



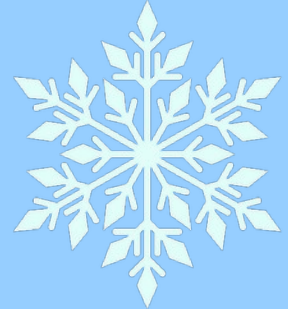
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Monthly meeting on November 12

Our next meeting will be **held via Zoom at 6:30pm** on November 12. We'll be discussing community safety again, among other things. Zoom meeting attendance details will be sent out to our email list before the meeting; to join, visit <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/mayfair-civic>.



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Letter from the President

Ron Duplack

Writing this letter on Election Day. By the time you receive it, we should know who has won (but maybe not!). Let's hope for responsible officials going forward to address the many substantial issues and challenges facing us all, not the least of which remains getting Covid under control so we may minimize additional personal and financial suffering.

Our last meeting focused on community safety concerns. We discussed the recent increase in activity, gunshots, tagging, etc., and 17th District and community responsive actions. These issues will again be addressed at our next meeting.

Despite the many business closings and event cancellations, we were able to enjoy virtually two recent musical performances staged by the North River Commission and our Mayfair Branch Library. The first featured guitarist/singer Stann Champion and the second pianist/composer Michael Oldham. Each provided a very enjoyable and much needed escape from the tedium and ennui of Covid isolation.

Our meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 12. See contact information at the notice elsewhere in this Newsletter. Hang in there: we're all in this together and together we will make it through!

2020 MCA Meetings

Membership meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of every month. No meetings are held in January, July, or August. These are the rest of the dates scheduled for 2020 with proposed discussion topics, if known.

November 12
Community Safety

December 10
TBD

Our Board generally meets during the intervening months.

Around the Neighborhood

New Target Now Open at Foster and the Edens



The new Target, located at 4631 W Foster Ave, is now open. It includes grocery items, as well as an on-site CVS and Starbucks. For store hours and more information, visit the store landing page at

<https://www.target.com/sl/chicago-mayfair/3314>, or the Nadig Newspaper article about the store opening at <https://bit.ly/3mPc2v5>.

Community Safety

Alderman Samantha Nugent attended the October MCA meeting along with community members, and we once again discussed the continued increase in violence in the community over the past number of months. While there isn't a lot of information available about the specific circumstances that have led to the increase, there are many likely contributing factors during these difficult times. While gang activity can explain some of these incidents, it's less clear that all of the shootings and other violence in the area have been gang-related. It was suggested that it may be due in part to a reallocation of public safety resources to cover the marches and protests that were happening downtown and around the city since around Memorial Day. It was also proposed that a disruption in police engagement with youth due to school shutdowns may have closed down communication channels that have helped in the past to mitigate problems before they turn to violence.

We can all help to reduce the violence. Alderman Nugent said that she pushed last year and got more police officers in the 17th district, and she plans to keep the pressure up so that we continue to have the resources we need. Community members can help by calling 911 when gunshots are heard, even if it's not clear where they came from, because the calls help police get an idea of the

location, and resources are allocated based in large part on 911 call volume in an area. The Alderman proposed calling 311 when necessary to keep things in the neighborhood in good repair, which can also help deter crime. Another attendee suggested that people be out and visible in the neighborhood while being aware of your surroundings, and letting others nearby know that you see them; if witnesses are around, a crime is less-likely to occur. If you see something suspicious, call it in to 911 as soon as you can.

Another great way to help is to stay informed and share your concerns and ideas by attending your Civic Association meetings. Voicing our concerns together helps to ensure that they're heard and addressed. We hope to see you at this month's meeting!

For more information, here are a few articles on the recent violence from Nadig Newspaper:

- <http://nadignewspapers.com/2020/09/23/crime-concerns-take-center-stage-at-mayfair-group-meeting/>
- <http://nadignewspapers.com/2020/09/24/gang-violence-erupts-in-17th-albany-park-district/>

Problems with Trash or Rats?

If you've got problems with trash where it shouldn't be, missing trash cans, rats in your area, etc., call 311 or contact:

Chicago Division and Sanitation Offices

4808 W Wilson, 312-744-2333 or 312-744-2336

39th Ward Superintendent

312-459-7286

Rodent Control

312-746-5232 or 312-746-5233

Updates from the Alderman

Samantha Nugent, 39th Ward

Here are some selections from the Alderman's recent newsletters and communications.

COVID-19 Second Wave

Since Friday, October 30, restaurants and bars have been required to stop indoor dining services per an order from Governor Pritzker. Outdoor dining must close by 11pm., and reservations will be required for each party.

Mitigations for Chicago

Bars:

- No indoor service.
- All outside bar service closes at 11:00pm.
- All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside.
- There will be no ordering, seating, or congregating at the bar.
- The tables should be 6 feet apart.
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.
- No dancing or standing indoors.
- Reservations are required for each party.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.

Restaurants:

- No indoor dining or bar service.
- All outdoor dining closes at 11:00pm.
- Outside dining tables should be 6 feet apart.
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.
- Reservations are required for each party.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.

Meetings, Social Events, Gatherings:

- Limit to less than 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity
- No party buses.

For more info, see the WGN article on the new restrictions at <https://bit.ly/3jUwLeS>, and the state's criteria for restrictions at <https://bit.ly/2GmEPaJ>.

Autumn Leaf Cleanup Reminder

Autumn is here and the leaves are falling. I want to remind neighbors to please rake the leaves from the parkways and bag them properly.

