

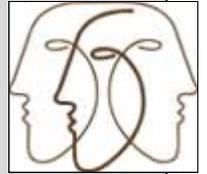


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## Fall Forward

I haven't seen much in the news regarding the new proposed **high school** as of late. I think the changing of Mayors, aldermans and the usual Summer events has pushed this item to the back burner. There's general support for the new school but a clear difference of opinion as to where it should be located. If you live in the South Loop, the current proposed location at 2450 S. State Street is appealing from a public transportation point-of-view. The vacant lot at 17th and Canal is supported by groups who oppose using land that had been put aside for affordable housing as is the current proposed location. The school would serve students from the South Loop, Chinatown, Douglas, and Bridgeport neighborhoods.

**Crime** is a big topic these days. I noted in the Police blotter on page 25 that there have been no robberies in Beat 123 in the past two weeks. Robberies have spiked in other neighborhoods north of the river and the near west side. I attended a CAPS Meeting at Grace Place recently for Beat 123. As the Police web site states: "These meetings, held on all 279 police beats in the City, provide a regular opportunity for police officers, residents, and other community stakeholders to exchange information, identify and prioritize problems, and begin developing solutions to those problems." The problem is that there were only two of us there. You can't complain about the police if you choose not to interact with the police. The annual strategy planning session advertised on **page 23** gives you the opportunity to make your voice heard. A few years ago, we asked for more Bicycle Cops. And guess what? We now see them on a regular basis.

**Migrants.** Driving down State Street, we are appalled at the overcrowded Police Station housing Migrants with people spilling out onto the sidewalk. But it's a situation we're stuck with until an alternative solution is found. In the meantime, organizations and churches have been providing the Migrants with much needed food, clothing and other supplies. Many of us want to help, but how? One organization whose focus is solely on the District 001 Police Station is **Chicago Newcomers Assistance Network**. For starters, you can help out with winter coats, hats, boots and gloves. **See ad on page 13. See Bonnie's column on page 14**

*Al Hippensteel*

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

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

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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](http://SouthLoopUpdate.org)



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## Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

### County Fair

September 20, 2023



Boosters say the Taste of Chicago is the world's largest food festival. The world's largest!

It's usually held around the Fourth of July. This year, with the newly-scheduled NASCAR race taking up the festival space over Independence Day weekend, the city moved the Taste of Chicago to less touristy September 9-10.

The quaint idea of having Chicago restaurants give people a "taste" of their signature dishes appealed to the legacy-obsessed Mayor Jane Byrne in 1980. She predicted there'd be about 100,000 people showing up on the two blocks of closed-off Michigan Avenue during the three-day festival.

On the first day of the first "Taste," my thirteen-year-old son and I waded into the sidewalk crowd at the Ohio Street entrance, heading toward the Michigan Avenue bridge. Our nostrils itched with anticipation as each aroma swirled around us until the crowd thickened to an immovable throng. Signs for hamburgers, Chinese dumplings, deep-dish pizza, and sushi were in sight, but the food was out of reach. We all moved in a slow flow of claustrophobic, sweaty goo, trying to break loose.

"Thanks, Jane," shouted my son.

And a roaring chant rose from the street like the fumes of the smoldering barbecue ribs: Thanks, Jane! Thanks, Jane! Thanks, Jane!

Chanting turned to laughter by the time we disentangled ourselves over the bridge at Wacker Drive. And really, it was hilarious. A crowd of 250,000 showed up. Jane had blocked off streets for the Taste next to downtown office buildings with only two openings in and out.

The following year, the Taste spread out at the edge of Grant Park. My son and I stuffed ourselves with various restaurant pizzas but avoided Greek, Chinese, and Thai food. Neither of us had elevated taste buds at that point in our lives.

Chicago moved the Taste farther into spacious Grant Park in 2023. The ornate 1927 Buckingham Fountain back-dropped every photo. Food tasting required an adventurous spirit and a healthy gut. I ran into Lorraine, staring at the sign over the stand selling deep-fried Oreos, crab rangoon, and fried rice. We strolled past little and big hands clutching funnel cakes, rib tips, and Seoul tacos in dinky paper bowls—a hot Cheeto burger sold for sixteen dollars.



The longest lines queued up at Harold's Chicken and Badou Senegalese Cuisine. We sniffed out Chicago Doghouse to chow down on our favorite hot dog, but my throat clogged with the invisible flying grease of deep-fried Twinkies. I couldn't do it.

"Try a "Beyond Meat" burger," Lorraine said.

Nope.

Blow-up slides, band stages, and a karaoke contest all spread out among the well-gardened rose bushes and the native hibiscus. Lorraine joined hundreds of line dancers under the "Summer Dance" tent. This was indeed Chicago's very own county fair.

My son has developed far more sophisticated eating habits in the forty-three years since the first Taste of Chicago. This year, he would have coaxed me into tasting unfamiliar foods or, at the very least, eating a hot dog. As it was, I walked home hungry.

I wish we'd gone together.

by Regan Burke  
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## Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#)

### Ribicue redux

September 25, 2023



Hi All,

Last Saturday Beth and I spent a splendid afternoon on the shores of Lake Michigan on a breezy picture perfect, 72-degree day at Foster Avenue Beach. Beach is a little bit of a misnomer—it's more of a really nice park with a beach, replete with soccer fields and the like. We were attending Ribicue, which is an annual end-of-summer gathering of Beth's friends from her days in Scott Hall, a University of Illinois dorm. Well, at this point, they're my friends, too, I'd like to think, because I've been attending with Beth for a good many years.

Anyway, I was going to post about Saturday's picnic until I had this inkling and did a search and ... I already posted about it years ago. When I read the seven-year-old post I was delighted that it's held up, and it pretty well describes the feeling of the gathering each year. The event is largely the same, though there was talk of Medicare and grandchildren that didn't occur in 2016. But if anything, times like those spent at Ribicue seem to have grown even more appreciated over time. And so, I'm going to paste the old post below. And, to the generous grillmasters who make it all happen: Thanks again Don, Craig, and Jim!

#### **Mondays with Mike: Originally posted September 26, 2016**

When Beth and I moved to Chicago in 2003, she was hard at the business of promoting her first book, the memoir "[Long Time, No See](#)," published by the University of Illinois Press. She was on the airwaves with the likes of [Rick Kogan](#) and, back then, [The Kathy & Judy Show](#). The [Chicago Tribune gave the book a good review](#), and Beth began appearing at libraries and bookstores around the city and suburbs, reading from her book.

