commute several miles southwest to Kelly High School in Brighton Park, or to selective enrollment schools on the North Side with bilingual programs. And while student enrollment has shrunk district-wide over the last two decades, the South Loop is one of the few neighborhoods in the city where the student population has increased. The 1,200-student school would serve students in Chinatown, South Loop, Bronzeville and Bridgeport, CPS has said.

A previous plan to open a high school in an existing South Loop elementary school ended after families filed a civil rights lawsuit in 2018 — the judge ruled that the plan would violate state laws.

Discussion of the school arose again in 2020, after State Rep. Theresa Mah (D-24) announced she had helped secure \$50 million in state money for the new school.

But since news broke about the land-swap plan, community groups and elected officials — including Mah — have spoken out against the district’s use of public housing land and asked the district to consider other sites. Last fall, Mah said she would block the funds until the district had shown a “good faith” effort to find a new site.

In March, CPS bought the Wabash land for \$10.3 million several days after receiving final approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Since closing on the purchase, CPS has not discussed the status of the school, with its future unclear.

“CPS remains fully committed to meaningfully engaging with the community to ensure that a future high school on the Near South Side serves the needs of the growing community,” CPS spokesperson Samantha Hart said in a statement. Others remain skeptical of the district’s engagement.

“Their plan was to move forward with a backroom deal, so of course, they were not going to have a legitimate community engagement process,” said Mah (D-24) after learning of the records obtained by the Illinois Answers Project. The findings “reinforce my belief that there was never any intention or interest about getting meaningful community input on the site selection.” FOR THE REST OF THE STORY CLICK HERE.

https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/08/22/records-raise-questions-on-cps-transparency-over-near-south-side-high-school-plan/?utm_source=Pico&utm_campaign=b0178c9bd9-

