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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

We had two presentations for the November meeting. We began with the Assistant City Manager/CFO Martin Lyons, who provided an overview of the City's 2015 proposed budget. The 360 million dollar budget includes a balanced General Fund without a net increase in property taxes and with no planned staff layoffs.

Next we welcomed Seth Green, Director of Y.O.U, who shared a short history of Y.O.U and a summary of who they are now and what they have done in the community since 1971. He explained how they had received the gift of the two properties on Church Street from Tawani Enterprises and shared their plans a two story, 12,000SF building. The space will include a demonstration kitchen for culinary therapy and a “maker lab” that will provide hands on learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. There will also be a large meeting room for community collaboration, family gatherings and staff training. Y.O.U. offices will occupy the second floor and come Spring 2015, they'll return to share how their plans are progressing.

As always we had community announcements and the regular activity report from the Problem Solving Team. There were lots of questions that created good dialogue and discussion with our guests and the residents.

Well, we have reached the end of another year. I want to thank each of you for your continued support. This was a busy year and we got a lot done, but there is still much to do and. . .

Together We Will Get It Done!



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Day, December 25, 2014

KEEP WATCH FOR. . .

New and exciting activity on Church and Dodge; Cradle 2Career new staff; and a new Domino's Pizza on Foster Street.

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!

Community Services
for extensive list, visit:
www.cityofevanston.org

City of Evanston
Contact the City of Evanston for all of your service needs by calling 3-1-1. Or 847-448-4311

Services

- Fleetwood-Jourdain Center
847-448-8254
- Hispanic / Latino Outreach
847-866-0319
- Minority Bus. Asst./MBE Coord.
847-448-8104
- Youth Engagement Coordinator
847-448-8049

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CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAY



Firemen's Park Neighbor, Gertrude Pearson celebrated her 100th birthday on November 26 and a few close neighbors celebrated with her on November 23rd. Gertrude grew up in Evanston and has lived on Maple Avenue for over seventy years. Gertrude is known for having addressed neighborhood property standards over the years by donning her best clothes and white gloves and going over to the Civic Center to speak to the City Manager regarding issues she was concerned about. Gertrude likes to go for drives with her son Arthur, who lives next door to her - and she's still very interesting to visit, with her sharp mind. Until several years ago she was taking continuing studies classes at Northwestern. The latest one was physics.

TRANSITIONS

Pauletta Sue Brown— leaves fondly to cherish her memory, her father, Willie Foster Brown (Geraldine Brown) of Evanston, IL; four sisters and one brother, Annie Bell Brown Young of Elgin, IL, Virginia Brown of Elgin, IL, Willie Foster Brown, Jr. (Euchiquita Brown) of Chicago, IL, Chris Sandra Brown of Elgin, IL, and Josephine Brown of Zion, IL; nine nieces and nephews, Sheree T. Williams, Jackie Young Jr., Anthony T. Foster, Larry D. Young, Taniia Brown, Deanglo L. Brown, Lattia Baumeister, Mone S. Miller, and Olivia S. Miller; twenty-one great nieces and nephews; one Special Aunt Ella Frances Elizabeth Brown, and a host of cousins and friends.

Ruby L. Hamilton- Burton (Mama) — leaves to cherish her memories her five children, Chenetra Williams (James), Kenneth Burton, Patricia Preister (Kirk), Terry Burton (Darlene) and Tirria Stalworth; sister and brothers, Sweetie Davis (Lee Edward), Verna Ship (Albert), Oscar Hamilton, Billie Rae Thomas (Judy Lee), Maxine Rayford; sixteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

James Edward Nesbitt— leaves to mourn him, his loving and devoted wife, Lucy; two daughters, Janet (Hector) Colon of Kenosha, WI and G. Renee (James) Evans of Greensboro, GA; one son, Jermaine; five grandchildren, Travon, Chyna, Jonathan, Jordyn and Jermaine Jr.; one great-grandchild, Travon; four brothers, Frank (Jeannie) Hicks of Macon GA, Richard Peterson of Washington, DC, Hershley Hughes of Evanston, IL and Alvin (Kim) Hughes of Houston, TX; three sisters, Lillian and Gloria Hicks both of Trenton, NJ and Deborah Hughes of Skokie, IL; three aunts, Mamie Thomas of Elmira, NY, Virginia Nesbitt of Dublin, GA and Barbara Nesbitt of Perry GA; four uncles, Roy(Mary) Nesbitt of Stone Mountain, GA, Rufus (Donna) Nesbitt of Jackson, LA, Calvin Nesbitt of Dublin, GA and Albert Bowie, Sr. of Evanston, IL; and a host of nieces, nephew and other relatives and friends.