Lots of Beth's friends from high school and from the University of Illinois had settled in or around Chicago. After every media or personal appearance, it seemed she'd hear from one or another of them.

Ribicue, 2016.

But the first reconnection was a personal encounter. We were on the Red Line subway when this tall stranger peered down at Beth and said, "Ms. Finke?" She looked up and immediately realized it was Don—they'd both lived in Scott Hall, a U of I dormitory that was part of a complex called the six-pack. She learned Don lived on the North Side (though he's an avid White Sox fan, and



Ribicue, 2016.

we've since attended several games with him and his wife). They were off and running in conversation until Don had to run—we came to his stop, and it was goodbye. At least for the moment.

Here's to serendipity. Eventually, Beth was invited to something called Ribicue. This annual event is held in September at Foster Beach, pretty much come hell or high water, though those two have caused cancellations or postponements. Don and his pals Craig and Jim—the three musketeers of the Weber grills—prep the day before and hover over the grills all afternoon, cooking up an endless supply of some delicious ribs. Their stamina is amazing, and surpassed only by the obvious joy it gives them to do it. The rest of us guests bring salads, desserts... or nothing. On a day like last Saturday, it's really spectacular in a lovely, laid back way. The temperature was in the 70s, the skies were clear, a stiff breeze meant you could both see and hear Lake Michigan. The best thing, of course, is just hanging out with friends.

How do you get an invite to this exclusive event? Well, sorry, you had to live in Scott Hall on the correct floor back in the day. Or know someone who did. (I won the jackpot on that.) I've gotten to know—and have befriended—many of Beth's friends from Scott. We all catch up with each other. And we compare notes about our college experiences—Saturday, two of us reminisced (in some wonderment) about living in a triple dorm room. (Those triples were more like army barracks than what we call a dorm room these days, but you know, it was good for us.) I've spent more than one sublime lakefront Saturday afternoon with this crew. And I'm grateful that they'll have me, even if I did live in Hopkins Hall, and not Scott.

### 16 Pickleball Courts Open In Grant Park Thanks To \$500K From Lollapalooza

Six refurbished tennis courts also opened to the public. The courts were overhauled after years of the mega festival using them for parking.

[Melody Mercado](#) Sep 20, 2023

GRANT PARK — Sixteen new pickleball courts and six tennis courts are now open in southern Grant Park. The newly paved courts were built with a \$500,000 grant from Lollapalooza and an additional \$41,000 raised by the Grant Park Advisory Council. Lollapalooza’s contribution comes after years of wear and tear from using the tennis courts for festival parking.

“We hope that the other major users of Grant Park get the message that investing in Grant Park is very important,” said Leslie Recht, president of the Grant Park Advisory Council.

Advisory council members joined Park District Superintendent Rosa Escareño, Ald. Lamont Robinson (4th), C3 Presents, Toss & Spin, Wilson Sporting Goods and the Jones College Prep tennis team for Tuesday’s grand opening.

The high school tennis team was gifted Wilson tennis shoes and other tennis gear from the sportswear brand. The pickleball courts sit next to the tennis courts on what used to be a sand volleyball court.

In 2021, the park advisory council fielded complaints from park users that tennis players and pickleball players were clashing for playing time. Because of that, the council launched a pickleball committee to try and raise money to offset the cost of adding a new court.

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Sat, Oct 14

Grant Park Pickleball Courts

### Intro to Pickleball and Mobility Sessions – all for free!

Pickleball is easy to learn, fun to play. Try it out or just come watch! At the new Grant Park Pickleball Courts (on the west side of Columbus Dr. at 9th St.)



#### Time & Location

Oct 14, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Grant Park Pickleball Courts, 1000 S Columbus Dr, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

#### About the event

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 – 5 pm (warmups start at 1:30) @ the new Grant Park Pickleball Courts (on the west side of Columbus Dr. at 9th St.)**

PhysioPartners Physical Therapist, Dr. Jon Artus, will conduct mobility sessions prior to pickleball lessons. South Loop Neighbors will provide pickleballs, paddles (but please bring your own if you can), and professional pickleball lessons for beginner-to-intermediate players.



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**Angie Cruz, *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water* (Flatiron Books 2022).**

Fifty-six-year-old Dominican immigrant Cara Romero, Dios mío, has troubles galore. On the first page of this enlightening, endearing, poetic and multilingual confessional, Cara explains she “came to this country because my husband wanted to kill me.” So she concluded, after her philandering husband chopped off the leg of a man who seduced her. But who could blame Cara? Her husband didn’t “touch her for two years after her son was born,” and for such a passionate woman, that was “*una vida entera*.” Author Angie Cruz offers a brilliant first-person narrative through the conceit of a dozen interviews with a clueless, childless, English-speaking Dominican as part of a Senior Workforce Program in New York that will extend Cara’s unemployment benefits and ostensibly find her a job. At first, Cara mocks people who talk and make too much of their troubles (she begrudgingly accepts her sister’s invective that Cara is “*drowning in a glass of water*”). But, eventually, she shares her secrets: the violence and sadness of her childhood ( *another “coctazo”*); her nagging concerns about her own child-raising and adultery; her estrangement from her only child; her prickly relationships with her family, and her estimable commitment to her Washington Heights community. The inapt government forms interspersed throughout: “Career Skills Matcher,” or how to create an account for Unemployment Insurance Benefits: What was your favorite book/cartoon character as a child? “*Books? Cartoons? Child? Ha! We were never children*” convince Cara “*It’s true that the Americans don’t have any idea of what life is like for us.*” After a few chapters, despite some of the ignoble truths of Cara’s existence, it is the reader not the narrator who feels shame. This timely,

