



Mayfair Messenger

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June 9 Zoom Meeting

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:30pm on June 9. 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

At our last meeting Alderman Nugent confirmed that we will remain in the 39th Ward following adoption of the new Ward map. She also identified several street repair and maintenance projects throughout Mayfair including Kedvale, Keokuk, Lowell, and Wilson. Lawrence Avenue bump-outs are also getting a clean-up. Let us know what you think about these improvements.

We are excited about the return of **Dance Avondale**, who will perform a new set of dances at Mayfair Park on **Saturday, June 11**, beginning at 6pm (see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter). Last year’s performance was fantastic and covered classical, modern, and other formats—something for everyone! Bring a picnic basket and enjoy the show.



“Bountiful Bench” sculpture

We are also excited by the pending installation of the “Bountiful Bench” sculpture in Mayfair Park. The application we submitted with Mayfair Park Advisory Council has been approved by the Park District and contracts are in process. Look for installation late August or September.

We will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9. Contact information appears above. We hope to see you then.

2022 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 2022. 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.

June 9 Open	October 13 Elections	December 8 Holiday Party
September 8 Traffic & Parking	November 10 Annual Holiday Planning	

Membership Meetings

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

Wanted: Mayfair Civic Association Treasurer

If you or someone you know has accounting skills and would like to get more involved and contribute directly to your neighborhood, Mayfair Civic Association is looking for a new treasurer. Those interested can contact MCA President Ron Duplack at rduplack@rieckcrotty.com. Thank you for your support!

Congressman Quigley wants to know about your outdoor summer events

The Congressman was at the April membership meeting, and said he would really like to know about and try to attend as many outdoors events, festivals, block parties, etc. this summer. If you are organizing a local event, let the Congressman's office know by calling 773-267-5926, or via Quigley.House.Gov.

Attendees asked about postal office issues they've noticed or experienced, such as being charged to return incorrectly-delivered packages. The Congressman said he was aware that such issues were ongoing. In February, he voted to pass the Postal Service Reform Act, and said that he hopes that it will begin to help with such issues. According to the Congressman's press release on the vote, the Act would "make needed financial and operational reforms" and, among other things, "enhance transparency and accountability of USPS service performance." In the meantime, if you experience any such issues with your postal service, Congressman Quigley asks that you let Dana Fritz at his office know. You can contact Mr. Fritz at 312-848-5028 or data.fritz@mail.house.gov.

Useful links:

- Congressman Quigley's press release on the Postal Service Reform Act:
<https://quigley.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/quigley-votes-pass-postal-service-reform-act>

Updates from the Alderman

Alderman Nugent announced the new 17th District Police Commander, Michelene Alexa, replacing Ronald Pontecore, Jr., who was named deputy chief. The Alderman mentioned that Commander Alexa was previously the 17th District tactical lieutenant.

An attendee asked about the status of the bump-out gardens around the neighborhood, which are being repaired with funds from the latest round of Participatory Budgeting. This work is progressing, Erika Wozniak, Alderman Nugent's chief of staff, said at the April membership meeting that they were working with contractors to make the concrete repairs, and were looking for steel workers to repair the fencing.

Potholes are still an issue

The ongoing pothole issue in the neighborhood was brought up again at the May membership meeting. An attendee indicated that Kildare Avenue specifically needs repairs where it meets up with Lawrence Avenue. Despite the potholes being a known issue for quite some time, it was mentioned that the issue persists across the neighborhood. Erika Wozniak from the Alderman's office said they had 342 requests to fill potholes at the time, and are doing what they can. Ms. Wozniak said that finances to do the repairs are limited. The ward gets \$1.3 million each year for such work, and \$500,000 of that goes to Participatory Budgeting, with the rest being spent on roads -- including potholes -- and other needed construction. She said that they are getting creative to find other sources of funding, raising the issue with county commissioners, state representatives and senators.

If you notice a pothole, you can report it to Alderman Nugent's office by fill out the request form at <https://bit.ly/3u3zU15>, and they will issue your request with 311.

In the Neighborhood



Wanted: 17th District Police Beat Facilitator in 1722

The 17th District is seeking a member of the community to volunteer as a Beat Facilitator for

Beat 1722. Volunteers will help to organize and run monthly meetings. The meetings are conducted the 3rd Wednesday of every month. All potential facilitators must reside within the boundaries of Beat 1722, which are Cicero to Pulaski/Irving Park to Lawrence. Please email Community.Affairs@ChicagoPolice.org or call 312-745-5900.

17th District Self-Defense Workshop for Teens and Adults



The 17th District CAPS office is holding a self-defense workshop on **Saturday, June 25** from **10:00-11:30am** at the Independence Park field house at 3945 N Springfield Avenue. Learn techniques of self-defense, street safety tips, and feel more confident! The workshop will be instructed by Shihan Frank Roman.

To register, please RSVP to Officer Maryjane Parks by **Thursday, June 23** by calling the CAPS office at 312-742-4588, or emailing caps.017district@chicagopolice.org.



Pop-up farmer's market at Irish American Heritage Center

The Northwest Side Farmer's Market Collective is organizing a pop-up

market at the Irish American Heritage Center this season, at 4626 N Knox Avenue, in the north lot. The first market was already held on May 22, and future markets are scheduled for **July 3** and **October 30** from **9:30am-1:30pm**.