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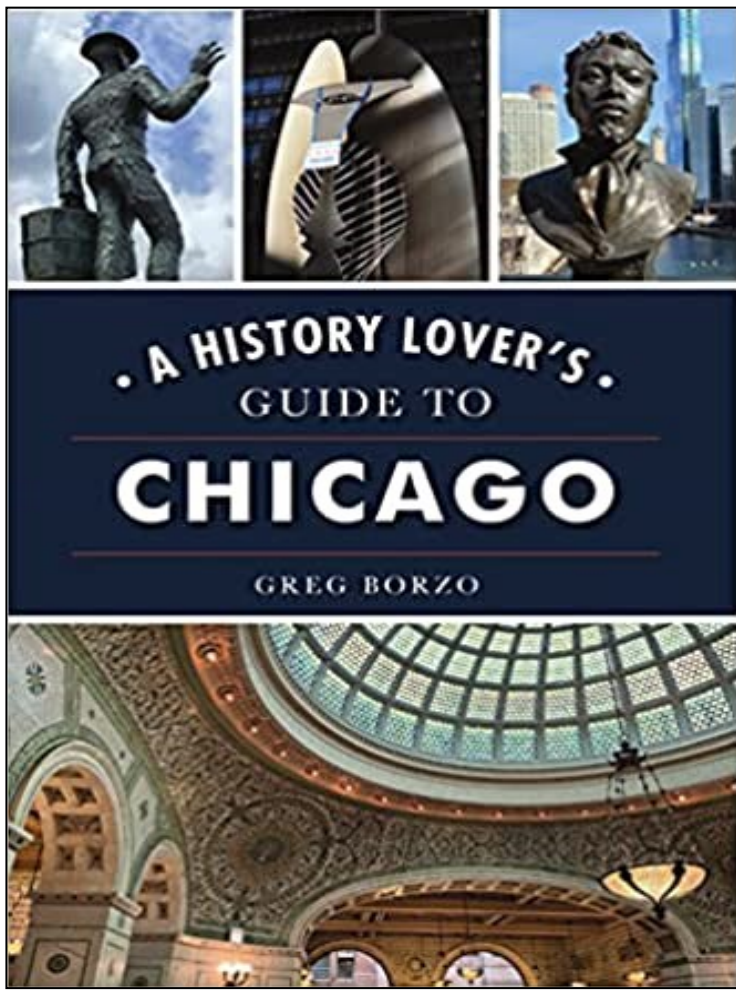
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10:00 a.m. 10 a.m. Children's Programming Miss Chintown Amy Xie will tell the story of "Chang E and Hoyu! Goddess of the Moon" Presented by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.	10 a.m. Chicago Mosaic: Immigrant Stories of Objects Kept, Lost, or Left Behind Readings by and discussion with contributors. Published by Big Shoulders Press. Edited by Chris Green and Amy Tyson.	10 a.m. Innovative Lit - Tala Lakshmi Kolluri, What We Fed to the Mandorle and Dawn Raffel, Boundless as the Sky in conversation with Billy Lombardo.	10 a.m. Jamila Minnick, Moonrise Over New Jessup in conversation with Dawn Turner.	10 a.m. Middle-Grade Fiction Magic, Myths, and Mysteries Zetta Eliott, The Enchanted Bridge and Karl Craft, Mirena Koen's Detective Club and Karla Arenas Valenti, Lotaris in conversation with Skyler Schremp.	10 a.m. The Ordinary and Outlandish in Short Stories - Janice Deal, Strange Attractors: The Ephrem Stories, Ling Ma, Bliss Montage and Cwo Giam, LET'S GO LET'S GO LET'S GO in conversation with Donald G. Evans.
10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Children's Programming Storybook Parade led by the Yin He Dancers and the Chicago Public Library's Great Horned Owl.		11:15 a.m. -- Welcome by Commissioner Erin Hankey, Dept. of Cultural Affairs & Special Events (DCASE), Chicago Public Library Commissioner Chris Brown, Illinois Secretary of State Alex Giannoulias, and Janice Feinberg, Bessie & Joseph Foundation.	11 a.m. John D'Emilio, Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood: Coming of Age in the Sixties in conversation with Vicki Quade.	11 a.m. Identity Shifts: Hidden Truths - Dan Clay, Becoming a Queen and Floghnach Robinson, Look No Further in conversation with Rachel Bertsche.	11 a.m. Historical Fiction - Suzette Mayr, The Steeping Car Porter and Gioia Dilberts, Coop at the Ritz in conversation with Amina Gautier.
11:00 a.m. 11 a.m. Children's Programming Bubbles and Bookmarks Dance Party with Booked.	11 a.m. Fiction Takes Flight: Imagine, Experiment, Research, and Play - Michael Czynski, The Annies in the Mass; Ashley Wurzbacher, How to Care for a Human Girl; Sarah Layden, Imagine Your Life Like This.	Program to follow featuring 2023 Pulitzer Prize Winners for Nonfiction Iolene Okunriyiga and Robert Samuels, authors of His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice in conversation with Natalie Moore, WBEZ.	12 p.m. Dr. Arina T. Gaurimul, The Extraordinary Stress of Life in an Unjust Society in conversation with Sandra West, Crain's.	12 p.m. Horror and Thriller Writing - Daniel Kraus, Wharfal, Juan Martinez, Extended Stay, and Cynthia Pelejo, The Shoemaker's Magician in conversation with Jeremy T. Wilson.	12 p.m. Contemporary Tempests - James Kennedy, Bride of the Tombed and Glenn Taylor, The Songs of Betty Beach in conversation with Lina Ferreira Cabeza Vanegas.
11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Children's Storytelling Reading by and discussion with Cozbi A. Cabrera, Chef Edna Queen of Southern Cooking, Edna Lewis and Jamet Dapac, Mr. Watson's Chickens in conversation with Betty Haber, Booked.	12:30 p.m. Anarchy and Ink: Historians and Fiction Writers Talk Punk - Heather Augustyn, Rude Girls: Women in 2 Tone and One Step Beyond, Kyle Decker, The Rancor Mile: An Aler Damage Novel, and Jan B. Larson, Hit Girls: Women of Punk in the USA, 1975-1983, and Jim Rutland, Make it Stop in conversation with Tony Tavaro.	12:30 p.m. Sunday Salon Chicago Presents: Dr. Taylor Ryan, I Done Cloaked My Heels Three Times, Carolina Hotchandani, The Book Eaters, Elizabeth Joy Levinson, Uncomfortable Ecologies, and Jose Alvarez, Promises of Gold: Emceed by Ignatius Valentine Roysius, Host and Curator. This particular edition of SoDa Chicago occurs on Saturday.	1:00 p.m. That Which Consumes Us - Lisa Hsiao Chen, Activities of Daily Living and Julia Fine, Madeline and the Dark in conversation with Michelle Fiskoff.	1 p.m. Secrets - Elysha Chang, A Quilter's Paradise and Rita Woods, The Last Dreamwalker in conversation with Eileen Favorita.	1 p.m. Nash Jenkins, Foster Dede Explores the Cosmos in conversation with Frank Tempone.
1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. Mark Guarino, Country and Midwestern: Chicago in the History of Country Music and the Folk Revival in conversation with Rick Kogan, WGN, Music by Jon Langford.	1:30 p.m. "This is how love arrives" - Featuring Syrian Poet Adonis in conversation with Faisal Mohyuddin.	2:30 p.m. Hollywood Women - Barbara Mujica, Misa del Rio: A Novel of Dolores del Rio, the First Major Latina Star in Hollywood and Kathleen Rooney, From Duet to Stardust in conversation with Donna Seaman.	1 p.m. Jon Eig, King: A Life in conversation with Scoop Jackson.	2 p.m. The Language of Lakes and Rivers Poetry Reading - Dina Eilenbogen, Shore: poems, Kathryn Haydon, Unsashed Blue Summer, Poems of Lake Michigan, and Jon Wallace, Landscape with Missing River. Emceed by Virginia Bell.	2 p.m. Live Podcast Recording of First Draft: A Dialogue on Writing Antonio Wilson, Mouth to Mouth in conversation with Mizi Rapkin, Host.
2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Banned Books - Featuring Jesse Ann Foley, Amy Polonsky, and Erika L. Sanchez. Presented by the Chicago Public Library.	2:30 p.m. Haunted Muses - Featuring John Duffy, A Ballroom for Ghost Dancing, Bruce Owens Green, It Came from the Closet: Queer Reflections on Honor, Donna Irving, The Islands, Ananda Lima, Motherland, Sandra A. Miller, Wednesdays at One, and Jami Nakamura Lin, The Night Parade.	3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Comics: Inheriting Legacy - Eve L. Ewing and Julian Randall in conversation with Terry Gant, Third Coast Comics.	2 p.m. Civil Rights - Samuel Freedman, Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights in conversation with Alek Kottowitz.	3 p.m. Dave Eggers, The Eyes and the Impossible in conversation with Jennifer Sewell, ISOPCH.	2 p.m. The Short Story and the Enigma of the Everyday - Laura Adamczyk, Island City and Christine Sneed, Direct Sunlight: Stories in conversation with Jarrett Neal.
3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Comics: Inheriting Legacy - Eve L. Ewing and Julian Randall in conversation with Terry Gant, Third Coast Comics.	4 p.m. Reclaiming the Narrative: Empowering Women Through Poetry - A reading and discussion featuring Suzanne Frischkorn, Simone Muench, and Melissa Stutzard. Emceed and moderated by Ruben Quezada.	4 p.m. Zachary Zane, Boyz!: A Memoir and Manifesto in conversation with Matt Faries, Unabridged Bookstore.	3 p.m. Civil Rights - Samuel Freedman, Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights in conversation with Alek Kottowitz.	4 p.m. Exhibit B Reading - Fayla Hicks, Nakiyah T.M. Jordan, Daniel Borzutzky, and James Stewart III. Emceed by Ian Eric Wojcikewicz.	3 p.m. Writing Humor - Eden Robins, When Franny Stands Up and Julie Schumacher, The English Experience in conversation with Kasey Evans.
4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Story Jam - Featuring Archy Jampun, Kory May, Carmenta Peoples, and P. Taylor. Improved songs by Koe Wise. Hosted by Stephanie Rogers, Producer.	5 p.m. Writing After Loss - Eileen Hanna, Time to Fly: Life and Love After Loss, Kim Jocki and Melody Smith, Safe Landing in conversation with Chris O'Brien	5 p.m. Poetry Unbound: Pádraig Ó Tuama in conversation with Chafiq Shanahan, Trace Evidence. Reading and discussion.	4 p.m. Exhibit B Reading - Fayla Hicks, Nakiyah T.M. Jordan, Daniel Borzutzky, and James Stewart III. Emceed by Ian Eric Wojcikewicz.	5 p.m. The Black Horror Experience - Robin R. Means Coleman, The Black Guy Dies First: Black Horror Cinema from Fodder to Oscar and Novotny Lawrence, Elitoplaton in conversation with Gerard Butters.	

