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Monthly meeting on April 11 – Gardens, Triangle Park, Zoning

Our next meeting will be at **7:30pm** on April 11 at the Irish American Heritage Center, **4626 N Knox Ave.** We will continue Triangle Park planning as well as garden and bump-out planting sessions. Heather Miller from the American Indian Center has agreed to attend to discuss the First Nations Community Garden on Pulaski and how we might participate. We hope that you will attend, and invite you to provide information on any Zoning & Development issues that you may have noticed in the community so that our Zoning & Development Committee may investigate and address as needed.



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Letter from the President

Ron Duplack

Congressman Mike Quigley attended our last meeting. He provided an “insider’s” look at current activities at the Capitol and fielded questions from members afterwards. He discussed the continuing investigations of Russian interference in our elections, and efforts to safeguard election and polling place procedures from outside infiltration and manipulation. He noted HR 1 which was introduced to install ethical and operating checks on candidates and the election process to help safeguard the integrity of our democratic process and the people who run for, and ultimately hold, public offices at the federal, state and local levels.



The Congressman’s introductory comments segued into presentations by the two run-off candidates for the 39th Ward: Samantha Nugent and Robert Murphy. Each was provided approximately ten minutes to outline their positions and platforms, followed by short questioning. MCA participated in structuring the initial 39th Ward Candidate Forum with Hollywood North Park Community Association, North Mayfair Improvement Association, Old Irving Park Association, and several other neighboring civic organizations, and in setting up the second Forum for the run-off candidates.

2019 MCA Meetings

Membership meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave. No meetings are held in January, July, or August. These are the rest of the dates scheduled for 2019, with proposed discussion topics.

April 11 Zoning & Development	September 12 Traffic & Parking	December 12 Holiday Party
May 9 Mayfair Park	October 10 Elections	
June 13 To Be Announced	November 14 Annual Party Planning	

Our Board generally meets during the intervening months.

Letter from the President

Ron Duplack

We continued discussion regarding the potential improvements and programming for **Triangle Park**, and the possibility of a public event there later this Spring, perhaps coinciding with the Earth Day Celebration on April 20 or 27. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Ryan Kinderman and Jean-Marie Minton discussed recent updates to our Newsletter and Website, all of which

were well received and much appreciated. The task now is to broaden outreach and communication through wider distribution. Volunteers are sought to identify neighbors that need to receive hard copies and to arrange delivery to them and local businesses. **Please let us know if you can help in any way.**

Beautification

Walter Eliassen & Thomas Keating

Spring Cleaning Time, Volunteers Wanted

It's spring and time for cleaning winter from our community gardens. I take care of the garden at the CTA Blue Line near 4508 W Montrose Ave, with access also from the corner of N Kenton Ave and W Agatite Ave. I really need help to trim bushes, rake, and remove dry deadwood.



Have you cut through this great space near the Blue Line on your way to work or the bus or the Blue Line "El"? I hear from those that pass through that they really love all of the flowers. They ask who takes care of it; I would love to say that the neighborhood folks help all that they can. An hour of your time would be great!

Please feel free to help! You can work or clean up there anytime that is convenient for you. There are several garbage cans available. I am an early riser but I would be glad to meet you and work with you. Wally Eliassen, 773-282-8056 or wallyeliasen@gmail.com.

Tips for Garden Helpers

1. Any debris that you have can go directly into the city garbage cans. No bags are needed.
2. You can clean up any area within the garden that you see needs help. The primary need is in the garden area. I have listed what I see as the need but if you see more, please feel free to fix them.
3. It would be very helpful to hear from you when you do some work there. Use the email or phone number I've provided.

Beautification

Walter Eliassen & Thomas Keating

Planting Time is Coming – Time to Get Your Hands Dirty

I know, I know - Everyone is still sore from moving all those beautiful crystals from their stairs, sidewalks, etc. and making all those snow sculptures, but this old man wants you to start thinking about digging holes in the ground to plant flowers, and removing weeds.

Before we know it, the MCA Beautification Committee will order a large group of annual plants to put in our gardens. We have 26 garden areas in our community, and 13 planter stands. The gardens start at the War Memorial at Keeler and Lawrence and go all the way to Cicero.



