

**Alderman's Corner**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the Holidays with their loved ones. It is a great time to look back and be thankful.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents of our 11th Ward. I appreciate hearing from all of you. Last year was a very significant year for the community and its safety. A lot of residential, commercial and infrastructural development was initiated or completed. Major infrastructure improvements and investments in education were made while several new businesses opened. I look forward to the new construction projects along Halsted Street and throughout the entire 11th Ward in 2018. As I have stated in the past, public safety will always remain my top priority. It is an honor to serve such a diverse community as the alderman of the 11th Ward. I continue to work with our Commanders of the 1st, 9th, and 12th Districts to ensure our communities are safe. Our Neighborhood Watch groups continue to play an integral role in public safety. In 2018, the event at “The Keeping It Real Seminars” the convicted burglars said the biggest deterrent was “noisy neighbors”. Stay Nosy in 2018!

After reviewing crime statistics last week with the CPD administration, crime was basically down in our Ward, but I know there is still a perception of it not being safe. I want to continue to work closely with the CPD to ensure the perception matches the statistics. I would like to commend the CPD for their great police work especially around the Holidays. I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. I will continue to work hard and build on the improvements that we have made. Whether it is attending a community meeting or calling City service requests, I am here to serve the residents of our 11th Ward. I appreciate hearing from all of you. Please stop by our office at 3659 S. Halsted or call us at 773-254-6677.

**Rep. Mah Encourages Residents to Present Feedback to Field Museum**

With the Illinois General Assembly gearing up to start the Spring Legislative Session in January, State Rep. Theresa Mah is encouraging constituents to present legislative ideas that they would like to see implemented in laws in the State of Illinois.

“As State Representative, I am committed to speaking for the people who call our communities home. I am committed to continue to work for the people, so it is only right that we do what we can to improve everybody’s quality of life.”

In the previous session, Rep. Mah presented legislation on various ranges of topics, including bills that became laws that hold government agencies accountable, increase efficiency and clarity, protect cultural and religious freedoms and more.

In the upcoming process, there has to be compromise and sometimes everybody doesn’t get everything they desire, but I believe it is important that people have their voices heard to take the important steps toward common goals,” said Mah. “If we come together as a community there are incredible things that can be accomplished.”

Residents are encouraged to call Rep. Mah’s district office to discuss legislative ideas for the upcoming legislative session at 773-767-5775.

Mah represents the 2nd District, which includes the Chicago neighborhoods of McKinley Park, Pilsen, Bridgeport, Brighton Park and Back of the Yards. For more information please contact Rep. Mah’s district office at 773-767-8995 or theresa.mah@gmail.com.

**Free Days Return to Field Museum in 2018 for Illinois Residents**

The Field Museum’s Free Days are back in 2018! This includes an entire month of free basic admission for Illinois residents during February, plus additional specific free days in January and June. Days are about an $80 savings for a family of four, making them the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the many adventures the Museum offers. This is in addition to the Free Days specified as part of the transformation of Stanley Field Hall in 2018. SUE will soon be on her way in order to receive scientific improvements and undergoing conservation work, so Free Days during the winter of 2018 are great opportunities to get a last-minute self or group photo with SUE in Stanley Field Hall before the skeletal celebrity goes on hiatus, returning in 2019 to a new home in the museum’s permanent exhibition Evolution. Free Days are running January 3, 14, 25, 26, February 18, 29, March 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, from 9am to 5pm. The Field Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive.

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Free Days will be held on Saturdays, January 6th, February 10th, and June 23rd.

**Off The Record Family Backyard Bowling Bonfire Family Fundraiser**

Save the Date, Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, February 10th. Santa Lucia School will be holding their Annual Lead with Your Heart Fundraiser, Cocktails will begin at 6pm and Dinner being served at 7pm

The 2018 Honorees will be longtimefacilities manager at the United States Post Office, Robert Aragon, Sr. and daughter of Santa Lucia School, Margaret Pogaci and the Members of the Adatrick Club, which will be recognized in honor of the school year each by hosting a summer gala.

The fundraiser will be held at the Old Neighborhood Italian Catholic Social Club, 1301 S. Shields Ave. Cost of the event is $37.00 a ticket. Please call Santa Lucia School Office, 312-326-1839 for further details.

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**De La Salle Athletics News**

**Dancing in the Stars**

The students were under the direction of Tina Parker, the music teacher at Graham. After the performance, a special opportunity was offered to Graham by VH1 Save the Music Foundation. De La Salle proudly announces that 34 of our student-athletes have been chosen to the Fall 2017 Girls Catholic Athletic Conference All Academic Team for their excellence in the classroom.

To qualify, student-athlete needs must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.90 or better during their respective seasons.

We congratulate each of these young women on their many accomplishments and wish them every future success.

Great job, Mizzoni! Well done!

**New Year... New Resolutions?**

Three Alexander Graham orchestra students and two Graham alumni students performed with Lindsey Stirling at the Chicago Theatre December 6th. This was part of her Winter in the Winter Holiday Tour. At every performance across the country, Stirling invites local student musicians to perform 4 pieces of music with her. This opportunity was offered to Graham by VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

The students were under the direction of Tim Parker, the music teacher at Graham since 2008. The students prepared for the concert in 1 month, then rehearsed after school until 4-4.5 each day and practicing hours on their own. Lindsey Stirling is a famous violinist who plays while performing and plays classical, pop, dance, electronic and folk music. She has over 10 million subscribers on her YouTube channel and has released 4 albums. She recently earned 2nd place on Dancing with the Stars.

