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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

Despite the cold weather the turn out for the January meeting was very good and the presentations even better! We began with the sharing of a new Resource Booklet by Joey Rodger of Peaceable Cities.

Ms. Rodger had a copy for all present and shared how it came about and what it included. It is entitled Resources for a Peaceable City; Connecting those in need to those who can help, 2015 edition. You can connect with them at: info@peaceablecitiesevanston.org or visit their website at: <http://www.peaceablecitiesevanston.org>.

Next, Johanna Nyden and Meagan Jones from the Economic Development Department of the City provided an update on the status of the Walgreens Project. Staff has been working over the last year with Walgreens to get them to update the Simpson/Green Bay Road store. There have been some minor changes in the store, but we are seeking their agreement to completely renovate the store. Walgreens does not own the property, they only lease their space. Staff is working with a private investor who is interested in purchasing the property, installing a drive thru pharmacy, and making other improvements to the property. We will have another update later in the spring.

Officers from the Problem Solving Team made the last presentation. They shared the P.S.T.'s community goals for 2015. Goals include establishing more block clubs; furthering relationships with mentoring programs; Church visits throughout the 2nd and 5th Wards; further development of relationships with local businesses; discussing Law Enforcement classes as requested; and continuing connections with Evanston citizen.

Finally, updates on the purchase of 1823 Church Street, Divvy Bike Stations, Cradle to Career, Evanston “Own It” and possible name for the 1823 Church property were presented.

Together We Will Get It Done!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 21 and 28 – Black History Month Lecture series. Sponsored by The Evanston NAACP, The African American History & Genealogy Study Group of Evanston, The Haitian Congress and the Shorefront Legacy Center. **Noon – 3:30 at the Levy Center**

Friday, February 27, 2015 - African American Achievement Awards at ETHS - 7:00pm in the Little Theatre.

Thursday, March 19, 2015 - Ready, Set, Vote! Come meet the new candidates for Districts 65 and 202 at the Council Meeting where they'll be Guest Presenters. Get to know the candidates a bit and be empowered to make an informed decision on election day!

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

KEEP WATCH FOR . . .

1823 Church Street Building, The Animal Shelter, Body Cameras, Emerson/Ridge/Green Bay Project, Robert Crown Center

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

- Fleetwood/Jourdain for a Day of Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- New Business, Uncle Randy's Jamaica/American cuisine, 1623 Simpson Street.

SENIOR REFLECTIONS/ OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden

True knowledge is only in the realm of experience and there, joyful as well as painful experiences yet to be felt. by E- Bolden

This message from my youngest son reminds me that at a certain point in our lives we have hopefully learned from our experiences, both good and bad, and that the joyful experiences are many, and the painful ones few. The lesson? Experience is the best teacher.



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TRANSITIONS

Robert Lee Aikens— Saddened by his death, yet rejoicing in his life, are family and friends: daughter, Cynthia Moore; two brothers, William Aikens and Tommy Aikens (Louise) of South Carolina; one sister, Patricia Aikens; three grandchildren, André McLemore, Chandra McLemore and James Montgomery Jr.; one great-grandson, Nekhi Miller; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Hazel May Bailey— leaves behind to cherish her memories her beloved husband, Maurice Bailey; five sons, Kenia, Dwight, Clarence (Careen), Maurice Jr. and Andrew; two daughters, Shelly and Michelle; eight grandchildren, Shelly, Junior, Brittany, Ariel, Frantz, Alison, Faith and Ashley; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Cicilyn and Ivyline; two brothers, Alan and Aubrey; and she leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, her beloved church family and many friends.

Cornelia Ann Courtney— leaves behind to cherish her memory a devoted and loving husband, Alvin Courtney; brother, James Alberty; nephew, Brian Gistover; niece, Amanda Lyle Feliciano; great-nephew, Noah Gistover; great-niece, Madeline Gistover; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and her beloved pet, Kipper.

Charlene Elaine Emmons— nee Glass, is survived by her son, Mark Emmons and daughter-in-law, Connie Emmons of Seattle, WA; mother, Helen Glass of Evanston, IL; siblings, Dorothy (Polly) Hutchinson of Huntsville, AL, Charles (Tuffy) Glass of Kennesaw, GA, Helen (Kitty) Fulce and brother-in-law Clarence Fulce of Evanston, IL; niece, Tracy Fulce (Lionel Gentle) of

Evanston, IL; niece, Cherie Glass-Mumin of Evanston, IL; cousin, Bobbie Lee of Pleasant Prairie, WI; nephew, Ryan Strong (Kim) of Ft. Leavenworth, KS; and grand-daughters, Carissa Pietzsch and Kelsey Pietzsch of Seattle, WA.