Luella Pates, — made her transition from this life on Saturday, November 15, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents the late Wilbur and Josephine Bamberg, a baby brother who died in childbirth,

Everylean Pates (mother-in-law), Henry and Cora Creech Sr., and Henry Creech Pates Jr. Cherishing the many memories of her life are her loving husband, Cal Pates; her children, Celestine and Altroise Pares; her grandchildren, David, Damien, Kayla, Leon, Demetrius, Dylan, and Unique; her sisters and brother, Wilma Dykes, Peggy Bamberg, Magie Holmes, Curtis Bamberg, Sara Priester, and Frances Lowe (Willie Lowe). In addition, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, in-laws, cousins and friends.

Joseph Anthony Tucker, Sr., — leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ada M. Tucker; his son, Joseph Tucker Jr. (Rancey) of Davenport, IA; brothers ,Homer Tucker (Louise, deceased) of Evanston, IL, and Tommie Tucker of Alexander City, AL; a granddaughter, Juleya Tucker; grandsons, Joseph Tucker, III and Javon Tucker (Mickiya); and a great-great granddaughter, Jayda Tucker, all of Evanston, IL; a sister-in-law, Wilma Judon (Jimmy) of Peoria, AZ, and brother-in-law Lewis Traylor (Mary) of Des Plaines, IL. Joseph also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives; an abundance of friends, ALL who loved him. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents Elizabeth and Tommie Tucker, Sr. and son, Keith B. Tucker.

SENIOR REFLECTIONS/ OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden



The circle of life continues...births, deaths, joy and pain. We MUST accept this, we cannot allow ourselves to be "snowed" in or overwhelmed by this reality. Continue to be strong, continue to believe in a HIGHER power, continue forward and continue to believe in the inherent goodness of our fellow man.

BLOCK CLUBS

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847-869-6354

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Meets when needed

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red1846@yahoo.com

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Meets monthly

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813-503-1192

Meet 2nd Tuesdays

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

By: Ina Sherman, CADC, Chapman Center, NorthShore University Healthsystem

If the well publicized fact that drunk driving fatalities increase during the holiday season isn't enough cause for concern, Dr. Sandra Schneider, a spokesperson for the American College of Emergency Physicians, reports that it is also important for people to be aware of other dangers that are related to drinking during this month of preparation and celebration. For example, while it is often risky to be on a ladder hanging holiday lights on your home during icy or stormy conditions, when you add liquor to the mix, those risks are multiplied due to problems with balance and judgment. For those who enjoy drinking wine while cooking, carving a ham or a turkey can become a dangerous challenge. Some people who have already been diagnosed with cardiac issues or high blood pressure put themselves at risk from overeating and binge drinking at parties. Others can also be affected by a condition known as "holiday heart syndrome" – an irregular heartbeat pattern that may develop because of excessive drinking in otherwise healthy individuals. So, if we would rather spend Christmas with friends and family instead of spending it with the staff of our local emergency rooms, we have to remember that safety in our homes, and on the road, must come first.

SHOREFRONT JOURNAL

Coming Soon!



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Shorefront Journal is available at the **Shorefront Legacy Center**, 2214 Ridge Avenue, or you can order online at www.lulu.com to have it delivered to your door.

CEBA OPEN HOUSE!

By Janet Alexander Davis

On Monday, November 24th, I attended an open house for the newly formed Central Evanston Business Association. Excitement was in the air as I observed citizens, police officers, residents, business owners, neighbors, city officials and the curious, who cramped into C & W Market & Ice Cream Parlor, on the corner of Church and Dodge, to celebrate the Association's beginning. Owners of the snack shop/ice cream parlor, Clarence and Wendy Weaver, opened several months ago and were there to make us feel so welcomed. I even talked with Clarence about a request I had for a certain brand of pork skins I'd love to see offered at his shop. He said, "Just let me know what brand" and I am certain he will make this item available at his shop in the future. On second thought, since I am trying to lose weight, maybe I should put that request off for a while... That said, I couldn't pass up going next door and purchasing the butter pecan ice cream and taking it home to have on Thanksgiving. I'll never tell if I waited that long to enjoy the ice cream though!