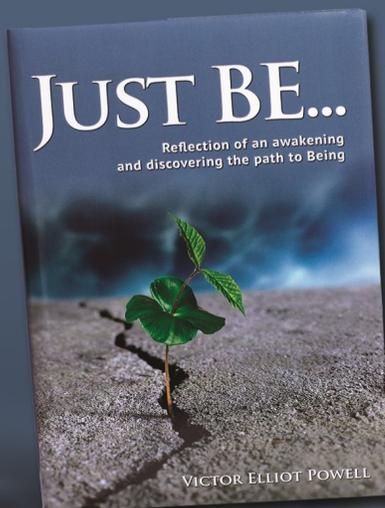
recommended read from the Chicago Public Library for **National Hispanic Heritage Week** offers insight into common immigrant experiences, for those who arrived at police stations last week or transplants who’ve been here for decades. If they’re lucky, they take (and lose) some of the lowest-paying jobs; live in some of the most neglected buildings; fear authority; accept what they get. Cara lives in Washington Heights, with about a million other Dominicans in a New York City neighborhood 150 blocks and a 75-minute subway ride from Greenwich Village. Cara has lost her 20-year factory job when the company moved abroad and is at risk of losing the apartment she loves. A recent ad described her barrio: “once bedeviled with crime and drugs, the neighborhood has been revitalized and re-energized around the Columbia University Hospital.” Landlords want the long-time residents out to make room for the well-paid, childless, uber-riding white people who learn about the housing “bargains” in the New York Times style section. We learn all this and more from Cara’s “stream of consciousness,” a style popularized by Dostoevsky and James Joyce, but enlivened with random thoughts that inspire hilarity rather than psychoses. Disbelieving the assurances of a NY State counselor that “If you apply yourself, you’ll learn to write English. You can even go to college” Cara responded “*Ha! I laughed so hard I peed in my panties. This is what happens to women who have their babies natural....I never leave the house without a Kotex.*” So much to say, so beautiful a book.



Lorraine Schmall

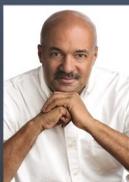
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*Sincerely, Marianne*

## Being alone needn't keep me at home September 21,, 2023

By **Marianne Goss**

The sister of someone I know stopped traveling after losing her husband a few years ago. She misses travel, I heard, so I asked why she does not take tours with groups that cater to single women. "She wouldn't do that" was the answer.

A Houston couple shared a table with me at a Yellowstone café. "You're traveling alone?," asked the woman, a retired teacher. "That's brave."

I've traveled alone so much that I hardly give it a second thought. In retrospect some of the trips look gutsy – like car camping through New England for six weeks and going behind the Iron Curtain – but I didn't think so at the time. Plenty of things scare me. We're probably all brave about some things and not others.

"I couldn't do it," the Houston woman continued, and then paused. "Well, maybe if I had to."

I don't *have to* travel alone. I've traveled with friends, more or less successfully. But unless we want to go to the same places, and I'm pretty sure that we're going to enjoy the same things and be awake and ready to go around the same time, it seems better to travel alone.

No doubt there are benefits to having a traveling companion. You have someone to talk to and can immediately discuss your experiences. You can split the cost of lodging, car rental, and gas. You can share driving, which I would have appreciated on the recent trip in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Putting 868 miles on the car by myself was tiring and offered no breaks to concentrate on scenery instead of the road.

The obvious benefit to traveling alone is being able to do what you want when you want, but I don't intend to argue that it's the best way to go. If I had a partner; I'd want to travel with him. But not having a partner ought not keep me at home.

I don't know whether the widow who won't travel by herself is afraid or thinks she would be lonely. I'd like her to know that in my experience people are solicitous toward a woman on her own. The Houston couple invited me to eat with them. A man asked whether I wanted my photo taken.

I probably talked to more strangers than I would have if a companion had my attention. Old Faithful erupting and bison wandering near the road brought out the gabber in everyone. Several people traversing the West in camper vans were eager to talk about where they'd been and were going.

For those who don't want to travel on their own, organized tours ensure companionship. There are many tours for solo travelers, you will find by Googling, and they can be narrowed down for age group and gender. When everyone is in the same boat (no pun intended), no one need feel unconnected.

The only courage required to take an organized tour with other single travelers, it seems to me, is willingness to talk to strangers. I've met the widow mentioned above; she's a friendly person who'd likely mesh with a group. She might give a tour a try before ruling out travel for the rest of her life.

## COMMENT

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Yellowstone National Park, 2015

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Pickleball



City officials and members of the Grant Park Advisory Council and C3 Presents at the grand opening of 16 new pickleball courts in Grant Park. Melody Mercado/Block Club Chicago *Photo by Melody Mercado/Block Club*

“Over the course of time, with Leslie leading the charge from the Grant Park Advisory Council, we were able to have conversations with C3 who came in with an enormous donation which really helped us escalate the size of this project to what you see now,” said **Jim Wales**, vice president of the park advisory council.

Despite the rain, some players jumped at the opportunity to get some rounds in at the newly opened courts. Felicia Wade and Gloria Blyden, both South Side residents, said they were excited to see the new courts open. Both women have been playing for about a year and like to travel to different courts across the city to play.

**For the rest of the story, click here.**



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### About the event

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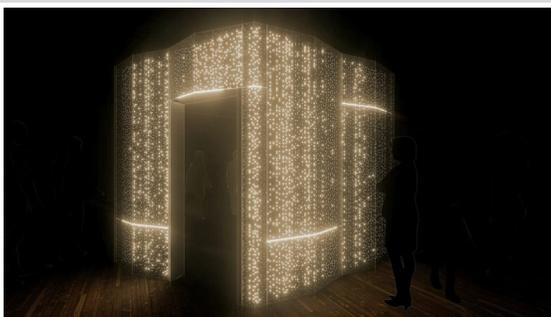
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by Brian Hiegelke/ September 21, 2023

**It's the most prized, most scarce thing for anyone who must perform, whether on the stage, on the page or in the plaza—time for rehearsal.** Time for practice, for honing, for making mistakes, for pursuing silly diversions, for striving to create that one thing we discuss freely but seldom achieve: art.



Chicago Architecture Biennial Installation Rendering, Garden of Strange Fruit, LAA Office, Daniel Martinez/image courtesy of Chicago Architecture Biennial

The theme of this, the fifth Chicago Architecture Biennial, is “This is a Rehearsal.” It is an idea at once liberating and vague, open to improvisation, the cornerstone of creation.

And it's almost all we knew, other than the curators—Floating Museum—and the names of the multitude of participants and collaborators as we planned this edition. But that's OK. Because we took it and ran with it, inspired by the four-headed creative beast that is the Floating Museum, with a sprawling ambition you'll get a sense of in Alison Cuddy's profile of the collective in action.

