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5th Ward Alderman

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MOST SECOND & FOURTH MONDAYS

City Chambers second floor –
8:30pm. Meetings are aired live
on Cable T.V. Channel 16.

5TH WARD MEETINGS 3RD THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

Fleetwood Jourdain Community
Center. Meetings start at 7pm.

CITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“The City of Evanston is committed to promoting the highest quality of life for all residents by providing fiscally sound, responsive municipal services and delivering those services equitably, professionally with the highest degree of integrity.”

VISION STATEMENT

“Creating the most livable City in America.”
We in the FIFTH WARD will do our best to help fulfill both of these.

From the Alderman

Ice Cream, Ice Cream, who wants Ice Cream?
The August ward meeting is always an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** and this August was no different. It is a time to slow down, relax, with no presentations (except the police updates), a time to enjoy your neighbors and of course have some ice cream.

We had two new neighbors who were attending for the first time. It was a good opportunity to meet others from the many areas of the Ward. Most are always surprised to find out how large the ward is and how far east it extends.

We also welcomed our new Problem Solving Team officer, Sergeant Tony Correa who is the new Sergeant in Charge, replacing Sgt. Leakes who has moved to the office of Professional Standards. Officers Brooks and McCray continue to be our PST contacts with Officers Howard and Wideman serving as our Foot Patrol Team. Due to technical problems hard copies of the past month's crime stats were unavailable. However, Officer Brooks presented an overview of occurrences, especially the shooting at Foster and Jackson where four people were injured and the increased number of burglaries in the eastern area of the Ward.

It was indeed a relaxed evening and a good chance just to talk and share ideas. It was great to be back!

Together We Will Get It Done!



SAVE THE DATE

Evanston’s Black History: Discovering the Past and Exploring he Future: Saturday, September 17, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Evanston: Screening of “Evanston’s Living History”, presentation by Dino Robison and panel discussion with Rev. Dr. Michael Nabors, Raj Joy and Craig Dudnick - moderated by Dr. Gilo Logan.

Shorefront SummerFest: Saturday, September 24th, from 3:00-6:00PM at Shorefront Legacy Center, Corner of Ridge Ave. and Noyes Street. Food, fun, live music and open house.

Community Services

for extensive list, visit:

www.cityofevanston.org

City of Evanston

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Want to help with the Newsletter?

We welcome submissions and your assistance in creating a vibrant and engaging monthly newsletter. Please feel free to contact us at evanston5thward@gmail.com.

Download past Newsletters on the City Website

<http://www.cityofevanston.org/government/city-council/5th-ward-alderman/index.php>

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Janet Alexander Davis is working on a writing project for **Shorefront Journal** and she’s looking for other writers to work with her on the project. If you like to write and would like to be a part of this, please contact Janet directly at: jalexan801@aol.com. Thanks!

TRANSITIONS

Pearl Clinkscales leaves to cherish her memory, her two daughters Nancy and Joan; three grand-children James, Stephanie and Marcus; 13 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins and friends.

Helen Crawford was preceded in death by her husband Lonnie Crawford, three children Carolyn Ramey, Ervin Ramey and Marguerite Ramey Parsons and great-grandsons Michael Ramey, Jr. and Michael Rodney Frye. Nana leaves her family to continue her legacy. Her children, Lonnie (Bettie) Crawford and Catherine Chapman. Her dedicated and loving grandchildren, Karen Harris, Rodney (Vanessa) Ramey, Marsha Martin, Michael (Cheryl) Ramey, James Parsons II, Kevin (Christine) Crawford, Eric Crawford and Stephanie Chapman. Her thoughtful great-grandchildren, Jessica Martin, Jordan Martin, Michaela Ramey, Joseph Martin II, Jasmyn Parsons and Elyse Ramey. Eleven great-great-grandchildren, who brought joy to Nana every time they were around. Cousins, Young Pate, Patricia Parsons, Paulette Parsons, Gamaliel Parsons, Parris Parsons, Mikel Holmes, Fritz Kimbrough and Paisley Parsons. And a host of extended family, close friends and her devoted church family.

Zhane Ramon Garcia was preceded in death by his sister, Tiffany Garcia; grandfather, Marcus Garcia; great-grandmother, Marna Chica; uncles, Oliver Estell, Kurt Estell, and Paul Estell; and cousin, Kareem Cutkelvin. Zhane is survived by his mom, Dyanne Garcia; dad, Heliodoro Garcia; sisters, Zinda (Leyvan), Chantel and Shamira Garcia; grandmothers, Jean Gardiner and Aristina Thompson; great-grandfather, Emilio Novelo; grandfather, Curt Estell; nieces, Cassidy and Aali-yah; nephews, Justice and Dwyane, AKA Jah-Zane; and a host of aunts, uncles and friends.