The colorful and distinctive brochure about the new association was created by Graphic Designer Dino Robinson. The brochure outlines some of the benefits of joining the Association, such as having a "voice" in the City; Marketing and Sales Opportunities; Networking and Connections; being a part of a Community of Businesses." The CEBA Charter Members are as follows:

- Boswell Imports, Lynn Boswell
- C & W Market & Ice Cream Parlor, Clarence & Wendy Weaver
- Cutting Edge Hair Gallery/, Donna Walker
- Ebony Barbershopm GiGi Giles
- Evanston Township High School
- Fatty's Burgers
- Hecky's BBQ, Hecky Powell
- Roberts Architects ITD, David Roberts
- Robinson Design, Dino Robinson
- Strange Lofts
- Christine Wolf
- Y.O.U.

To find out more about the association and how to join, please contact GiGi Giles, CEBA President and Owner of Ebony Barbershop: sweett3530@msn.com



Photos by James Davis



'TIS THAT TIME OF YEAR - AGAIN

By Anna Renee Ross

What you see, or what you expect, is not always all that's there. This sentence could be applied to so many things in our personal lives, professional lives, our neighborhoods, even extended out to the world at large. We spend a fair amount of time creating an expectation of a person or a place based solely on limited experiences, things overheard, and most definitely, by what we hear in the media.

Just the other day, while driving Church from McCormick to Ashland, I noticed how well kept most of the lawns were, more than most, in fact. The neighborhood along this street is just like mine I imagine, filled with people who are doing their best to make ends meet and to take care of their own. On the surface, there is nothing to judge this neighborhood by except its look and the few people I know who live here. But that's hard to do when we hear all about the crime on the west side of Evanston. The shootings. The burglaries. The robberies. The deaths. There's so much more to this neighborhood than what you hear on the street, at community meetings, in the police blotter, even at city hall. This is, actually, a rather nice community made up of mostly hard working people. Many of these people have lived right in this neighborhood their whole lives; even in the same house their parents and/or grandparents were raised. We miss that part of the story. Somehow the mindless actions of a few are what garner the public's attention, the media's output of information. And that's really sad.

I awoke the other morning to my youngest child telling me all about the things she wants for Christmas gifts. All the toys, the material things, the electronics. These things she hopes to receive - all things to take her attention off the important things, like a good book, her homework, her piano, her violin, her yoga practice,

her family. I also got a list of wishes from the middle child outlining her desire for gifts to find under the tree this year. Clearly, I have raised my children to have these expectations. To let me know what new gadget they desperately need to have. And most years, I indulge them by getting them some, most, or even one year- all they want.

In the midst of holiday planning and shopping the middle child has asked me, for weeks now, to find out if we're doing something on Christmas day that we've been a part of for only a few years. This thing is a good thing, but it falls on Christmas day and while we may not be church going folk, we do cherish our Christmas day. With family far flung around the country, it would be nice to head off to see them and share our holiday. But, we stay home. Primarily to be a part of this thing my college sophomore is eager to do again this year.

Today, I confirmed with the kids that we'd most definitely be doing our Christmas day thing. That we'd be boiling a huge pot of noodles, making meatballs and red sauce from scratch. And, that we'd be heading over to the YMCA to serve the residents their holiday dinner.

To be sure, it could go either way. I could get a simple acknowledgement of this, or, I could get a loud, heavy sigh that carried much more than air. Instead, what I got was a truly genuine moment of thanks from the kids that we are, once again, carrying out our family's tradition of being in service to others on Christmas day.

Yes, it's true - you should not expect that what you expect is what you'll get. Or in other words, that the manicured lawns, the well kept properties, and the delightful holiday decorations belie a neighborhood filled with anything less than folk who love where they live and share that by simply being who they are.

NEW BUSINESS ON FOSTER STREET

By Barbara Blades

Firemen's Park Neighbors are excited to have a new pizza place on Foster. Those who have lived here for many years remember The Spot, and it has been missed since it closed. Domino's will be the new pizza place on the block. Though their pizza is delivered and not eaten on site, customers can order on site and watch their pizza being made. Domino's is replacing JJ Java, a business that was met with enthusiasm by the neighborhood because of the business model of also being a community center. However, it didn't work as intended and closed after about 2 years.

Other businesses on Foster seem to be thriving with the

largest being Unity Preschool, who use Firemen's Park as their playground. Foster Dance Studios at 917 Foster has classes for all ages. Their children's classes called More Tots Dancing, include Pre-Ballet, Ballet FUNdamentals, Beginning Ballet and Beginning Hip Hop. They also have a variety of classes for adults including Gyrokinis to improve body movement and awareness. Allstate Insurance has a friendly looking office on the block as well.