Rehearsal suggests ephemeral, impermanent—the seeming antithesis of architecture, which historically seeks to construct edifices for eternity. And yet, as we collectively see now more than ever, when the very nature of work is being redefined, that even buildings are always in a state of in-between. I am writing this, in a loft apartment in a printing factory that more than a century ago cranked out copies of “Tarzan” and “The Wizard of Oz” for a mass audience. The Belden-Stratford, as Ted C. Fishman portrays, was once a grand dame of residence hotels; now it's been restored to its original glory but for a slightly different purpose—apartment rentals—and a completely different sort of resident, the work-from-home techie replacing the dowager of old. Like my loft, it's back on-stage, but is the show over? What will these buildings be used for a hundred years hence? As Anya Davidson relates in her cartoon about the Chicago Bungalow Association, the public value in preservation, even when places are used for a whole new purpose, is substantial.

And if private residences are in transition, public spaces are in turmoil, as everything is up for grabs—including what the buildings signify and who the public is that they serve. Is City Hall the home of a RoboCop future, or the gathering place for

Solange and her dancers asserting their ownership, Theodore M. Anderson wonders. And Mary Wisniewski talks to French Afghani architect Feda Wardak about his plan to create a water tower, without water, in Englewood, as part of that South Side neighborhood's work-in-progress, Englewood Nature Trail.

Sometimes we never get beyond the rehearsal. Speculative projects, ideas that lack financing, and so on. We had one of those ourselves, when a film never got out of development in spite of a creative interpretation of the set design by the architects Stewart Hicks and Allison Newmeyer, who share their never-to-be plans here.

The last rehearsal is the dress rehearsal, and for that we need props and costumes, or in the case of architecture, blueprints and materials. Few materials are as ubiquitous or as transformative as concrete, as Ted C. Fishman recounts in telling the story of the remarkable creation of that Lakefront landmark, the Bahá'í House of Worship.

And now it's showtime.

—*Brian Hiegelke*

Look for these stories in the coming weeks as we take Newcity's October print edition online:

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## My neighborhood/My border town

Yes, my neighborhood in the South Loop is a border town now

I was standing on my front porch a few days ago watering a plant that hardly gets any rain, when a man, a woman and a baby in a stroller stopped in front of my house.

“Food! Food!” The woman shouted, rubbing her stomach.

No one has ever asked me for just food in this city. Money for food, yes, all the time. But I have never been asked just for food.

Were they migrants? The thought crossed my mind. Were they staying at the police station a few blocks from my house?

What could I give them? A green pepper? I had a beautiful one I just bought that was sitting on the kitchen table. That led me to think about a gorgeous red onion next to the green pepper. As well as other things half eaten in the refrigerator. Half a loaf of bread. A half-eaten jar of peanut butter. And half boxes of the following: grape tomatoes, blueberries, cherries and sliced Baby Bella mushrooms.

I told her in broken Spanish to go west a block or so, thinking Nando's Peri-Peri Chicken might be just the spot to help a small family in need. They are always so nice.

After they left, I realized I could have given them a box of cookies to tide them over. [ Fearing a shortage of Walkers Shortbread (my favorite cookie), I'm always stocked up. But I was so surprised, and even a little wary, I didn't think of doing that.

I was still second-guessing myself when my mail came. And in it was an omen. A big envelope from The Greater Chicago Food Depository, asking for money. And inside was a poster-size heavy-paper map of the places where the organization distributes food. I put it in my tote bag and hoped I would run into that little family somewhere so I could give it to them.

When I finished reading the mail, I looked up and saw them through the window going east—I hoped they scored sandwiches—but they were too quick, and I too slow to get out there and give them the map.

A few minutes later, I walked down to the bus stop, and another woman with a stroller came up to me and asked me for food. I asked if she had just walked over from the police station. Was she staying there? Was she a migrant?

Again, more broken Spanish and more broken English. And yes, to all.

I was surprised that they had no food at the station for the migrants. Or so she said. She told me she was from Venezuela. And had been here for only one day. I gave her the food dispensary map. And she seemed very pleased. And said she'd put it up at the station.

She and the other woman who came to my door, both with their strollers reminded me of life 40 years ago when my baby daughter and I were in play groups with other mothers—who looked like both of them. And our strollers were like theirs, too.

That night I called the the 1st District and asked why the migrants staying there were out hunting for food. Doesn't the City provide food? At least the basics?

“We don't provide food,” said the officer. “They are on their own. Sometimes people provide donations. We have 125 people sleeping inside and outside and that is all we provide.”

I'm not sure if he meant that there are 125 in total sleeping at the station, in and out, or 250 all together—125 inside and 125 outside.

There are mattresses and tents and blankets and clothes and tables and open cans of food and utensils and towels and garbage strewn all over the lawn and the sidewalk in front of the station. It looks like an eviction on steroids. And it's hard to believe what I see when I pass by. When will it end? And where does everyone go? And where will they end up?

A friend of mine who is a cop in another district sent me a video of the sleeping arrangement on the floor inside—everyone, all ages, side by side like sardines spooning, whether related or not.

If I were writing a novel about all this, instead of just a post, I'd call it “The Crowd Inside the Sanctuary City.”

**Bonnie McGrath**

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## South Loop Neighbor's Yard Sale, September 9th, 2023



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Printers Row residents Janis Koerber and Jack Hilty standing behind an amazing display of collectibles.



Dearborn Park resident Jaqi Green with her carefully selected bargains including a very "cool cat!"

*In Chicago Cooks: 45 Perfect Recipes for the Passionate Palate*, the basics are covered for any kind of meal.

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## Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

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### Senior Class: Al's Taste of Chicago

September 17, 2023

*Good news! Soon all of the memoir-writing classes I lead will be back in session, which means our "Senior Class" feature will be back in full swing, too.*

*I'm getting the ball rolling by introducing Al Hippensteel as our guest blogger today. After a long career in the printing industry, Al retired, appropriately, here in the Printers Row neighborhood of Chicago along with his wife, Donna. When I assigned "Taste" as a prompt for the Zoom memoir-writing class he attends, I was prepared for writers to come back with essays about food, restaurants, recipes, people's interest in books, literature, music, art, clothing, that sort of thing. But Al surprised me by weaving many different tastes into one 500-word tribute to Chicago.*

#### Taste

##### by Al Hippensteel

A week ago, my wife and I walked over to the Taste of Chicago, a summertime tradition featuring an array of food booths, each one showcasing a different city eatery.

In previous years "Taste," as we locals call it, has been located in Chicago's Grant Park. This year it was set in the shadow of Buckingham Fountain.