War Memorial at Keeler and Lawrence, 2018

Image © 2019 Google

We need volunteers to help maintain these gardens. Please contact me to add your name to our list of helpers, Tom Keating - Mayfair Civic VP, keatingtj@gmail.com.

Mayfair Park 4550 W Sunnyside Ave

Earth Day Clean-Up

The Friends of the Parks (FOTP) Chicagoland Earth Day Parks & Preserves Clean-Up and Celebration began 30 years ago as a way to engage communities in their local parks and forest preserves. Today, FOTP partners with a multitude of other groups including the Chicago Park District, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and many community and volunteer organizations.

The 30th Annual Chicagoland Earth Day Parks & Preserves Clean-Up will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to noon**, in parks throughout the Chicago area. From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a

celebration at Humboldt Park (including games and activities for all ages)! All Chicagoland Earth Day volunteers are welcome to attend.

Join local Earth Day host, the Mayfair Park Advisory Council, and register to be an Earth Day volunteer at Mayfair Park! Please register by **April 12th** so we can count you in for supplies. Registration will continue the day-of and you are welcome to attend without pre-registration.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mayfair-park-earth-day-clean-up-tickets-58025936137>.

Connect on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/584399272073769>.

Help MCA **GROW!**

The Mayfair Civic Association is **your** neighborhood civic association. It's great to live here, but it's not without challenges, and can always be made better! We're here when neighbors don't know where to turn, when they want to know what's happening, and when they want to help. Now, we need **your** help to grow our membership! The more people we can reach, and can work with us on local issues, improvements, and events, the more we can do, and the better for Mayfair!



We are considering a **membership meet-up event** on **Saturday, May 4** in **Triangle Park**. Details will be discussed during the **April 11** meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but are interested in more information about the event and aren't already a member, send an email to Ron Duplack, MCA President, at rduplack@rieckcrotty.com.

CAPS Meetings (Beat 1722)

CAPS meetings for Beat 1722 are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for **April 17** and **May 15**. Meetings are held at the 17th District Police Station Community Room located on **4650 N. Pulaski Road** at **7:00pm**.

Dates are subject to change, so please contact the CAPS office to confirm a date at 312-742-4588, or email caps.017district@chicagopolice.org.

Seniors' Circle

Jean-Marie Minton

Have You Noticed



... the beautiful new building going up on the northeast corner of Elston and Irving Park Road, **4022 N Elston**? It's the new home for the Independence Library, and **Independence Apartments**: the newest **senior housing** in the area.

Applications for the Independence Apartments are being accepted via mail or online at independenceaptschicago.com right now.

Applications will be processed on a first come-first served basis. Applicants must be age 62 or over and have incomes below 60% of the Area Median Income.

Individuals interested in receiving Chicago Housing Authority **rental assistance** for this building can apply **now** via the CHA website.

- Go to thecha.org
- Click on 'Apply for Housing – Public Housing & PBV Applicants Only!' This screen will default to public
- Choose 'PBV' to find the correct list of properties
- Lastly, choose 'Independence Apartments/Northtown Apartments.'

Contact Evergreen Real Estate Group at 312-382-3251 or IndependenceMgr@evergreenreg.com with any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Seniors' Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 11:00am-12:30pm in the community room of the 17th District Police Headquarters at 4650 N Pulaski Road. Upcoming meetings are on **April 17** and **May 15**.

Both April and May meetings will have **pro bono (free!) attorneys**, talking with seniors about drafting free legal documents such as a Living Will and Powers of Attorney.

Refreshments are always served.

Business Buzz

Jean-Marie Minton

Welcome to the “Business Buzz”, where we highlight businesses located in and around our Mayfair neighborhood. In every issue we’ll profile one or two businesses that support the neighborhood, and that we hope you will support in turn. If you have a favorite business that you think we should learn more about, please let us know.

To refresh your memory, or if you didn’t already know, the Mayfair neighborhood is bounded on the east and west by Pulaski and Cicero Avenues and on the north and south by Montrose and Lawrence Avenues.

Triangle Park Contributors

For this first column we want to bring your attention to Triangle Park, the newest green space in Mayfair and the businesses that supported this project.

