



Mayfair Messenger

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June 10 Zoom Meeting

Our next meeting will be **held via Zoom at 6:30pm** on June 10. Please plan to attend to discuss any topics of interest regarding the neighborhood of Mayfair. Zoom meeting attendance details will be sent out to our email list before the meeting. To join our email list, visit <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/mayfair-civic>.



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Letter from the President

Ron Duplack

Our last meeting focused on a development proposal by Kemora Landscapes for the lot at 4635 W Lawrence, currently occupied by a cell phone service provider. Due to short notice of the project, we could not coordinate attendance by Kemora at the April meeting, but they were able to provide a [preliminary design rendering and outline](#). These materials prompted a lively discussion resulting in more questions than answers to various concerns raised. Consequently, we have invited Kemora to attend our next meeting to respond to questions and comments expressed to date.

Alderman Nugent attended the last meeting and discussed the new Special Service Area proposed by the Pulaski Elston Business Association (“PEBA”), spending time to outline in laymen’s terms the general concepts behind SSAs, their source of funding from local commercial and business operators, and the application of funds to locate streetscaping and other improvements to enhance the business district. PEBA has held several public meetings to discuss the SSA, with the latest having been on June 3.

Many residents are excited about Parks District work that continues at the Kedvale Playlot. We will provide an update and renderings at our next meeting, but several photos are [included in this Newsletter](#) for all to see.

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 10. See contact information elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please plan to attend to address any concerns you have regarding any matter identified above. Hope to see you on Zoom.

2021 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 remaining dates for 2021:

June 10 Open	October 14 Elections	December 9 Holiday Party
September 9 Traffic & Parking	November 11 Annual Holiday Planning	

These are *suggested* meeting dates and topics, subject to any comments you may provide, but will be followed in the absence of alternative suggestions. Our Board generally meets during the intervening months.

Membership Meetings

Here are some more details from the April and May meetings of the Mayfair Civic Association.

Congressman Quigley Updates

As mentioned in the email sent out to our members for the May meeting, Congressman Mike Quigley attended the April membership meeting and shared an update with us from his office. The topics discussed included the Covid vaccination roll-out, pending gun safety initiatives prompted by recent shootings, HR-1 election reform efforts, and the proposed infrastructure bill.

In addition to these topics, Congressman Quigley mentioned that earmarks are being used again at a “small level” to provide aid for things like schools, park districts, and police departments. As stated by the [John Hudak for the Brookings Institute](#), earmarks have been banned in Congress for the past decade because of their reputation for enabling corruption, but their return isn’t necessarily a bad thing, and may help facilitate negotiations in Congress to get things done.

If you have any comments or questions for Congressman Quigley’s office, you can visit on the web at <https://quigley.house.gov/>, or by calling 773-267-5926.

Building at SW corner of Montrose and Elston being demolished

At the April membership meeting, we discussed the demolition of the building on the southwest corner of Montrose and Elston. The owners are still looking for a project, and there are not yet any plans for the property.

Update on development at 4865 N Elston

At the April meeting, Chris Lambesis provided an updated on the development at 4865 N Elston, which was mentioned in the [April issue](#) of the newsletter. The zoning change from C1-2 to C1-3 has been approved, and all neighbors of the property have been notified. Changes have been made to the development plan to address concerns about snow removal

and parking. Some neighbors also expressed interest in changing the design of the building to look more like a bungalow, but that will not be happening. Regardless, neighbors seem happy with the development, which is regarded as an improvement over what is currently there.

Updates on Kedvale playlot



As many of you may have noticed by the giant mounds of dirt piling up behind the fence screening around the lot at 4546 N Kedvale Avenue, work has begun on the future park there, designated [Park 593](#), aka the Kedvale playlot, aka Triangle Park. During the May membership meeting, Alderman Nugent said that further work on the park is waiting on permits to be approved.

The layout and perimeter for the park can be seen in [this map](#) from the Parks District. Photos of the construction and examples of some features to be incorporated [are available here](#). According to Maria Dmyterko Stone, Community Relations Manager for CPD, there will be a [mud kitchen](#), hand pump for water, a “cafe set” made of wood, and logs to climb on.

Updates from the Alderman

Samantha Nugent, 39th Ward

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

Block parties are back!

On June 6, the Permit Office started accepting applications for block parties scheduled for July 5 or later. Applications for events scheduled before July 5 will not be permitted. Please [click here](#) to read the Chicago Department of Public Health COVID-19 Block Party Guidelines. You can apply for a block party permit by filling out [this application](#). If you have already submitted an application, my office will contact you once the permit has been issued. I am excited to visit you at your block this summer.

New recycling service provider

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, now known as LRS, will be the new service provider for our residential Blue Cart recycling program in the 39th Ward beginning Monday, June 7th. Your week and day of pick-up will not change. While we do not anticipate any service interruptions, if there is a missed pick-up, please call my office at 773-736-5594 or email Ward39@CityofChicago.org.