Leona Palmer Harmon, now joins her husband, John Sr. and her son, John Jr. who welcomed her as she came home. She leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory her devoted daughter, Brenda J. (Nathaniel) Harris (Zion IL); her grandson, Quintin Veasley (Washington, DC); her sister, Daisy Harris (Columbus, OH); her sister-in-law, Rose Perkins (Evanston, IL); her brother-in-law, William Harmon (Las Vegas, NV); and Abelard Harmon (Evanston, IL); as well as a host of relatives and friends who she loved.

Kyara Terrell Newell aka Uptown-Kyro Newell is survived by his mother, Celeste Joy Taylor; brother, Royale (Adrian)

Newell; Adopted Grandmother, Joanne Anderson; "Paps" Anderson; the Davis Family; the Newell/Willis Family; many uncles, aunties, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

Cornelia Garner Speed, was preceded in death by both her parents and one sibling Columbus Garner, Jr (Lizzie). Cornelia is survived by her husband, Mr. Raphel Speed; daughter, Mia Speed of Evanston, IL; son, Raphel Demario of Gary, IN; step-daughter, Olivette (Charles) Freeman of Snellville GA; grandchildren, Jordan, Olivia, Pfozjera, Kalaiah, Daveon and Caitlyn. Four sisters, Carolyn Singletary, Mary Louise Talbert, both of McCormick, SC, Barbara Washington of Plum Branch SC, and Phyllis Garner of North Augusta SC; two brothers, Alfred (Jeannette) of McCor-mick, SC and James T. Garner of Phoenix SC; and a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom she was genuinely proud of and wholeheartedly affectionate toward.

Johnnie Mae Wright Tate, leaves to cherish her memories daughters, Alicia Wright and Tashi Tate; her mother, Thella Wright; grandchildren, Jamel Gaines, Ja Quan Pickett, Taliyah Tate, Tarik Miniffee, Sadahri Wright, Shania Wright, Jasmine Henderson, Jaden Henderson; sisters, Jacqui (Ming) Freeman, Birdistean (Al) Walker, Theresa Wright, Sheryl "Alana" (Lindbery) Gaines, Joyce Wright, Jynnifer Wright; brothers, Joseph Oliver (Tonya) Wright and Robert Wright; a special sister-in-law, Sonzia (Wally) Valdores; a special cousin, Angela Martin; and a host of nieces and nephews, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Margaret Davis-Thigpen is survived by her children, John Jr. (Beatrice) Coley, Lena Nau, Benita and Fredrick Davis. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her grandchildren, Christopher (Marilyn), Alex, Joel (Gina), Alicia, Sean and Marcus. A host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Special nephews, Edgar and Everette and niece Wendy.

Woodrow "Woody" E. Winters leaves to cherish his memory wife, Margaret Annette; son, Dar-rell (Sonia) Winters; two grandchildren, Marcus Winters and Briana Smith; and one great-granddaughter, Sophia Arieana Polk; two brothers, Elihue (Alice) Winters and James (Flora) Winters of Kosciusko, MS. Three sisters, Mozell McGauley of Kosciusko, MS, Rosetta (Joe) Richardson of Columbia, TN, and Doris Winters Grant of Skokie, IL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY: FIFTH WARD FESTIVAL

Submitted by Nina Kaven



Photo courtesy of James Davis



Photo courtesy of James Davis



Neither an early-morning downpour nor a muddy Twiggs Park could dampen the spirits of Meet Our Community: Fifth Ward Festival planners or festival goers who came to the fifth ward park from all over Evanston on August 27. The eight-hour festival, which was established in response to recent incidents of youth gun violence, addressed the issue with more than 70 local resource booths and also aimed to highlight the richness and long history of the fifth ward and its tight-knit community.

“Meet Our Community gave us an opportunity to share Twiggs Park with the rest of our community,” said Fifth Ward Alderman Delores Holmes. “The festival was an opportunity to show that the Fifth Ward is a wonderful part of Evanston that everyone can enjoy.”