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Many Downtown Neighbors Don't Want Another Year Of NASCAR, Survey Shows

More than half of neighbors surveyed by Ald. Brendan Reilly don't want the street race to return, but the city and NASCAR have a three-year deal to keep the race in Chicago unless either side opts out.

[Melody Mercado](#) Aug 29, 2023

DOWNTOWN — Many Downtown residents would not support NASCAR returning to Chicago, according to a survey by Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd).

The survey from Reilly's office generated 662 responses about the inaugural NASCAR Chicago Street race July 1-2, which booked a big chunk of Grant Park's summer season because of setup and teardown. Residents were asked three questions related to NASCAR's outreach, traffic closures and future NASCAR races in Chicago.

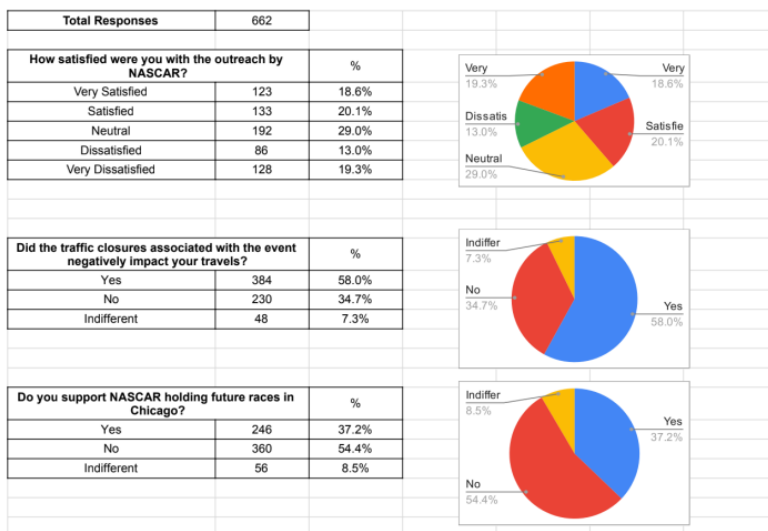
More than half of respondents — 54 percent — said they would not support holding future NASCAR races in Chicago. About 37 percent of respondents said they would support another NASCAR race and eight percent said they felt indifferent.