Alderman Holmes worked to get the Maple and Foster businesses in place and the area is more lively than it had been for many years.

A CONVERSATION WITH AN EVANSTON AFRICAN AMERICAN QUEEN

By Janet Alexander Davis • Editing By Anna Renee Ross • June, 2014

There are so many unsung heroines in life whom you may never hear about because of their humbleness and the way they live their lives. They just do what they do not looking for compliments nor acknowledgement, but simply because it's their calling. Let me tell you about one such heroine.

Colorfully dressed in a green dress shaded in brown tones sits an example of a classy lady, in my book. She looks like what I expect an African Queen would look like, but she speaks with an American accent. The dress honors her gorgeous figure, so perfectly showing its shape, in what she's wearing. We are together, sitting in a small room, sharing stories about many things, several of which have to do with violence in Evanston. The classy lady speaks, in a manner that is intentional, and she even engages those that don't expect to be spoken to at all. Throughout the course of her life she has told hundreds of people "how beautiful they are." She says it feels wonderful to "just say hi to people she doesn't know". And just seeing their reaction is so rewarding; even if her greeting is not appreciated. She's an example of someone in our midst who derives great joy in leaving large sums of money in various place to be found by others. Or, she'll leave unusually large amounts and/or denominations in the Christmas offering cans provided by the Salvation Army. She is one of those people - the ones who pay it forward just because they can.

Sometimes I think we're afraid of each other, and maybe we should be, but we don't always have to be. This generous lady shares a story of one of her many experiences not being afraid to speak to strangers. This gracious lady said something positive to a complete stranger on the street and the woman, a Caucasian, commented, "you are so kind." Our heroine replied, "I'm a reflection of you." The woman seemed stunned by this, or perhaps, confused. Could her reaction have been because her outer color and the gracious lady's outer color were different? Maybe she didn't understand the truth behind the statement and didn't receive it as it was meant because of their color differences. Maybe she doesn't know that we can be a different color on the outside and yet still be a reflection of each other at the same time.

We talked too of our desire to become involved in the lives of the young women who date men that use vio-

lence against each other to solve their problems. Our community is so concerned with the young men acting out violently, yet behind those men are women, young and old, that need our concern as well. Is there a way to start a dialogue with these women about being women - about body image, improving self esteem, motherhood without fathers involved and whether that is the life they envisioned for themselves or how they really want to live?

Our Queen says, "I'm still remembering what older people said to us." We didn't always use their advice right then, but we filed away to use later on - maybe. In her intentional work this heroine teaches men "how to treat women." Maybe that's why I'm so interested in developing meaningful relationships with the young women - so they will be ready for the young men our Queen has taught to be righteous men.

All this talking with this unsung heroine reminds me of another unsung heroine I've had the pleasure of meeting. This other heroine has been affectionately called the "Hugging Lady". When I met her many years ago she was a livery driver and therefore was always meeting lots of new people. She would hug whenever and wherever she was with you. She said it didn't matter whether she knew you or not. I've been told that she was gonna give you your hug, whether or not you knew you needed it, because you surely did need it.

The Queen and the Hugging Lady are doing God's work. Embracing others in ways that produces a calming effect and leaves an impression on the people they meet. There are many such unsung people working for change without needing to be in the spotlight nor even known to us by name.

As you move through your day, take a moment to think about how you can, in whatever manner possible, emulate these women, these silent leaders of change. Maybe make a donation to an organization you know about but have never supported. Collect all your change for a week and slip it into a donation box. Buy a bunch of winter gloves and leave them clipped to street signs around town, for there are those who could use them. It matters not what you do or what you spend, what matters most is your intent in living. And truly, we could all do with a gesture of pure grace, especially in this, the most giving of seasons.



WATER WORKER 1 APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The Evanston Utilities Department is accepting applications from Evanston residents for this program.

Apprentices will have the opportunity to:

- Gain exposure to the Water & Sewer Industry
- Develop skills in underground utility maintenance
- Develop skills maintaining water plant equipment
- Become familiar with requirements for City of Evanston workers
- Earn a CDL license

Apprentice positions are full-time, two-year positions and start at \$11/hour. Applications will be accepted online at www.cityofevanston.org until Dec. 31, 2014. A mandatory written test will be held on Thurs., Jan. 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**APPLICATIONS
DUE BY
DEC. 31, 2014**

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CANDIDATES WILL
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EXAMINATION AND
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SCREENING.**

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