A variety of speakers and entertainers took the stage throughout the day, including the Lily Finnegan Jazz Trio, Marcus Brown’s DIME hip hop dancers, Kevin Brown and Nathan Norman of the City’s Youth and Young Adult Division, and Liana Wallace who performed a spoken-word piece about the history of the fifth ward. Joyce Hill and Royce Pryor spoke about the enormous affect gun violence has had on their lives, and Melinda Segal’s KCD Dancers for Non-Violence performed a moving dance dedicated to Royce’s daughter Kaylyn, who was shot and killed less than a year ago. PeaceAble Cities and the EPD hosted Peace Circles to teach participants about restorative justice. Second Baptist Pastor Michael Nabors, Lincolnwood Principal Fred Hunter, EPD Officer Kyle Wideman, OPAL President Cicely Fleming and diversity expert Gilo Kwesi Cornell Logan spoke and Pastor Emmitt T. Williams, along with musicians Manwolves, Kweku Collins, Chainsaw Dupont and Funkadesi ended the festival on a celebratory note as the sun set.

Fifth-ward businesses C&W Food Market and Ice Cream Parlor, Jennifer’s Edibles and Tish Bars joined a variety of other food vendors, including Chicken Shack, Buffalo Joe’s, Valli Produce and Mark Vend, whose managers donated chicken, hot dogs, and snacks that were provided to guests free of charge.

“The festival showed the real worth and value of the ward that raised me,” said festival committee member Lonnie Wilson, “and it was a pleasure to work with a diverse group of Evanstonians to plan it.” Committee members Stephen Adams-Cochran added, “Having lived in the fifth ward in my younger days and now raising children here, what better way to help improve community relations with other areas of Evanston, to help tear down the racial divide and misconceptions others have of the fifth ward. We can’t solve all problems in one event, but we can use the festival as a cornerstone in the rebuilding of relations as a community.”

Fifth ward residents, along with Citizens Greener Evanston (CGE), Dear Evanston, and the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy organized the festival, which was generously sponsored by the following businesses and organizations: CEBA-Central Evanston Business Association, Family Focus, Northwestern University, Spectrum Live Productions, Chainsaw Dupont, Evanston Community Foundation, Mark Vend, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Unity on the North Shore, YOU, Beth Emet The Free Synagogue, Collective Resource, Inc., Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center, First Bank & Trust, IL Rep. Laura Fine, IL Rep. Robyn Gabel, IL Sen. Daniel Biss, Jessica Tucker for State Representative, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, KCD Dancers for Non-Violence, Prism Pathways, Evanston Quick Signs, The Crave Bar, Unitarian Church of Evanston/REAL Team and Youth Job Center.

THE EVANSTON WE PROGRAM

Submitted by Nancy Baker



Hecky Powell and The Forrest E. Powell Foundation have announced the launch of a new non-profit organization, the Evanston WE Program, to help career and technically-minded Evanston Township High School students with career preparation, certification and placement.

The WE — for work ethic — Program will provide one-on-one mentoring, career-readiness workshops and financial aid access.

Hecky Powell, founder of the WE program says, “For years, The Forrest E. Powell Foundation has provided scholarships to youth pursuing training for the career and technical fields. This program takes our mission one step further with a full curriculum and mentorship that really gives students the support they deserve from high school to training to career placement. Engage. Educate. Employ. That’s what The Evanston WE Program is all about.”

“ ‘College for everyone’ is a statement of political correctness, rather than fact,” says Nancy Baker, executive director of the WE Program. “What happens to the significant percentage of ambitious students who want certification and careers that don’t require a 4-year degree? All ETHS students deserve support and mentoring to reach their full potential. And if we can keep their talent right here in Evanston, that’s even better news.”

Students are inducted their junior year of high school and matched with a career related mentor. They will participate in a supportive and sequential curriculum of career readiness seminars and apprenticeships. Candidates may attend community college, vocational school, trade school, apprenticeship or short-term training programs such as automotive technology, cosmetology, culinary, healthcare, manufacturing and high tech.

Applications are available online (www.evanstonwe.org) now and at Hecky’s Barbecue, 1902 Green Bay Road. Applications are due Friday, October 14.

For questions about the program, or to nominate an ETHS junior, contact: Nancy Baker at nbaker@evanstonwe.org

THE EVANSTON FAMILY'S “EVANSTON REMEMBRANCE REUNION PICNIC VII”

By Dwayne A. Aiken aka Big Poppa

Given August 13th, 2016 at James Park, Evanston, IL was again, a Great Success! I Would Like to Personally Thank Each and Every One of My ▲ E-FAM® Committee Members for Their Outstanding Commitment to Our Organization and Their Unwavering Efforts to Make Each and Every One of Our Events a Success. ▲ E-FAM's® "Evanston Remembrance Reunion Picnic" Has Been Running Successfully for Seven Years Straight and We Intend to Continue to Serve Our Evanston Community & It's People. We Love All of You. Thank You for Your Undying Support Each Year!