When it came to traffic, 58 percent of respondents said the race's street closures negatively impacted their travels, compared to 34 percent who said it didn't affect them.

Asked if neighbors were satisfied with NASCAR's outreach, about 38 percent said yes, 32 percent said no and 29 percent said they felt neutral.

Credit: Reilly Reports Survey Results from Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd) asking residents how they felt about the NASCAR race in Chicago.

Reilly, whose ward includes Grant Park, blasted former Mayor Lori Lightfoot for a lack of transparency in bringing NASCAR to town, saying he was not looped



into the plan until [hours before the announcement](#). Reilly has said he thinks the city's [three-year deal with NASCAR could still be killed](#), but [praised NASCAR executives for their communication](#) with his office and neighbors in the lead-up to the July race.

According to an Aug. 25 edition of his newsletter, the alderman said the survey responses, along with results from a recently commissioned NASCAR economic impact study, will help determine his position on the street race's future.

The study is being conducted by the Sports Industry Research Center at Temple University and was [commissioned in July by Choose Chicago](#), the city's tourism arm. The clock is ticking as NASCAR and the city can opt out 180 days before the second event next year, according to NASCAR's contract with the Chicago Park District. That means a decision needs to be made roughly before the end of the year.

The NASCAR Street Race was estimated to bring \$113 million into the local economy, according to a February report from [the Sun-Times](#). But that puts the street race behind two other major Grant Park events: Sueños and Lollapalooza.

[In its first year, the Sueños music fest in Grant Park generated \\$120 million](#) and this year generated [\\$181.6 million](#) in economic impact for the city, according to studies festival organizers C3 commissioned. Sueños takes second place to Lollapalooza which generated [\\$335.4 million last year in direct and indirect economic revenue in Chicago](#), according to a study C3 commissioned.

The street race has also faced controversy over how long it took over green space at Grant Park.

Originally the race was forecasted for a two-week takeover. [Block Club Chicago revealed the setup, event and teardown was extended to 39 days](#), which originally [resulted in softball leagues being booted from playing at Grant Park](#). **CLICK FOR THE REST OF THE STORY**

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How to Help Migrants!



Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago Members of the Southwest Collective have organized food drives and other services throughout the pandemic. Now, they are building on those programs to help migrants arriving in Chicago.

The city has partnered with Instituto del Progreso Latino to create an Amazon wishlist where people can buy supplies for migrants, including pants, shoes, shirts, hoodies, backpacks, razor blades, shower shoes and laundry bags.

The wishlist is [online](#).

The Southwest Collective, an organizing group of neighbors and activists, is also asking for help to get supplies to migrants awaiting housing. Direct donations can be made [here](#).

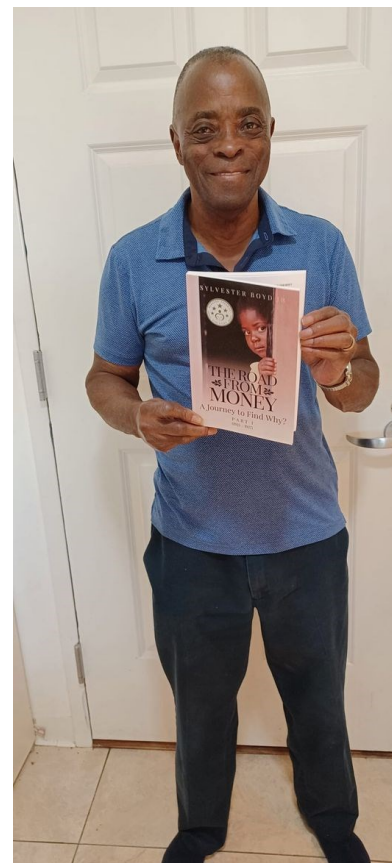
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<https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/05/03/heres-how-to-help-the-latest-wave-of-migrants-coming-to-chicago/>



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City Rolls-Out Successful New "Grid-Based" Tree Trimming System

Moving on from the outdated 3-1-1 driven tree trim process, the City has now implemented a "grid-based" tree trimming system. Under the old, outdated system, crews would only trim a tree on a block if it's entered into the 3-1-1 system due to a complaint by a resident, business, or aldermanic office, and they would trim that tree only. With the grid system, Department of Forestry crews schedule trims for entire sets of blocks at a time, making trimming both more efficient and more equitable.