You can find just about anything to suit your taste at Taste. Donna and I headed directly to Rainbow Cone, a Chicago favorite. Orange Sherbet, Pistachio, Palmer House, Strawberry, and Chocolate. But what interested me most this year was the diversity of food and combinations, like Indian Tandoori Chicken served as a taco. Thai food served as a taco. Who knew a taco shell could turn out to be the perfect carrier for other ethnic food? Folks transporting their finger food around were always perusing their next "taste."

Earlier, on a drive to Michigan, we stopped by a local produce stand that was having a garage sale that day. A stack of old vinyl albums was included in the sale, and my wife zeroed in on Hair, the Musical. It reminded me of the magical time when we, the youth of the late 60's, yearned for a more egalitarian world. The songs spoke of love, drugs, and acceptance of all people: black, yellow, red, white. I'm afraid a lot of it turned out to be youthful enthusiasm: Generations that preceded us did not accept Aquarius. When we went out into the world, many of us experienced push back against our long hair, our beards, our taste in clothes.

Now, as retirees, we live in various places as elder statesmen, or is it statesperson? Some have chosen to live in retirement communities. Some choose famously large and Disney-like ones.

Al and Donna enjoy a [Rainbow Cone](#) at Taste of Chicago.



But our preference? Donna and I want to age in place in the high-rise condo building we live in now, near downtown Chicago. We live in a vibrant city that has more cultural stimulation, restaurants and sports events than any retirement community could offer. And guess what? I've realized an unintended circumstance while living here.

It's Aquarius! If not a building filled with free love and seniors high on gummies, an incredibly diverse building of owners and renters, a constantly evolving stew of folks of all ages and stages in life. Black, brown, yellow and white — immigrants who have chosen America, college students, retired people, young families having babies. We have different tastes, different religions, different ways of dress. We share a gym, a laundry room, an outdoor swimming pool. We volunteer to tend our gardens and sort packages in our package room. Everyone is invited to social events. Even our maintenance staff gets into the act by providing donuts and coffee for special events like the annual cross-town classic when the Cubs and the White Sox, our two baseball teams, meet.

Life here in Chicago isn't perfect. Crime is higher than we would like. Local politics can drive you crazy. The city is coping with an influx of migrants, but Chicago has long been a city of immigrants. A large vibrant Chinatown is just two miles away. Large lively Hispanic communities are close by. The largest Ukrainian community in the United States is here in Chicago, and so is the largest Polish population outside of Warsaw. We know what migrants mean to the city. It means people who will fit in and work hard. So is it any wonder we have a veritable ethnic feast of food at a festival called "Taste of Chicago?"

Beth Finke's books: "Safe and Sound", "Long Time No See" and "Writing Out Loud" can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.



## YMCA Plans Downtown Center Inside New Apartment Building

The YMCA near Pritzker Park would anchor a new mixed-income building proposed for the corner of Van Buren Street and Plymouth Court. Developers still need to secure financing for the project.

[Melody Mercado](#) Sep 26, 2023

**DOWNTOWN** — A 14,000-square-foot YMCA will debut Downtown inside a mixed-income apartment complex potentially breaking ground in 2025.

The \$102 million building is in partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, [Studio Gang](#) and nonprofit mixed-income housing developer [The Community Builders](#).

The project, dubbed Assemble Chicago, was originally proposed in 2021 by Studio Gang and The Community Builders. It won Chicago's [C40 Reinventing Cities competition](#) and therefore the rights to redevelop city-owned land at the corner of Van Buren Street and Plymouth Court.

The original proposal calls for a net-zero carbon, 20-story, mixed-use structure with 207 residential units and incomes ranging from 30 to 80 percent of the [area median income](#). That's \$33,090 to \$88,250 for a family of four.

The project still needs to secure financing, according to Will Woodley, Midwest director of development for Community Builders.

Community Builders and the YMCA also are partnering on the upcoming [Sankofa Village Wellness Center in West Garfield Park](#). Building on that working relationship, Community Builders leaders said they decided to bring on the YMCA as its anchor tenant for Assemble Chicago.

"It ended up being a perfect opportunity for us to partner because something that we want to ensure is that the Y is as accessible to everyone as it possibly can be. And this location, it's like a dream," said Swathi Staley, chief community investment officer and general counsel for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Next to Pritzker Park, 310 S. State St., the site is located near several CTA train and bus lines, making it accessible to public transit users across the city, Staley said.

The YMCA portion will include a half-court basketball court, fitness center, a drop-in child care center and space for youth and violence prevention programming. Additionally, there will be a Rush University System for Health wellness center located on the main floor.

The YMCA plans to use the nearby park space for indoor and outdoor programs like yoga, cooking demonstrations and Halloween events for young people in the Loop, Staley said.

"We want to make sure that it's accessible not only to adults who are Downtown working but also youth on the weekends who want to play basketball or kids who want to attend summer camp and all of that. So definitely think it's an opportunity to bring more youth back to the Loop in a good way," Staley said.



Proposed YMCA and mixed-income apartments in the Loop. The Community Builders

How much money developers can finalize for the project will ultimately determine how many apartments will be in the building, Woodley said.

"Structured financing and permanent, long-term financing. Those two issues significantly contribute to challenges in affordable housing just as it does in the regular market. We're working through that. But that gets back to how much funding we put together will impact the final amount of apartments," Woodley said.

High interest rates and construction costs are also a factor that could limit the number of apartments, Woodley said.

The proposal outlines a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. All will be affordable to a variety of income levels from minimum wage to those making up to \$90,000 a year, developers said.

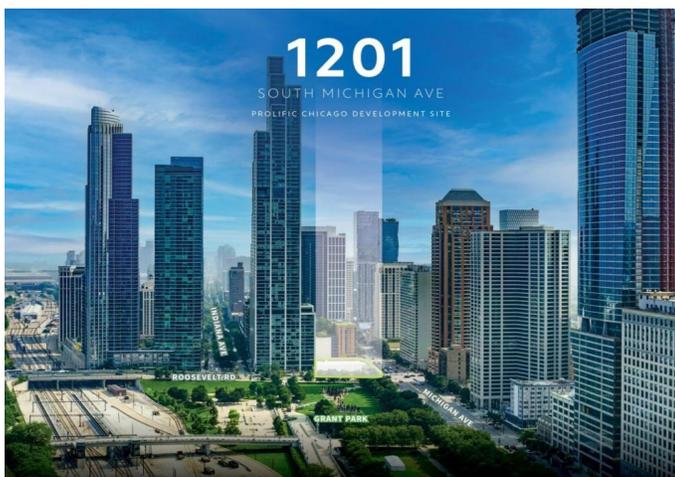
Units will be equipped with in-unit washers and dryers, ample in-unit storage, full-size appliances and nooks to support working from home, Woodley said. The building will also have an amenity lounge, terrace and onsite package and bike room.