Located where Kasson and Wilson Avenue intersect, this city plot probably would have been developed for housing if it hadn’t been for lots of people working to keep it a green space. Of course a project like this takes money, and local businesses were asked to donate funds, and the following businesses were kind enough to do so. Look for more names next month, because the list is long, and we don’t have enough space to include them all in this issue!

Albany Bank & Trust Co., N.A.



3400 W Lawrence Ave
<https://www.albanybank.com/>

B&G Auto Repair



4550 N Elston Ave

Clark Street Sports



4506 W Lawrence Ave
<https://clarkstreetsports.com/>

Garcia Mufflers



4529 W Lawrence Ave
<http://www.garciamufflers.com/>

Goode Plumbing LLC



4594 N Elston Ave
<https://goodeplumbing.com/>

Halogen Supply Company



4653 W Lawrence Ave
<https://halogensupply.com/>

Thanks so much to these businesses for their investment in the community we all live in! More to come in the next issue ...

Around the Neighborhood



First Nations Community Garden

Members of the Chi-Nation Youth Council seemed eager to get working with the land at the The First Nations Garden, located at the south-east corner of the intersection of N Pulaski Ave and W Wilson Ave, when I stopped by for a brief visit on the afternoon of Sunday, March 24. According to Janie Pochel, a member of the Youth Council who was there, fellow members were out digging up rocks and whatever other work they could get away with doing on one of the first days that the ground was thawed enough for such activity. This work went on outside while, inside the covered tipi in the Garden, other Youth Council members, their family, and friends, processed maple sap over a fire.

The Garden, together with the Triangle Park at the corner of Kasson and Wilson Avenue, makes two new green spaces in the area this year! The American Indian Center states on their website that the mission of The Garden is “to provide a healing space for the Intertribal Native Community of Chicago, to promote public knowledge and appreciation of Chicago’s Indigenous landscape, native plants, gardens and the environment.” (1)

The Garden will be hosting a community round dance and picnic on **Saturday, April 13** from **1-4pm**. For more info, visit <https://www.aicchicago.org/events/2019/4/13/first-nations-garden-spring-celebration-community-round-dance-amp-potluck-picnic>.

References:

1. <https://www.aicchicago.org/first-nations-community-garden>
2. <https://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/tipi-first-nations-garden-albany-park/Content?oid=69017988>

St. Edward School Open Houses

Explore what St. Edward School has to offer at one of our May Open Houses. Visit on **May 8, 2019 at 8:30 am** for a campus tour or on **May 23, 2019** for an Evening Open House **from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**.



St. Edward is a Catholic elementary school located at 4343 Sunnyside Avenue offering Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. Providing excellence in education, we offer outstanding Academics, Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, Extra-curricular Activities, and before and after school care for all students. St. Edward School has been awarded the United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon for Exemplary Education. Our Early Childhood programs are flexible for parents while providing before and after school care from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

For more information: visit us at www.stedwardschool.com, send an email to office@stedwardschool.com or give us a call at 773-736-9133.

Arts in the Mayfair Area

Tracy Kellner

Check out these upcoming events in our surrounding community!

Arts Events Around Town

Albany Park Walking Tour

<https://m.facebook.com/events/311263142907872>

Art & Language Festival, Saturday April 13th

<https://copernicuscenter.org/art-language-festival-2019/>

Jefferson Park Sunday Market

<http://copernicuscenter.org/jefferson-park-sunday-market-winter/>

23rd Annual Art in Wilder Park, May 4 & 5, Elmhurst

<https://festivalnet.com/12257/Elmhurst-Illinois/Art-Shows/Art-in-Wilder-Park>

North Shore Unitarian Church Art Fair, April 27 & 28, Deerfield

www.nsuc.org

One of a Kind Spring Show & Sale, April 26-28, Merchandise Mart

www.oneofakindshowchicago.com

Spring Festival, An Arts & Crafts Affair, April 12-14, Villa Park

<https://odeumexpo.com/event/autumn-festival-an-arts-crafts-affair-april-2019/>

St. Patty's Day has come & gone, but there are still lots of great events at the Irish American Heritage Center

<https://irish-american.org/events/2019-04/>

American Art, Monday April 8, Mayfair Public Library

<https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/5c8949ca53f3b320001aae35>

Other great events at the Mayfair Library

[https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local_start=2019-04-01%20TO%202019-06-01&fq=branch_location_id:\(49\)](https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local_start=2019-04-01%20TO%202019-06-01&fq=branch_location_id:(49))

Find more Arts-related events around the city

https://www.artfaircalendar.com/art_fair/chicago-art-fairs.html

Get Outside!