Under the old system, for example, areas where residents are more densely populated or that call 3-1-1 more often got more trims than areas that were unable to log all the necessary 3-1-1 requests for service. Additionally, City tree trimming crews would have to jump from one area to another based on complaints, leaving blocks only partially completed, leading to less trees trimmed per day than if they stayed one area.

The new system has already been proven tremendously successful. As of July 31, city trimming crews had trimmed 34,262 trees across the city compared to only 9,342 trees trimmed during the same span in 2022. The new system will also help alleviate the backlog in trimming requests where Chicagoan's often waited a year or more to have their trims fulfilled.

For the 3rd Ward, 322 individual streets have had their trees trimmed this year, covering every neighborhood in the ward. The change to a grid-based trimming system occurred under Alderman Dowell's leadership of the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations as part of the FY2023 City of Chicago Budget.



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Parking restrictions are in place for the South Loop from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Rd. from Lake Shore Drive to Clark St. during all Chicago Bears football games and many other Soldier Field events. Wintrust Arena events have been removed from the parking restrictions. Vehicles parked in the South Loop without a valid South Loop Event Parking Pass, South Loop Event Guest Pass or Residential Permit Parking pass (for Residential Permit Parking Streets ONLY) are subject to ticketing or towing.

For a complete list of Soldier Field events, please visit www.soldierfield.com/events/all. The 3rd Ward is providing the list below as a courtesy to residents and visitors and does not assume liability for the accuracy of the monthly list of South Loop events. All Soldier Field events are subject to change, including cancellation or the scheduling of additional events. It is your responsibility to adhere to the parking restrictions in place.

**Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay Packers
Sunday, September 10th at 3:25 pm**

**Karol G Manana Sera Bonito Tour
Friday, September 15th at 7:00 pm**

**Chicago Fire FC vs. New England
Revolution
Saturday, September 23rd at 7:30 pm**

**US Women's National Team vs
South Africa
Sunday, September 24th at 4:30 pm**



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Barbara's Basement

Opening: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, 10 am - 1pm

Regular Hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm

Sundays: As announced in advance

Come Shop With Us!



2nd Presbyterian Church, 1936 S Michigan Ave

Summer Dance, Chicago

Friday, September 8 | 11am–4:45pm

Chicago SummerDance at Taste of Chicago

Grant Park (at Buckingham Fountain)

- **11am** - DJ and Open Dancing
- **12pm** - Line Dancing / Fre2Dance
- **1pm** - Peruvian Folk Dance / Center of Peruvian Arts
- **2pm** - Balboa (Swing) / Desiree Roffers
- **3pm** - Reggaeton / Latin Street
- 4pm** - DJ and Open Dancing

Saturday, September 9 | 1–4:45pm

Chicago SummerDance at Taste of Chicago

Grant Park (at Buckingham Fountain)

- **1pm** - Salsa / Latin Rhythms
- **2pm** - Country Two-Step / Second City Country Dance Association
- **3pm** - Zouk / Urbanity Dance Chicago
- 4pm** - Dabke / Phaedra Darwish

Sunday, September 10 | 11am–4:45pm

Chicago SummerDance at Taste of Chicago

Grant Park (at Buckingham Fountain)

- **11am** - DJ and Open Dancing
- **12pm** - Steppin' / Majestic Gents
- **1pm** - Eastern European Folk Dance / Ethnic Dance Chicago
- **2pm** - Bollywood / Meher Dance Company
- **3pm** - Bachata / Desueño Dance
- 4pm** - DJ and Open Dancing



One Book, One Chicago's 2023 Selection is *There There* by Tommy Orange

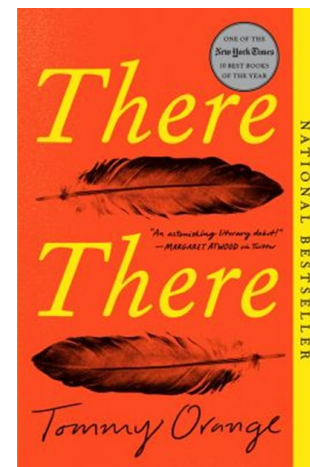
September 6, 2023

Join One Book, One Chicago in 2023 as we celebrate [There There](#) by Tommy Orange.

[There There](#)
[Orange, Tommy, 1982-](#)

Paperback, 2019

Available



From September to December, read *There There* with other Chicagoans. A Pulitzer Prize Finalist, the book has received many accolades including being named a Pen/Hemingway Award Winner, Center for Fiction First Novel Prize Winner, National Book Critics Circle Award Winner, and New York Times Best Book of the Year. *There There* follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. They converge and collide on one fateful day at the Big Oakland Powwow and together this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American - grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism.