Herman “Peanut” High, Jr.— leaves to cherish his beautiful and loving wife, Christine High; his two sons, Michael and Byron; one daughter, Kimerly A. Jones; two grandchildren, Jasmine and Dezmond; one great-grandchild, Janilah; three sisters and one brother, Peggy Walls, James (Eloise) McKinney, George (Bernise) Voulte and Joe Lewis (Gloria) High; many caring and loving nieces, nephew and friends. Herman was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Doris Bredland and Gracie Cobbs and one brother, Walter Leroy High.

Alice Mae Maupins— leaves to cherish her memory a daughter, April Louise Maupins; a grandson, Taurean Bill-Allen Preston; and a granddaughter, Tierra Aliece Maupins; three great-grandchildren, Kierra, Treyveon and Kingston; a brother, Tommy (Geraldine) Howard; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, especially a nephew, William Greer, and her best friend, Bessie Mae Newton.

Gene Arthur Turman— will be cherished in the hearts of his beloved wife, Rose Mary; daughter, Camaree; son, Gene Anthony; sisters, Frances Gay, Gennette Pickett and Byrdie Turman-Kent; brothers, Fred (Doris) Turman and Leroy Turman; mother-in-law, Ethel Curry Linsey; one aunt; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



BLOCK CLUBS

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ARE THREE DRINKS TOO MANY?

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

Each year, more than 795,000 people have a stroke, and 130,000 people die as a result, making it one of the leading causes of death in the country. We are all well aware that elevated blood pressure, diabetes, and cigarette smoking are associated with this condition. But in a recent journal of the American Heart Association, a long-term comprehensive study revealed that heavy drinking in midlife raises the stroke risk by 34% — even more than diabetes. More than 11,000 twins were followed for 43 years so researchers were able to track risk factors in this large group as they aged.

It was found that drinking an average of three drinks a night - which is considered “heavy drinking” during middle age - was correlated to having a stroke five years earlier (in one’s sixties) than the group that had only been “light” drinkers. With so many well-publicized studies that point out the advantage of drinking red wine daily to avoid heart attacks — making a decision about alcohol use can become confusing. But no one recommends drinking more than one drink per day for women and two drinks a day for men. In the case of stroke prevention, it then becomes clear that limiting the number of drinks is important when justifying alcohol as a “healthy choice.” We now know that three is, in fact, too many!



Karren Brown, President & Founder

The Restoration Youth Zone of Evanston (The RYZE)

Hello 5th Ward! I'm elated to share a new and exciting program that is underway. The year of 2014 was an emotional year for me. I remember driving down Church St and passing the annual St. Joan of Arc carnival. My first thought was, “Great! I can take my kids because it’s daylight!” My second thought was, “But, wait, my friends’ sons just got shot (one dead, one wounded) in broad daylight”. My third thought was a silent one. Sadness and disgust fell upon me. I posted on Facebook about giving our children something to do. I received feedback that led to weekly meetings. We became determined to figure something out. Through commitment, care, and concern, The Restoration Youth Zone of Evanston (The RYZE) was formed. Our mission is to create a community of support for youth and young adults that will enable them to cultivate life-skills through personal development and reward them with engaging cultural activities to foster in them a sense of belonging, attachment to their peers, and to their community. We are currently in the process of getting The RYZE up and running. We will have The RYZE Coffee Hour on a weekly basis at a location near you (different locations in Evanston). We would like you to come on out and hear what we have in store for our community. You will have the chance to learn how you can be a part. We believe our efforts will eventually create a bond within our community that will lead to more trust, pride, and dignity! We hope to see you soon!

Phone: 224-698-RYZE (7993) • Email: theyzerestores@gmail.com

ARE YOU PREPARED TO VOTE ON APRIL 7, 2015?

By Marie Hawthorne

On Tuesday, April 7, Evanston citizens will again elect District 65 and 202 School Board Members. The election of school board members occurs in odd years every two years for a four-year term. Historically voter turnout is low for these elections. "In 2011, voter participation in the District 65 and District 202 elections was the lowest since 1999." (Evanston Review 4/15/11).