Woodley said he anticipates construction to begin in 2025. Once they are ready to break ground, Community Builders would buy the land from the city for \$1.

"It's going to be a terrific amenity for all of Chicago. It's going to help activate this part of the Loop ... I think hopefully we make it clear that the Loop should be a really strong mixed-income neighborhood that's affordable and has a wide range of housing types," Woodley said.



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## Crescent Heights lists NEMA Phase 2 site for sale

### The property at 1201 S. Michigan is a rare opportunity to build along Grant Park

August 10, 2023, Lukas Kugler [5 Comments](#)

Miami-based developer Crescent Heights has listed the vacant site at 1201 S. Michigan in the South Loop. Measuring 43,123 square feet, the property is at the southeast corner of W. Roosevelt Rd and S. Michigan Ave overlooking Grant Park. According to [Crain's](#), the developers have hired CBRE to market the property. 1201 S. Michigan CBRE

Sited directly adjacent to the 76-story skyscraper NEMA Chicago that Crescent Heights finished in 2019, the site was once planned to get a second phase of NEMA, which would have risen approximately 900 feet and include an additional 621 units. The zoning entitlements for a tower of this scale will stay in place for a future developer to use or modify. The marketing information included that the site could have one tall tower, or two shorter buildings built in phases.

### NEMA Phase 2 Proposal Crescent Heights

Crescent Heights has owned the property since 2012 but cite a focus on Fulton Market as reasoning for trying to offload this property. The developer has entitlements for a 38-story, 425-foot-tall residential tower at [640 W. Washington](#) and is [working through the approval process](#) on a 615-foot-tall skyscraper at 420 N. May.

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## 633 S. LaSalle gets full building permit

### Will construction ever start on this tower?

June 16, 2023, 7:00AM Lukas Kugler

A full building permit has been issued for 633 S. LaSalle, but is construction ever going to start? Originally [revealed](#) in 2019, the project was originally proposed by London-based The Collective, but now seems to be under development by Melrose Ascension Capital and ARCO/Murray. Currently a vacant lot, the project site faces Metra

tracks across the street just south of W. Harrison St.

633 S. LaSalle FitzGerald Associates Architects

With permits trickling in, the project got a [tower crane permit in late March](#) this year before also getting a [caisson permit in late April](#). With the full building permit now issued, construction could, in theory, go all the way through completion. However, the site sits dormant except for some fencing and a pile of rubble.

2019 View of 633 S. LaSalle Google Maps

Designed by FitzGerald, the residential building is planned to stand 18 floors, offering 132 apartments holding 348 beds. A concept that was gaining prominence before the COVID-19 pandemic, co-living is a way of living that offers residents a more affordable housing option by providing smaller, fully furnished private bedrooms with shared common space. Residents would have utilities, furniture, rent, and linen service included in their monthly payments. Residential amenities will include a co-working space, rooftop amenity fitness and lounge, outdoor roof deck. Bicycle parking will be provided while car parking is limited to just six spaces. Ground floor retail space is also planned for the building.

With all of the necessary permits issued, Clark Construction has been listed as the general contractor for the project.

With no clear timeline, the developers are likely still pursuing funding for the project which would be necessary for construction to begin.

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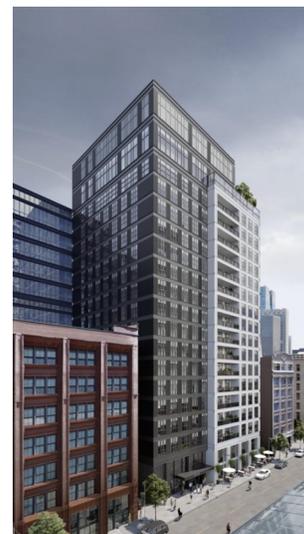
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First night of Taste of Chicago, Thursday, September 7, 2023.



Interior Secretary Deb Haaland speaks at the Society of Environmental Journalists conference in Boise, Idaho, on Friday, April 21, 2023.

## BREAKING: U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland to speak on campus during national journalism conference

By [Olivia Cohen](#), Editor-in-Chief September 22, 2023

United States Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland will be at Columbia in October to give a keynote speech as the inaugural “Big Idea Speaker” at the Journalism and Women and Symposium’s Conference and Mentoring Project being held at the college this fall.

[Haaland](#), who will speak Sunday, Oct. 15, is the first Native American cabinet secretary in U.S. history.

Patricia Sullivan, part-time journalism professor at Columbia and former president of JAWS, said she is excited to hear what Haaland has to say as the first Native American woman in the role.

“We are incredibly grateful to Columbia for hosting the event,” Sullivan said. “JAWS really is a sisterhood of female and woman-identifying journalists that really care about the future of journalism.”

Jennifer Kho, executive director of the Chicago Sun-Times, is the [current](#) JAWS president.

The journalism group was invited to hold its conference on campus this year by the Communication Department, led by former interim Chair Erin McCarthy, associate professor of history in the Humanities, History, and Social Sciences Department.

“Secretary Deb Haaland’s career trajectory has been nothing short of amazing and not just because she made history as the first Native American to serve as a cabinet member,” Communication Department Chair Peg Murphy said. “She is also a fantastic role model, notable for her efforts championing public lands and the environment, indigenous women and breaking barriers for future generations. Any students who hear her speak will undoubtedly be inspired and, hopefully, motivated to also be change-makers, now and in their future endeavors.”

Haaland will be one of a number of speakers at the conference, which has chapters all over the country and holds annual “camps” each year. This year’s conference will be held at Columbia’s **1104 S. Wabash Ave. building from Oct. 13-15.**

“I’m looking forward to aspiring female journalists to learn more about the industry and for early career journalists to teach the reporters who have been in the field for years,” said Suzanne McBride, dean the School of Graduate Studies and a professor in the Communication Department. (CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)

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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](#).