As always, the book is just the beginning! From September through December, One Book, One Chicago will explore themes and ideas from the book with programming across Chicago. Community members will have the opportunity to not only read this year's One Book, One Chicago selection, but also browse related recommendations and attend events like book discussions, neighborhood tours, workshops, lectures, and film screenings. Highlights include:

- **Keynote program: *There There* author Tommy Orange will appear on November 15 at 6 p.m.**
 - Book clubs and discussion groups citywide.
 - History presentations, storytelling, dance and food demonstrations reflecting Native American voices.
 - Neighborhood walking tours exploring the impact of Native Americans on Chicago.
- Community Cinema film screenings of films uplifting Native voices and stories.

For details on all of these programs and more, visit onebookonechicago.org.

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Daley Plaza City Market

- o Thursdays
- o May 11 - October 26th, 7 am - 2 pm
- o 50 W. Washington St.



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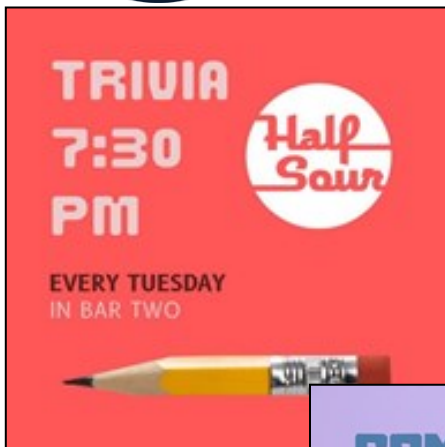


Printers Row Lit Fest September 10, 2022.



Clark and Polk Streets

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Thursdays

Bingo with Betty

Last Wednesday of the month

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Commander Harris responding to the tough questions.



The crowd of residents writing down their questions for the Commander on Monday, August 28, 2023 at Grace Place.

CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMANDER

The topic of the evening was Mexican Independence Weekend.

Some of the questions:

How will you control fireworks etc?

Will you staff 911?

Relocate revelers some place else?

How will we shelter migrants from the celebration?

Community groups helping migrants call CAPS Sgt Fleming

Will allow people to go downtown to attend plays, concerts, etc? *Yes.*

Out reach to Mexican community?

Noise ordinance?

CTA buses & trains ?

Caravans will not be allowed 18th to Wacker to Halsted

Plan will be messaged out

They monitor social media

Took hours to get in and out of loop

Last year, 2300 tickets at \$300 ea. Were handed out

Also mentioned: Burglaries high rise up

Auto theft up Car technology fob system vulnerable



You're invited to participate in the

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION





TO CREATE THE 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

for the 1st District

<p>1st Conversation</p> <p>Wed, Sept 20th, 2023 at 6pm</p> <p>Location: IBEW 2722 S. MLK Dr.</p>	<p>2nd Conversation</p> <p>Wed, Oct 11th, 2023 6pm</p> <p>Location: Willow Creek Community Church 1347 S State St</p>
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TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR OR VISIT chicagopolice.org/convo

For more information or if you require special accommodation, contact the 001st district Community Policing office at
312-745-4381 / email: CAPS.001District@chicagopolice.org



Let's make a difference in our neighborhood together!

3 teens charged with multiple felonies including armed robbery across Chicago



By Jeramie Bizzle
September 3, 2023 / 2:39 PM / CBS Chicago

CHICAGO (CBS) – Three teenage boys are facing multiple charges in connection to armed robberies across the city on Saturday. The robberies happened in the West Town, West Loop, Pilsen, Chinatown, West Englewood, Bronzeville, and Near South Side neighborhoods.

The boys, ages 15, 16, and 17, were arrested by Chicago police around 3:20 p.m. in the 1100 block of South Park Terrace, 1000 block of South Plymouth Court, and 1100 block of South Clark Street respectively.

Police say they were identified as the offenders who committed multiple armed robbery-related incidents hours earlier in the following locations:

- 0-100 block of South Aberdeen Street: 23-year-old woman.
- 1800 block of West Race Avenue: 27-year-old man.
- 2000 block of South May Street: Two men 39 and 50.
- 2400 block of South Wentworth Avenue: 41-year-old man.
- 1400 block of West 56th Street: Two men, 53 and 60.
- 300 block of East 48th Street: Three men, 24, 46, 55.
- 2100 block of South State Street - 44-year-old woman.

The 15 and 16-year-olds were charged with 10 felony counts of armed robbery and one felony count of unlawful use of a weapon. The 16-year-old received an additional felony charge of attempted armed robbery.

The 17-year-old was charged with 11 felony counts of armed robbery, one felony count of attempted armed robbery, No additional information was available.



Did you know the South Loop Neighborhood Watch - Police Beat 123 has a facebook page?

We do!...and we encourage you to use it!

The South Loop Neighborhood Watch – Police Beat 123 Facebook Page is a crime communication tool intended to enable the rapid sharing of crime alerts and crime prevention news specifically for Police Beat 123. This area is the section of the South Loop that is bordered by Ida B. Wells on the north, Roosevelt Road on the South, the Chicago River on the west and Michigan Avenue on the east.