For more info, visit the website at <http://nwsfmc.com>.

CAPS Meetings (Beat 1722)

CAPS meetings for Beat 1722 are back in-person, and there is no Zoom or hybrid option. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The meetings for beats 1722 and 1723 are combined. The next meeting is on **June 15** at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the 17th District Police Department at 4650 N Pulaski Rd.

For upcoming meeting info, or 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>.

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

In the Neighborhood



17th District Resource Table Meet & Greet

17th District CAPS officers will have a meet and greet at the on **June 7** at 2:00pm. The event will be held at Albany Park Branch Library, 3401 W Foster Ave. Resources and various safety information will also be available.

Coffee with the Commander

Join 17th District Commander Michele Alexa and officers for free coffee and conversation on **June 15** from 9:00-11:00am at Anthem Church, 3850 W Montrose Ave.

Bicycle registration and safety tips

The 17th District CAPS Office will be hosting a bicycle registration along with the City of Chicago Bicycle Ambassadors performing bicycle safety tips on **June 18** at 10:00am. The event will be held at the 17th District Police Station, in the north parking lot.

Free pet health fair for cats and dogs

The 17th Police District is hosting a “free” pet health fair for cats and dogs on Saturday, **August 6** from 10:00am-1:00pm

at the 17th District Police Station at 4650 N Pulaski Rd, in the south parking lot.

The first 100 animals served through ticket distribution will receive free vaccines and microchips. There will also be nail trim services, pet-friendly crafts, various pet vendors, pet goodie bags, and more!

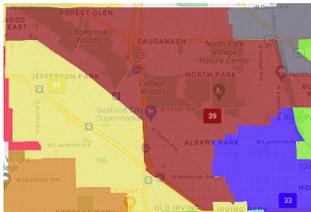
Be aware:

- All dogs must be on a leash and all cats must be in a carrier.
- Pets requiring muzzles must be muzzled at the event.
- No children will be handling pets.
- Be prepared for a long wait.
- Don't forget to bring water, chairs, and waste bags!

Updates from the Alderman

Samantha Nugent, 39th Ward

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



New Ward Map Approved

On Monday, May 16th, City Council voted 43-7 to approve a new ward map for the next 10 years. I voted yes to the proposal that largely keeps the 39th Ward boundaries the same. The new ward map can be seen at

<https://app.mydistricting.com/legdistricting/comments/plan/225/26>.

Changes to the 39th include adding a section of Budlong Woods from Bryn Mawr to Foster and the river to the west side of California. Our neighbors on the 6200 block of Ridgeway and the west side of the 6300 block of Ridgeway will be part of the new 50th Ward. I am sad to see these blocks leave the 39th Ward.

Bringing the aldermen together to create and agree on a new map is a nearly impossible task. I applaud Chairwoman Michelle Harris for her leadership and thank my colleagues for working together to pass this map. The new ward map will take effect with the 2023 municipal elections.

Construction Season

Construction season is now in full swing. We ask for your patience as crews work in the parkways and streets. For information on infrastructure improvement projects happening on your block, visit <https://chistreetwork.chicago.gov/map>. You can see the project type, scope, work dates, and permits that have been pulled.

Bumpout Gardens on Lawrence Ave

Progress is underway for the Lawrence Avenue Revitalization, a 2022 Participatory Budget winning project. Bumpout Gardens at Lawrence and Kildare are getting new concrete and rod-iron fencing.



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. My office is open Mondays from 9am to 7pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to 5pm and Fridays from 9am to 3pm. While the office is open for walk-ins, appointments are encouraged. We ask that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please reach out should you have any questions, comments, or concerns at 773-736-5594 or via email at Ward39@CityOfChicago.Org.

St Edward School & Parish 4343 W Sunnyside Avenue

Jenny Dreyer



Congratulations to the St. Edward class of 2022!

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, Loyola Academy, Resurrection and Whitney Young.

Summer at St. Edward

Looking for a summer camp? KidzToPros is offering a variety of camps for age groups throughout the summer. Totus Tuus is offering two summer faith camps the last week of July: daytime camp for kids entering 1st – 6th grade and evening camp for 7th – 12th grades. Learn more at stedwardschool.com.

Big Red Congrats to St. Ed's Track & Field Team!

This year was the first time St. Edward participated in the State Track & Field Meet in Peoria in Division 1A. **Congrats to TJ** (class of 2023) who came in 5th in state in the 800 meter and **Peyton** (class of 2022) who finished 15th in state for long jump! Both set new personal records in their events!



We are Big RED proud of the accomplishments of the entire team.

Grandparents & Special Persons Day was celebrated earlier last month. Mass, light breakfast and musical performances were enjoyed as well as visits to student classrooms and the Art Show! It was wonderful to once

again showcase and share the achievements of our students to their loved ones.

Looking for a new Pre-K – 8th grade school for the 2022-2023 school year? Register for more information and schedule a campus tour on our website, stedwardschool.com.

St. Edward School celebrates 112 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade. You can contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. St. Edward School is a **2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School**. 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.

Congratulations!



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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 _____

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