Photo courtesy of Dwayne A. Aikens

A NEW BEGINNING

Submitted by Barbara Blades

The East and West sides of the 5th Ward are divided geographically, but we share some of the same issues like those regarding negligent landlords and neighbors who disturb the peace.

Our neighborhood began to change over twenty five years ago as permanent residents passed away or moved away and their houses were sold to investors who in turn rented to Northwestern students. Before that time rentals were lived in by graduate students and families or single working adults. The University was not providing enough housing and it was cheaper for students pool resources and rent units and houses. If neighbors had complaints about noise, etc. the University took no responsibility.

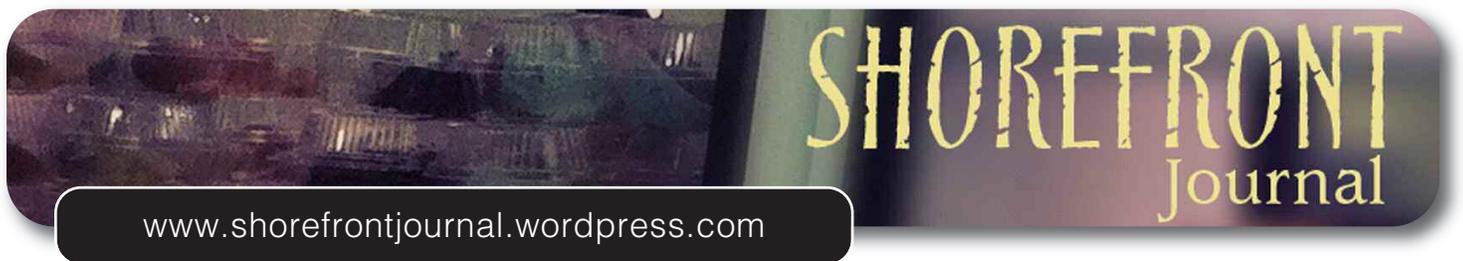
Today things are changing more dramatically than they have in the ten years that we started working with NU Student Affairs and the City, with Alderman Holmes as our advocate. For the past several years the University has held Community Conversations; meetings attended by NUPD, EPD, various other Student Affairs and Northwestern staff, Aldermen and neighbors. These meetings address complaints by neighbors and solutions by the University and the City.

On August 31, Alan Anderson, newly appointed Executive Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations, chaired the Community Conversations meeting and outlined the University's plans for future campus housing. The latest Student Affairs staff and the University have drafted a plan to keep students on cam-

pus beginning with freshmen and sophomores in the Fall of 2017. Todd Adams, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, stated that a long term goal is to include Juniors, but first they would have to build more housing.

They plan a coalition of leaders from Northwestern and the neighboring community to implement long and short term goals and strategies to build a stronger discussion on efforts to strengthen our neighborhood. The neighborhood representatives on the committee would bring issues to the table that are of concern to the neighborhood. The goal is to enforce laws and to strengthen landlord management of tenants and properties. There was discussion of a landlord rating system and uniform off-campus orientation. Anyone who wants to be part of this committee should contact Alan Anderson at alan.anderson@northwestern.edu.

Lastly, there was an open discussion about the usual neighborhood concerns regarding policing and what is required for police to issue tickets. Residents making complaints must tell the police that they want to be seen, if they want to request that a ticket be issued. There are concerns by neighbors that some fines are not large enough for parties that get shut down for intolerable noise and unsafe conditions. The student code of conduct is always updated in compliance with new laws and this code is published in the Northwestern Student Handbook. There are academic consequences for students who violate the code.



The 50th King Lab Reunion panel discussions were filmed by Shorefront and can be viewed on YouTube website: "We Were There" <https://youtu.be/ewe9L9y5re0> and "Where Are We Now?" https://youtu.be/v4Xo_TQ6z2A. Shorefront is collecting and archiving any memorabilia and items related to the formation of King Lab Experimental School. If you have any information, please contact us at



Enrich Evanston through Art

Can art take us beyond diversity and help break down some of the barriers between us?

Join us for a free workshop about what has divided our communities historically, and lend your creativity to explore how the arts can help bring us together today.



Dr Gilo Kwesi Logan and Dino Robinson will take an Evanston history perspective to lead us beyond diversity, deepening our racial/ethnic awareness, knowledge and understanding.

All Evanston arts stakeholders are welcome: artists, arts groups, performers, audience and all who love art.

**Can we enrich Evanston through art?
Let's take one step together to find out.**

**Join us on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 PM
Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center,
1655 Foster St, Evanston**

Refreshments will be served and childcare provided

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