Link to Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1475398529519963/>

Please stay engaged! The safety and security of our neighborhood is everyone's business!

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Next CAPS Meeting 2023

Sept 13, 5:30pm IN-
PERSON Beat 123



caps.001district@chicagopolice.org

Police Blotter



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

8/29/2023 3:43 pm 1200 S Wabash
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Hand gun on street Beat 131

8/26/2023 2:45am 1200 S Wabash
STRONG ARM ROBBERY, no weapon Convenience
store Beat 131

8/15/2023 4:40am 1200 S Wabash
ARMED ROBBERY, Handgun Grocery Store, Beat 131

8/13/2023 5:54pm 20 E Roosevelt
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, CTA Platform Beat 123

8/19/2023 5:30pm 0 E Roosevelt Rd
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun, CTA Platform Beat 123

8/13/2023 6am 1100 S State St
ATTEMPT STRONG ARM ROBBERY, No weapon,
Sidewalk Beat 123

8/19/2023 5:30pm 0 E Roosevelt
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun, Subway Platform,
Beat 123

8/24/2023 10pm 800 S Michigan Av
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun Street Beat 123

8/25/2023 5:17pm 700 S Michigan
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Knife Sidewalk Beat 123

8/13/2023 2:30pm 500 S State
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun, Store, Beat 123

8/23/2023 3:04pm 600 S Dearborn
ATTEMPT AGGRAVATED ROBBERY Store Beat 123

8/18/2023 10:58am 600 S Clark St
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Knife, Non-Res Parking
Beat 123

8/27/2023 7:27pm 600 S Wells
ATTEMPT ARMED ROBBERY Handgun, sidewalk
Beat 123

8/17/2023 7:35pm 1100 S Clark
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun, street Beat 123

8/12/2023 7:25pm 100 W Roosevelt
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun, Street Beat 123

8/24/2023 3pm Roosevelt Collection
STRONG ARM ROBBERY, No weapon Street Beat 123

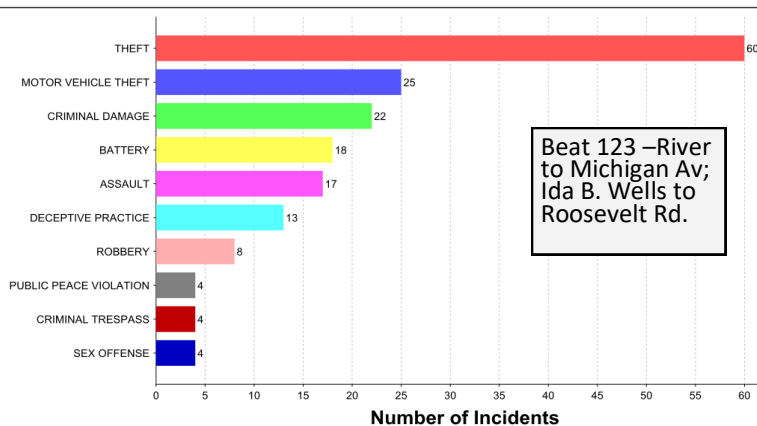
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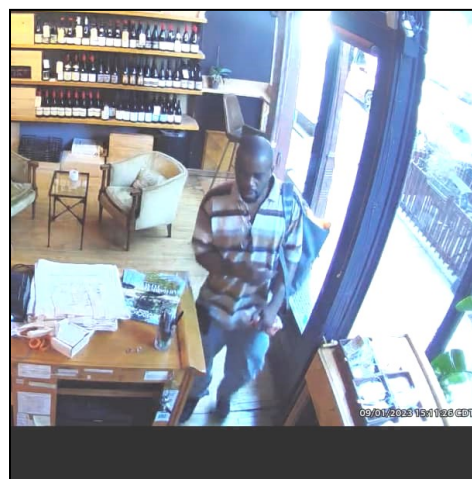
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Top Ten Crimes From 01-Jun-2023 To 30-Jun-2023 On Beat 0123

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Beat 123 –River
to Michigan Av;
Ida B. Wells to
Roosevelt Rd.



The Wine Shop on Dearborn 9/1/2023
Retail theft with assault DAY 2
South Loop businesses beware. Police report
filed.
Posted on Facebook

8/14/2023 6pm 1100 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

8/19/2023 5am 60 E 9th St
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

8/25/2023 3am 800 S Michigan
AUTO THEFT Non-Res Parking garage Beat 123

8/30/2023 6pm 800 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

8/25/2023 1pm 100 W 9th
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

8/27/2023 5:30am 100 W Harrison
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

8/19/2023 6:28pm 1200 S Wabash
CYCLE/SCOOTER THEFT at Grocery Store Beat 131

8/12/2023 6pm 30 E 13th St
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 131

AUTO THEFT



Bureau of Detectives – Area 3

Community Alert



Alert #23-3-059 (CA)
August 27, 2023

Criminal Damage to Vehicles Theft from Vehicles 001st District (Central)

About the Crime:

This alert gives notice to residents in the 001st District of recent Criminal Damage to Vehicle and Theft from Vehicle related incidents which have occurred during the month of August. These incidents have occurred at multiple locations throughout Beat 123, with a vast majority taking place at parking lots and parking garages. In each of the incidents, the offender(s) are targeting unattended vehicles. The offender(s) are entering into locked vehicles by breaking the driver or passenger side windows with an unknown object before taking possession of property located inside of the vehicle with the exception of one incident where a catalytic converter was taken after being removed from underneath the vehicle.