Chicago Park District

https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events?title=&field_event_age_range_target_id=All&field_event_start_date_value=2019-04-01&field_event_end_date_value_1=2019-05-31

Independence Day Bike Parade, Saturday June 29

<https://www.facebook.com/events/independence-day-bike-parade/354675435259853>

Gardening Season is Coming!

Mark your calendars for these events, green thumb not required.

Native Plant Sale Calendar & Map

<https://www.chicagobungalow.org/single-post/2019/03/19/Where-to-Buy-Native-Plants-Around-Chicago-2019>

Chicago Botanic Gardens, April in the Garden

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/walk/april>

Chicago Lighthouse 33rd Annual Garden Walk, Wednesday June 26

<https://chicagolighthouse.org/event/houseandgarden/>

Dearborn 61st Annual Garden Walk, Sunday July 21

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dearborn-garden-walk-61st-annual-walk-tickets-58663512144>

Evanston Environmental Association, Sunday June 23

<https://evanstonenvironment.org/gardenwalk>

Old Town Garden Walk, Saturday June 8 & Sunday June 9

<http://www.oldtownartfair.org/garden-walk/>

Ravenswood Manor Garden Walk, Sunday August 11

<https://www.facebook.com/events/408062642636203>

Irish American Heritage Center 4626 N. Knox Avenue Kathy O'Neill

Friday Night Fish Fry

Join the Irish American Heritage Center every Friday during Lent 2019 for its popular Friday Night Fish Fry.

The Fish Fry runs through **April 19 from 6:30pm-9pm** in the Fifth Province Pub and the menu features fried cod, French fries, a vegetable, and coleslaw. Families can enjoy



a meal together and kids can watch children's movies that run during the meal. **Live music begins at 9pm** and selected nights feature music and dance performances from

Trinity Irish Dancers, O'Hara School of Irish Dance and The Academy of Irish Music.

The cost is **\$14 for adults and \$9 for children** and patrons pay at the door.

Project Pins and Needles

Learn basic sewing and quilting instruction with the IAHC's very own Nimble Thimbles quilting and sewing group.

The class teaches basic sewing machine instruction, fabric selection, finding fabric grain and cutting with a rotary cutter. Projects include making a pillowcase, rail fence wall hanging or pillow. Registration is limited to 6 students. Ages 12 and up.



The class is **May 8, 15 and 22 from 7-9pm**. Tuition is **\$135** and includes fabric. To register, visit www.irish-american.org or call 773-282-7035, ext. 10.

An Evening of Sacred and Irish Choral Music

The boys and gentlemen of the Palestrina Choir of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Dublin, present an evening of sacred and Irish choral music at the IAHC this spring. The Choir, consisting of 25 boys ages 9 to 14, and 9 men is regarded as one of the finest Cathedral Choirs in Europe.

Since its founding in 1903, the choir has recorded and traveled extensively, as well as singing each week at



liturgies at the Pro-Cathedral, the Mother-Church of the Archdiocese of Dublin. It has performed throughout the world and had

the honor of joining the Sistine Chapel Choir at the Papal Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany in 2013. They also sang for the 2018 Papal visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families.

The Palestrina Choir in Concert is **Tuesday, April 30 at 7pm**. The program is **free**. The choir is joined by special guests, the Irish Heritage Singers, who open the performance. Reservations are suggested and can be made by visiting www.irish-american.org or calling 773-282-7035, ext. 10.

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>)

Visit Us Online

We have a website! It's a bit out-of-date (we're working on 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, including **Tracy Kellner**, **Ryan Kinderman**, and **Jean-Marie Minton**.

Special thanks to Ron Duplack, MCA president, Chris Lambesis for website updates, 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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