Donations to Pilsen Food Pantry can be made [online](#). Donations to Nourishing Hope, a food pantry which also [serves people with Spanish language services in Humboldt Park](#), can be made [online](#).

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



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(Continued from Page 19 Secretary of Interior speaks at Columbia) Riley Schroeder, a senior magazine journalism major, said she will be at the conference.

"I feel like Columbia is such a film school, so it is really great to see an event that is so communications-based," said Schroeder, who is also the president of Columbia's Journalism Club.

JAWS is a [national organization](#) which brings together working journalists, journalism educators, researchers and students across the country to support one another within the reporting industry.

"It's exciting to have the annual JAWS CAMP come here this year for its first-ever urban camp," said Suzanne Cosgrove, the Chicago region JAWS representative. "Chicago journalists are a tight, feisty bunch, and we are eager to show off our city and share our legacy." Sullivan said this year's conference will have about 200 journalists from around the country in attendance. Columbia students and faculty were able to register for free and receive a one-year membership in the organization.

Susy Schultz, contract editor at the Sun-Times and former part-time professor at the college, said she is "so excited" for JAWS to have its first urban conference.

"This is an exciting moment for JAWS to experience how wonderful Chicago is," said Schutlz.

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## This is Why We Do What We Do



I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer! Here at [VOA Illinois](#), it has been a summer to remember. We concluded our 17th year of Operation Backpack and thanks to the help of 31 corporate partners and countless individuals, we distributed 1,962 backpacks filled with school supplies for the youth we serve and in the surrounding communities! We hosted back to school events at Hope Manor II and Hope Manor Joliet, wrapped up another successful kids camp at Hope Manor II and Hope Manor Village, partnered with volunteer groups to beautify our properties and so much more!

As we head into the fall season, we're aware of the rising prices that affect us all and that have been significantly affecting the individuals and families that we serve. Food insecurity has been an urgent need for our clients. Our case managers and service coordinators have sprung into action to do everything they can



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On September 9th, the balloons went up on the same day as Lit Fest. Photo by Mary Ivory



View from the street between exhibitor tents. Photo by Mary Ivory



View from inside looking out the wide open window. Photo by Al Hippensteel



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### Keeping Children Safe Online



This virtual training will discuss:

- Online boundary violations, inappropriate explicit communication, and other online sexual misconduct
- How to talk to children about digital safety
- Prevention tips and resources

**When:** October 10th, 6:30 - 8 PM

there was a security incident at a local school when an unauthorized adult gained entry by entering through an unmonitored entrance (a vulnerability that has since been fixed). *The perpetrator had targeted the child via social media.*

That's why my office has joined forces with the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and the Illinois Action For Children to host an essential online safety webinar. This webinar is designed to equip parents, as well as school and daycare staff, with the knowledge and tools they need to keeping our children safe online.

Please mark your calendars for this event on October 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Parents and guardians can RSVP by [clicking here](#). School and daycare staff can [RSVP here](#).

Alderman Lamont Robinson



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Started 38 years ago by Bette Cerf Hill, a Dearborn Park resident and friends, the Printers Row Lit Fest continues on better than ever. The Near South Planning Board regained the book fair when the Chicago Tribune backed away from sponsoring it several years ago. Above photo is of the poetry tent.

## You're invited to participate in the COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



### TO CREATE THE 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN for the 1st District

1st Conversation  
Wed, Sept 20th, 2023 at 6pm

Location: IBEW  
2722 S. MLK Dr.

2nd Conversation  
Wed, Oct 11th, 2023 6pm

Location: Willow Creek Community Church  
1347 S State St

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR OR VISIT [chicagopolice.org/convo](http://chicagopolice.org/convo)

For more information or if you require special accommodation, contact the 001st district Community Policing office at  
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*Let's make a difference in our neighborhood together!*

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 is **National Coffee With A Cop Day** throughout the US. The Chicago Police Department's 001<sup>st</sup> District, will host **Coffee With A Cop** at the **Capital One Cafe' 100 South State Street 9:00-10:00 a.m.** Hope to see everyone there! Have a great week



## Robbery suspect busted after jumping CTA turnstile while wearing a ski mask: Chicago police report

[September 22, 2023 6:55 PM](#)  
[CWBCChicago CTA, Loop](#)

CHICAGO — On Thursday afternoon, months after Chicago police [released](#) CTA surveillance images of a ski mask-wearing robbery offender, cops arrested the suspect after he allegedly hopped the **Roosevelt CTA station** turnstile while wearing a ski mask.



CPD's Mass Transit unit sent pictures of the robbery suspect to the media on June 14, asking for the public's help as they tried to track him down. The community alert said the man threatened a 17-year-old girl and took her phone on the Red Line at 35th Street on May 26.

Police caught a break around 2:30 p.m. Thursday when Kavontay Davis, 18, allegedly jumped the turnstile at the Roosevelt station, 22 East Roosevelt Road, in the Loop.

A mass transit tactical team happened to be at the station, and they stopped Davis, who was wearing a black and red balaclava-style ski mask, according to their report. The officers quickly linked Davis to the May robbery, writing in their report that he had been identified as the offender.

Davis was carrying 18 grams of suspected cannabis, 8 ounces of a suspected liquid narcotic, and a Visa card issued to "\$K2GONGETEM," the arrest report said. Officers seized the debit card "due to arrestee's name not coinciding with card owner's name."

He's charged with robbery, possession of a controlled substance, and two misdemeanors.

Judge Charles Beach ordered him jailed to await trial, citing community safety concerns.

Court records indicate that Davis was on bond for a felony narcotics and retail theft case at the time of the alleged robbery. He pleaded guilty to misdemeanor retail theft in that case on June 12 in exchange for six months of probation, according to the court clerk file.