Incident times and locations:

- 600 block of South Financial Pl on August 1, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
- 0-100 block of West Polk St on August 2, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.
- 800 block of South Wabash Ave on August 3, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.
- 800 block of South Wells St on August 6, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.
- 100 block of West 9th St on August 7, 2023 at 12:30 A.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 8, 2023 at 9:47 P.M.
- 700 block of South Financial Pl on August 9, 2023 at 10:35 P.M.
- 0-100 block of East Harrison St on August 10, 2023 at 10:54 A.M.
- 600 block of South Financial Pl August 12, 2023 at 12:00 A.M.
- 700 block of South La Salle St on August 12, 2023 at 10:30 A.M.
- 1100 block of South Wells St on August 12, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.
- 900 block of South Wabash Ave on August 12, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 12, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.
- 1100 block of South Wells St on August 13, 2023 at 2:00 A.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 13, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.
- 1100 block of South Clark St on August 14, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.
- 800 block of South Michigan Ave on August 15, 2023 at 12:30 A.M.
- 800 block of South Wabash Ave on August 15, 2023 at 1:45 P.M.
- 800 block of South Wabash Ave on August 15, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.
- 800 block of South Michigan Ave on August 15, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
- 1100 block of South Wabash Ave on August 16, 2023 at 3:15 P.M.
- 800 block of South Financial Pl on August 16, 2023 at 9:40 P.M.
- 500 block of South Michigan Ave on August 18, 2023 at 3:30 A.M.
- 600 block of South Wells St on August 18, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.
- 600 block of South State St on August 19, 2023 at 1:40 A.M.
- 500 block of South Financial Pl on August 19, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.
- 900 block of South Wells St on August 20, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.
- 800 block of South Wells St on August 20, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.
- 600 block of South Financial Pl on August 21, 2023 at 12:00 A.M.
- 100 block of West Taylor St on August 21, 2023 at 1:02 A.M. (3 incidents reported)
- 100 block of West Taylor St on August 21, 2023 at 1:15 A.M. (3 incidents reported)
- 900 block of South Wells St on August 22, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.
- 0-100 block of E. 9th St on August 22, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
- 700 block of South Plymouth Ct on August 24, 2023 at 5:00 A.M. (2 incidents reported)
- 600 block of South Plymouth Ct on August 24, 2023 at 5:00 A.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 25, 2023 at 7:50 P.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 25, 2023 at 10:00 P.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 26, 2023 at 12:00 A.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 26, 2023 at 5:00 A.M.
- 600 block of South La Salle St on August 26, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.
- 1000 block of South Clark St on August 26, 2023 at 9:20 A.M.

Real Estate Transactions

\$135,000
431 S DEARBORN ST 304
8/4/23

\$215,000
801 S PLYMOUTH CT 907
8/3/23

\$378,000
1101 S STATE ST h 1504
7/27/23

\$437,500
1322 S WABASH 501
7/27/23

\$340,000
41 E 9TH ST 1608
7/21/23

\$735,000
1235 S PRAIRIE AVE 2301
7/21/23

\$405,000
170 W POLK ST
7/20/23

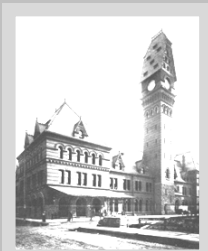
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100 E 14TH ST 1005
7/18/23

\$300,000
732 S FINANCIAL PL 508
7/18/23

\$335,000
1400 S MICHIGAN AVE 1701
7/17/23

\$353,000
1115 S PLYMOUTH CT 607
7/14/23

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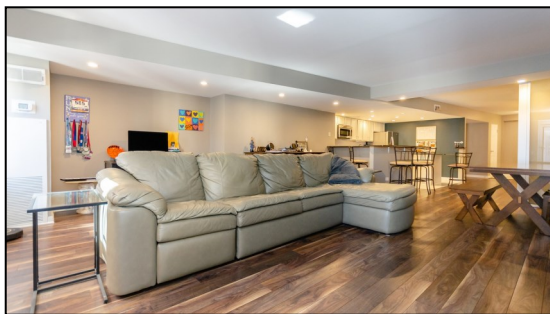
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