Do not rake leaves into the street or the street sweepers will jam and/or break sweeper parts and cause massive delays in any cleanup of streets. The City does not vacuum leaves from the street. Please maintain your parkway and encourage your neighbors to do so as well. Please report any companies blowing leaves into the street to 311 or my office.

You can dispose of your yard waste by putting the bag next to your blue cart to be picked up with the recycling. You can also help prevent street flooding by cleaning the leaves off the top of the sewer grates.

Debris clogs sewers and leads to flooding of streets. Simply throwing out debris in the trash goes a long way toward keeping your neighborhood clean.

Visit and Subscribe!

Visit <https://aldermannugent.com/> to subscribe to Alderman Nugent's newsletter and learn about what she's doing for the 39th Ward. The 39th Ward Public Service Office is open virtually from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Out of an abundance of caution, we are not open to the public. Please reach out should you have any questions, comments, or concerns at 773-736-5594 or via email at Ward39@CityOfChicago.Org.

Beautification

Gabby Lambesis

Elston Avenue Community Planters

In last month's [newsletter](#) we featured the garden bump-outs along Lawrence Avenue. This month we would like to highlight and give homage to our garden planters that are all located along Elston Avenue between Lawrence and Montrose Avenues. Here are some beautiful head-turning photos of these charming planters I captured during the summer.

Thanks to the Mayfair Beautification Committee's garden volunteers, the community planters looks fabulous. Our real gratitude goes out to Tom Keating and his awesome crew for their Herculean efforts in helping make our neighborhood gorgeous.



We would also like to thank the following businesses that sponsored the planters: [B & G Auto Therapists](#), [Easy Breezy](#), [The Fish Guy Market](#), [Gerber Collision & Glass](#), [Imperial Lighting Maintenance Company](#), [Laborers International Union – Local #6](#), [Plant Shop Chicago](#), [Schuham Builders Supply, Inc.](#) and [Star North Management LLC](#).

Lastly, in our September newsletter there was an error in one of our garden bump-out sponsor, Brian Grienberger's website. His correct website is www.BrokerBrianG.com.

Thank you everyone for your continued support!



St Edward School & Parish 4343 W Sunnyside Avenue

Jenny Dreyer

St. Edward School students and staff have now been in the classroom since end of August. We are grateful for our teachers and staff who continue to maintain the safety and well-being of our students.

Support the 8th grade **Holly - Day Poinsettia Fundraiser!** 7" poinsettia plants in a variety of colors are available for purchase via online only thru **Friday, November 27**. To order online or to make a donation to the 8th grade class fund, visit:

<https://stedwardchicago.org/poinsettia-sale.html>

Purchase your fresh cut Frasier Fir tree or wreath through Sunday, November 29. **All proceeds go to our extraordinary teacher yearly bonuses!** You can also purchase a tree at St. Edward on December 1. Limited quantities so order soon! Click here to order and for more details: <https://www.stedwardchicago.org/christmas-tree-sale.html>.

We exceeded our goal for this year's Fall Walk-a-Thon! Each classroom walked around the St. Edward campus and neighborhood on Friday, October 16 to raise money for our school and to get all our kids moving!



St. Edward School celebrates 111 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade! St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. We are accepting 2020-2021 registrations for new families. Scholarships are available through our parish, the Archdiocese, and the government.

Take our virtual school tour at:

<https://youtu.be/cMIMJMjoO1k>. You can also arrange for an individual school tour by calling the office at 773-736-9133 to explore our campus and learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care.

For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com.

Go Green: Get the *Mayfair Messenger* via e-mail

Reading a paper copy of this newsletter? Have access to the Internet? Please consider reading an e-mail version instead (we won't share your e-mail address with anyone else).

To receive the *Mayfair Messenger* via e-mail, please send an e-mail to mayfair-civic-newsletter@googlegroups.com.

Thanks for helping us stretch your membership dues!

A note from membership

To keep your membership current for the following year, renewals will be billed in January and July. If you joined the association between May and October, your renewal will be billed in July. If you joined between November and April, you'll be billed in January.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation!

A note from the editor

Please submit articles of interest or announcements of upcoming public and community events to mayfair-civic-newsletter@googlegroups.com (the editor reserves the right to edit submissions for space and content; items may not appear if they're past the publishing date).

Mayfair Civic Association Affiliations

Mayfair Civic Association is proudly affiliated with the following area organizations, working together for the good of the neighborhood!

- Mayfair Park Advisory Council (<https://www.mayfairpac.org/>)
- North River Commission (<https://northrivercommission.org/>)
- Northwest Arts Connection (<http://northwestartsconnection.org>)

Publication Schedule

This newsletter is published on the first Thursday of February, April, June, September, and November. You can find issues at <http://www.mayfaircivic.org/newsletter>.

Visit Us Online

To be notified when new issues of this newsletter are published, and of other neighborhood news, you can request to join our email list at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/mayfair-civic>. If you are a paid member of the Mayfair Civic Association, you will be added to this list automatically.

Also, we have a website! It's a bit out-of-date (we're working son that), but it's there. Check it out at <http://www.mayfaircivic.org>.

Credits

This newsletter and its contents have been planned, composed, and edited by members of the Mayfair Civic Association. Special thanks to Ron Duplack, MCA president, and Carol Kroskey, the previous newsletter editor, who set the bar for quality.

If you're already a member, please pass this on to a neighbor.

Mayfair Civic Association Membership Application
\$10 per household; \$6 for senior citizens

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Please fill out the above information, and return with your check to:

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c/o Darlene McDermott
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