<https://cwbchicago.com/2023/09/robbery-suspect-busted-after-jumping-cta-turnstile-while-wearing-a-ski-mask-chicago-police-report.html>

## 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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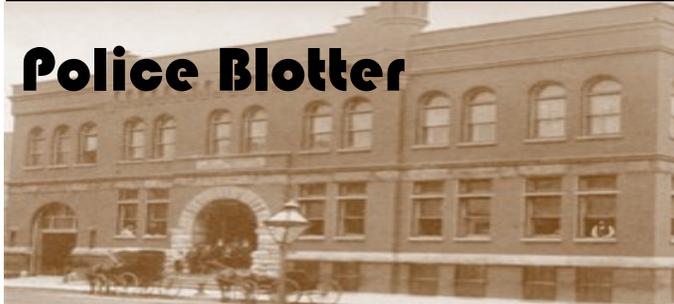
## Next CAPS Meeting 2023

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



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## Police Blotter



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

9/10/2023 11:38pm 1200 S Michigan  
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Knife, Restaurant, Beat 131

9/10/2023 10:12 am 1100 S Michigan Ave  
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Knife, Grant Park Beat 123

9/10/2023 1pm 1200 S Indiana  
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Knife on Street Beat 132

9/12/2023 5:25am 30 E Roosevelt Rd  
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun on Street, Beat 123

9/2/2023 2:30pm 1000 S Michigan  
AGGRAVATED BATTERY on Park Property Beat 123

9/6/2023 1:15pm 800 S Wabash  
NON-AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT  
College Residence Hall Beat 123

9/7/2023 6:17pm State and E 8<sup>th</sup>  
DOMESTIC BATTERY in Apartment Beat 123

9/6/2023 9:30am 700 S State  
AGGRAVATED BATTERY against protected employee,  
Jones H.S. Beat 123

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

8/30/2023 7pm 700 S Michigan Av  
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

9/10/2023 2pm 600 S Wabash  
AUTO THEFT Comm. Parking Lot Beat 123

9/3/2023 6pm 600 S State  
AUTO THEFT Comm Parking Lot Beat 123

9/8/2023 7pm 600 S Plymouth  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

9/4/2023 4:30am 700 S Clark St  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

9/5/2023 2am 600 S LaSalle  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

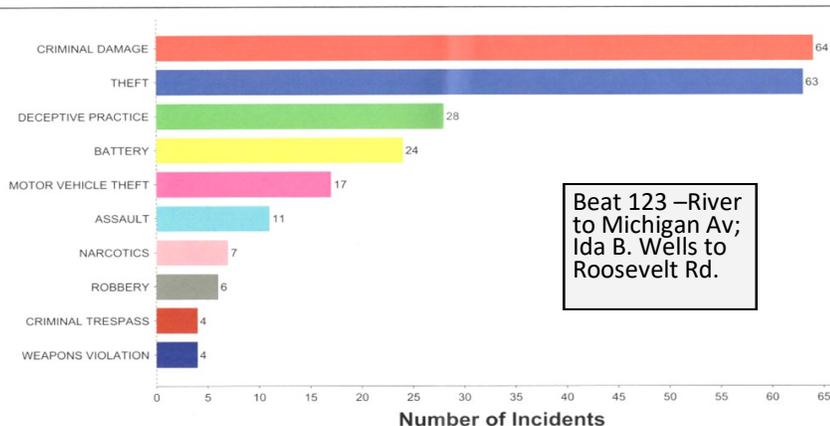
9/14/2023 8pm 700 S LaSalle  
ATTMPT AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

9/2/2023 600 S Wells  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

9/2/2023 6:30am 100 W 9<sup>th</sup>  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

Report Date: 12-Sep-2023  
Report Time: 14:39:58  
Requested By: Information Services  
Division: PC08L60  
Run By: PC08L60

### Top Ten Crimes From 12-Aug-2023 To 12-Sep-2023 On Beat 0123



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

## 12-year-old among 4 detained following Loop carjacking

[September 22, 2023 8:33 AM CWBChicago Loop](#)

CHICAGO — Three boys, ages 12 to 16, face charges after a man was carjacked in the Loop on Thursday evening. Charges are pending against a fourth suspect, according to Chicago police. At about 8:40 p.m., a 33-year-old man was walking in the 1100 block of South State when three hijackers confronted him with a handgun, police said.

He gave them his property, and they left on foot. But they found the man's Honda Civic inside a nearby garage and drove it away. Police who spoke with the victim said the robbers appeared to be 12 to 14 years old.

Investigators from the Joint Carjacking Task Force located the stolen car as it traveled on the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway near 33rd Street within 14 minutes.

Shortly before 11 p.m., the task force stopped the car and arrested its four occupants at the intersection of Monroe and Wabash in the Loop, not far from where it was taken.

A 16-year-old boy is charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, according to a CPD statement. The police spokesperson said a 12-year-old and a 15-year-old were charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle.

<https://cwbchicago.com/2023/09/12-year-old-boy-arrested-carjacking-loop-downtown-chicago.html>

9/12/2023 12:30pm 1100 S Wabash  
BURGLARY Forcible entry Apartment  
Beat 123

**BURGLARY**

9/7/2023 7am 700 S Federal  
BURGLARY Forcible entry Apartment Beat 123

9/10/2023 10pm 800 S Financial  
BURGLARY Unlawful entry Apartment Beat 123

9/7/2023 11:45pm 800 S Wells  
BURGLARY Unlawful entry Apartment Bet 123

No Armed Robberies in Beat 123 from August 30 to Sept 15

## Real Estate Transactions

\$800,000  
1464 S MICHIGAN AVE 2401  
8/25/23

\$344,000  
124 W POLK ST 807  
8/25/23

\$435,000  
1101 S STATE ST H 1500  
8/24/23

\$430,000  
125 E 13<sup>TH</sup> ST 1005  
8/21/23

\$252,000  
41 E 8<sup>TH</sup> ST 3D  
8/21/23

\$120,000  
431 S DEARBORN ST 308  
8/21/23

\$370,000  
1111 S WABASH 701  
8/16/23

\$649,000  
1335 S PRAIRIE AVE 1506  
8/15/23

\$1,300,000  
1409 S INDIANA AVE B  
8/14/23

\$478,500  
1314 S FEDERAL ST A  
8/11/23

\$310,000  
633 S PLYMOUTH CT 302  
8/10/23

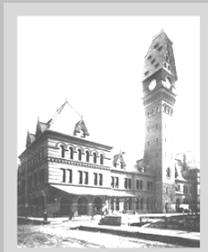
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720 S DEARBORN ST 204  
8/8/23

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600 S. Dearborn St #605

\$1950/mo - available October 1st, 2023  
Extra large 1br/1ba condo in the heart of Printers Row. Bright western exposure floods this home with natural light. Updated kitchen with brand-new stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors throughout, huge king-size bedroom with enormous walk-in closet. In-unit laundry completes the package. Rent includes cable TV and high-speed internet. The building features a full-time doorman, exercise room, onsite management, and bicycle storage.

### FOR SALE

600 S. Dearborn St. #814

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