Chicago has one of the worst recycling rates of any U.S. city at just 9%. Please be mindful about the best bin to use when disposing of an item. [Click here](#) to find a list of recyclable household items accepted by our recycling provider.

Construction and infrastructure improvements

You may have noticed construction crews around your neighborhood. The Ward has some major infrastructure improvements happening this spring and summer. [ChiStreetWork](#) is the City of Chicago's infrastructure map portal that can tell you about the work that is happening on your block and around the neighborhood. [Click here](#) to enter your address and see what is happening near you.

Paper shredding and prescription drug disposal event on June 26th

On Saturday, June 26th, from 10am to 2pm, I am hosting a paper shredding and prescription drug disposal event at Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church (5106 N La Crosse Ave). Two boxes are allowed per person and staples must be removed.

Paper Shredding & Prescription Drug Disposal

Saturday, June 26th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church
at 5106 N La Crosse Ave

<p>Safely & securely shred & recycle your sensitive documents for FREE!</p> <p>Safely & anonymously dispose of unwanted drugs to be kept off the streets!</p>	<p>RESIDENTIAL PAPER ONLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit 2 boxes per person.• Please remove all staples & paper clips before arriving.• No boxes can be left at the event.
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Hosted by Representative John D'Amico & Alderman Samantha Nugent with special co-host Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.



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 to the public from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. While the office is open for walk-ins, appointments are encouraged. You can schedule an appointment by calling or emailing our office. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us at 773-736-5594 or via email at Ward39@CityOfChicago.org.

Community Policing

Youth of the Community: Consider joining the Youth District Advisory Council!

If you are between the ages of 15 and 24, the 17th District Chicago Police CAPS office would like you to consider joining its Youth District Advisory Council. The Youth Council will share and address concerns, celebrate successes, and offer recommendations for solutions to concerns of the youth community in Chicago. This can include the safety of the neighborhoods where youth live, work, and/or go to school within the 17th District.

If you are interested in joining the Youth District Advisory Council, please contact the 17th District CAPS Office at 312-742-4588. The Youth Liaison for the 17th District is Officer Zanders. To learn more, visit <https://home.chicagopolice.org>.

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

One Summer Chicago providing summer jobs for youth in the city

One Summer Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and companies to offer over 20,000 employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 16 to 24. You will need to be 16 years of age at the time of your

application to qualify. The deadline to apply is **June 11**. Apply online now at OneSummerChicago.org.



CAPS Meetings (Beat 1722)

CAPS meetings for Beat 1722 are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on June 16 at 6:30pm. Due to COVID-19, meetings are being held on Zoom. You can register in advance for the Zoom meeting by [clicking here](#).

If you have questions or comments, please contact the CAPS office at 312-742-4588, or email caps.017district@chicagopolice.org. Learn about the CAPS program at <https://home.chicagopolice.org/office-of-community-policing/how-caps-works>.

St Edward School & Parish 4343 W Sunnyside Avenue

Jenny Dreyer

Congratulations to the St. Edward Class of 2021! Our Exemplary High Performing Blue Ribbon school has given the graduates a firm foundation that will lead them to success and confidence as they begin their high school careers at highly selective private and CPS schools including St. Patrick, Notre Dame, DePaul College Prep, Lane Tech, Walter Payton College Prep, and Loyola Academy.

Congratulations to our principal Sara Lasica on receiving the Civitate Dei Award! This award is given to principals who work to build God's kingdom in their school through establishing a positive culture within the school community, assuring all are welcomed and treated with dignity and respect. Moreover, recipients energetically build bridges to the parish, neighborhood, and wider community through exceptional communication and collaboration. The St. Edward community is BIG RED PROUD and we thank you for your wonderful work!!

The 2020-2021 school year ended successfully and there is a lot of activity planned for this summer! The St. Edward Youth Program Summer T-ball program begins Thursday, June 17. This is an instructional league offered to girls and boys in Pre-K through 1st grade (ages 3 – 6). The goal is to have fun!

The first St. Edward School Big Red Summer Camp is being offered this June to current students. Incoming kindergarten through 8th grade students will join some of St. Ed's staff to kick off summer and enjoy a variety of activities including art, open gym, mass and theatre. 7th and 8th graders will be

able to be junior helpers. All safety and health protocols will be followed.

Mark your calendar for this upcoming Community Event that benefits St. Ed's:

Saturday, June 12th from 9am – 11am, Stan's Donuts, pick up at St. Edward School.

More information can be found on the Community Days page on St. Edward School's website. Thank you for your support!

Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. You can contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. Discover all that St. Edward School offers!

St. Edward School celebrates 111 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call the office at 773-736-9133 to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care.



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- Development of a solid foundation for future learning and social interactions
- A welcoming community
- A more comprehensive and affordable option than daycare

FOR IN-PERSON TOUR, EMAIL office@stedwardschool.com



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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/g/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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Chicago, IL 60630-4353