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**Athlete of the Year Award**

**Fun with Food**

**MSA-Champs: Knocking (left to right): Julia Panatella, Emily Garcia, Kaiya Wheaten, Rebecca Chavez, Madison Gagen. (Not pictured) Evelyn Aguayo, Taylor Amis. (Second Row): Juliana Hernandez, Niyah Edmond, Yasmine Simpson, Makenzie Steele, Barbara Parish Fundraiser, will be hosting a Saint Barbara Ladies Guild 3506 S. Halsted St. 773.927.0025 • FAX: 773.337.6995 CHICAGO, IL. 60609

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**New Year's Resolution?**

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**When Your New Year’s resolution is a new one, we can hope as last year, it will be accomplished.**

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“Weather today is more unpredictable than ever, and you need to have your snow thrower serviced and ready to go, says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. “You want to have the right fuel on hand and review your owner’s manual now so you’re prepared for winter safety.”

Gear up properly. Wear the right clothes to protect your feet, hands and body. Keep your hands warm, but be sure to have a firm grip on your equipment.

Check the snow thrower. Look for cracks or damage. Check the blades and rubber paddles. Check for any loose parts and make sure they are tight. Check the blades and rubber paddles for damage. Check for any loose parts and make sure they are tight.

Check the fuel. Make sure your fuel is fresh and free of water. Check the fuel filter. Check the fuel cap. Check the fuel hose.

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Cold Weather Safety Tips for Your Pets

Experts say winter’s dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaky skin, but these aren’t the only discomforts pets can suffer. Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws. It’s help prevent cold weather dangers affecting your pet’s health, please heed the following advice from our experts.

Repeatedly coming out of the cold into the dry heat of your home can cause icthy, flaky skin. Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside, paying special attention to his feet and in-between the toes. Remove any snow balls from between his foot pads.

Never allow your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your dog is long-haired, simply trim him to minimize the clinging ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals that can dry his skin, and don’t forget the hair between his toes. If your dog is short-haired, consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

Bring a long walk on a cool day, but keep your dog indoors on days that are too cold and wet. Washing too often can remove essential oils and increase the chance of developing dry, flaky skin. If your pet’s fur must be bathed, ask your vet to recommend a moisturizing shampoo and rinse.

Managing pet’s dietary needs is as important as offering them clean, fresh water. Manage your dog’s weight and avoid feeding your dog fatty foods. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in winter. Feeding your pet a little bit more during the cold weather months can provide much-needed calories, and making sure she has plenty of water to drink will help keep her well-hydrated and skin less dry.

Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

Remember, it’s too cold for you, it’s probably too cold for your pet, so keep your animals inside. If left outdoors, pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, and causing irritation. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible.

If your pet is an elderly pet or has a heart condition or diabetes, take extra precautions to keep them safe.

Armour Square Park

Armour Sq Park is located at 3309 S. Shields. Winter Session begins Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 and ends Friday, March 9, 2018. Space is limited. Classes offered include: Ballet, Tap, Modern Dance, Mommy & Me Ballet, Arts & Crafts, Painting, Little Artists, Art & ABCs, Kids College, Play School, Parent & Tot Gymnastics, Tumbling, Dino Diggers, Team Gymnastics, American Sign Language, Winter Reading, Baby B.M.D, Baby Basketball, Floor Hockey, Lacrosse, Parent & Tot Sports, Indoor Soccer, Yoga, Circuit Training, Aka & Care, Weight Training, Senior Citizen Club and Mann, Pop & Tot Yoga. We are offering a Men’s 4 on 4 for 35yrs. & over Basketball League $100 on Thursdays from 6­9pm.

White Expands Organ Donation Registry

Secretary of State Jesse White’s legislation allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the state’s First Person Consent Organ Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver’s license or identification card will take effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

“Our main priority is to save lives,” said White. “Thousands of Illinoisans are waiting for an organ. Those who are waiting are someone’s mother, father, daughter or son. This new law is an important step in reducing the number of individuals on the waiting list.”

Under current law, an individual must be at least 18 years old to join the First Person Consent Organ Tissue Donor Registry. The legislation amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act allowing 16 and 17 year olds to join the registry. Those who join the registry will receive a letter from the Secretary of State’s office and Secretary White encourages 16 and 17 year olds to use this letter as a basis for discussing their choice with their parents.

By joining the First Person Consent Organ Tissue Donor Registry, 16 and 17 year olds will be giving consent to donate their organs and tissue at the time of their death with only the simple task of that the documentation (Griff of Hope Organ & Tissue Network and Mid America Transplant) must make a regular effort to contact a parent or guardian to ensure they approve of the donation. The parent or guardian will then have the opportunity to overturn the child’s decision. Once the 16 or 17 year old turns 18, their decision will be considered legal binding without limitation.

There are 47 states that have enacted this legislation. In 2016, more than 350,000 16 and 17 year olds in Illinois were issued driver’s licenses and identification cards.

“Approximately 4,700 people are on the waiting list for organs and about 300 people are waiting for an organ transplant,” said White. “One person can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people. Currently, 6.3 million Illinoisans are registered with the state’s registry.”

Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State’s Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at LifeSourceOn.com, by calling 1-800-210-2106, or by visiting your local Driver Services facility.

Wilson C.C.

Winter on the Parishes

Located at 3225 South Racine, Wilson Community Center is now taking registration for the winter session. Programs begin the week of 1/15/18 and end 3/16/18.

Classes that are offered include Soccer- Tuesdays, for ages 3-5, from 3:30-4:15pm The Fee is $19. For Ages 6-12 years from 4:15-5:00pm The Fee is $14. Basketball, Fridays, ages 3-5 years from 3:30-4:15pm The Fee is $14. For Ages 6-12 years from 4:15- 5:00pm The Fee is $19. For further information, call 312-747-7001.