According to the Cook County Clerk, total ballots cast were Y2011—5,219, Y2009— 10,828, Y2007— 5,659, Y2005— 13,203. Every four years these elections coincide with the aldermanic and mayoral election which increases the turnout. Voter turnout is usually lowest in the 5th Ward. This could be due to several factors; lack of knowledge about the candidates, feelings that our vote doesn't count, lack of transportation, bad weather and just plain apathy. This article is a Clarion Call to increase the voter turnout. It is also a sharing of our history during Black History Month also known as African American Heritage Month.

After the Civil War (1861-65) the 15th Amendment was ratified to stop denying male citizens the right to vote based on "race, color or previous condition of servitude. We know that did not stop the many discriminatory, violent and even brutal practices, some fatal inflicted on African Americans particularly in the South that attempted to vote. One of the many battles fought during the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 60's was for voting rights. Americans and the rest of the world were angered when they witnessed the events of March 7, 1965. Alabama state troopers met Dr. King and 600 peaceful marchers on the Edmund Pettus Bridge that were traveling from Selma to Montgomery with tear gas, whips and nightsticks now known as "Bloody Sunday." The march was attempted again on March 9 when the marchers turned around themselves for fear of violence. The acts of violence led President Lyndon Johnson to call for comprehensive voting rights legislation. In a speech before Congress on March 15, 1965, the president gave examples of the ways election officials denied African Americans the right to vote. Practices included voters often being insulted by election officials, frequently told that they had gotten the date, time or polling place wrong, or that they had insufficient reading skills. Some were asked to recite the Constitution or parts of it, something white voters would also be unable to do. African American college graduates were also denied.

Ultimately Rev. Dr. Martin King and the Selma marchers won the right to march in federal court on March 17, 1965. Governor George Wallace condemned the march. On March 21, 1965, 4000 marchers comprised of clergy, parents, students, celebrities and elect-

ed officials left Selma protected by federal troops. When they arrived on March 25 in Montgomery they were 25,000 strong. Dr. King inspired the marchers with a speech on the steps of the capital, "Our bodies are tired, our feet are sore but my soul is resting." "It has been no accident that Montgomery, AL was chosen because it was the place of the 1955 bus boycott ignited by Rosa Parks."

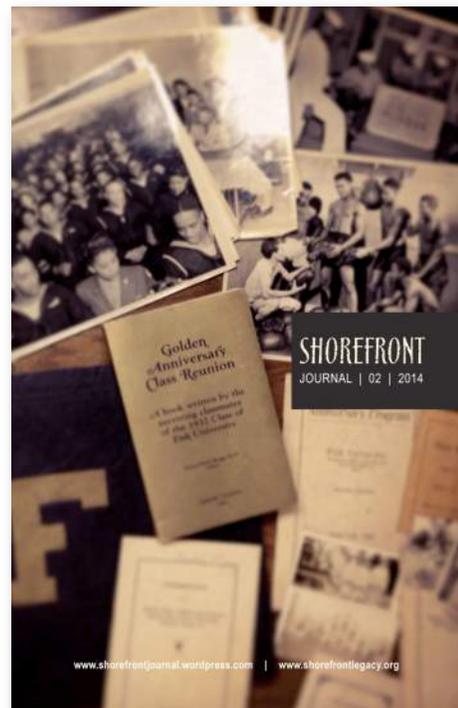
The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Johnson on August 6, 1965. This act prohibits racial discrimination in voting.

School board members determine the plans and directions that govern our children's education, help inspire their ambitions, outlooks and play a part in their future. Board members also allocate our property tax dollars.

Vote on April 7, 2015. Your ancestors fought for this right and they are counting on you.

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2015 BLACK HISTORY DISCUSSION SERIES

Black Lives Matter: The Importance of Participating and Organizing to Affect Change. Stop the Killings?



Saturday, February 21

The History Of Black Entrepreneurship, Wealth and Asset Building in Evanston/North Shore and The Current Threat to Black Wealth in Real Estate



Saturday, February 28

Both Series are Free

Pre-registration desired. Call the NAACP at 847-864-0038

Sessions held at the

Levy Center

300 Dodge Ave.

Evanston, IL

Session Schedules

12 Noon	Light lunch (limited)
12:30-1:30	Formal Presentation
1:30-2:30	Panel Discussion
2:30-3:30	Q&A

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