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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

The February meeting had two presentations. The first was from the *Evanston Public Library and Jill Skwerski, Circulation Supervisor*, who shared information about the many services that are available at the Library.

Services include help with the Affordable Health Care Plan and income tax returns. Jill also shared information about the Big Bargain Book sale and upcoming Family Nights. She was also encouraging to those without library cards and offered to help them get one that very night!

Next was *Dino Robinson and Shorefront*. February is Black History month and Dino shared a wonderful presentation of former Black owned and operated businesses in Evanston. This presentation ties in with all of the efforts to revitalize the Church/Dodge corridor which has been further enhanced with the reopening of the 1823 Church Street building, now the Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center, and the revival of the Church/Dodge Merchants Group, which has become The Central Evanston Business Association. Many residents think that the 5th Ward, as we know it today, was where all of these businesses were located. However, it was interesting to hear about and see how some businesses were located in the downtown area, near Oak and Clark as well as Emerson and East Railroad. Of course, Dino also shared about those that were at Church and Dodge and Emerson and Simpson Streets. The presentation was a great history lesson.

*Officers Arzuaga and Holliman* presented the crime statistics for the area from the January Ward meeting forward.

## Together We Will Get It Done!



## SAVE THE DATE

**March 20, 2015** — The long awaited First Day of Spring!!!

**March 21, 2015** — The Chessmen Club's Annual Community Service Awards Dinner

**March 29, 2015** — Palm Sunday

## KEEP WATCH FOR . . .

Body Cameras, Divvy Bike Stations, Emerson/Ridge/Green Bay Project, Robert Crown Center

## CONGRATULATIONS . . .

- 2015 Honorees - of the African American Youth Achievement Awards
- Denise Guillebeaux Martin - 2015 Living Legend Trailblazer Honoree
- The new Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center - at 1823 Church Street.
- VFW Post 7186- Auxiliary Annual Luncheon
- The Woman's Club Show "Leaf-ing you Laughing" and "star" Renee' Black

## Only One Person Knows Me

By Diane Meyers • September 22, 2013

I know her.

No you don't, because I don't! I always thought I knew her but she has fooled me time and time again. She keeps proving me a liar!

Just when you think she is going to go left, she goes right. When her life seems to be falling apart, she finds strength and keeps on going.

No, you may think you know her but she is a lot more than what meets the eye.

She is a lot strong than she even thinks she is. She may have her weak moments but she gains strength from within and she cries out VICTORY! Yes, she has heartaches but she calls on the heart fixer.

Just when you think she's down, pulls herself up. You may think you know her, but you don't. She doesn't know herself! She is always looking for new beginnings daily. Her mind and heart are growing daily. So the person you saw at dawn, is not the same person you'll see at noon or midnight. So you see there is only one person who knows her and that's the one who created her.

He knows her coming in and going out. He knows the desires of her heart. He knows when she hurts. He feels her despair. He feels her hunger and thirst. Only He can fix all her disappointments.

Sorry to say, you don't know her. She doesn't know her! Yes, only one person knows her . . . Praise the Lord!!

## Community Services

for extensive list, visit:

[www.cityofevanston.org](http://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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Committees

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## TRANSITIONS

**Willie Lee Bailey** — leaves to cherish her memories, her son, William Bailey; loving granddaughter, Beyonce' Bailey; her sister, Eleanor L. (Willie) Waldrup; a nephew, William J. Waldrup; a niece, Dana L. Waldrup, and a host of other relatives and friends.

**Berthene M. Hudson** — leaves to cherish her memory, Donna Hyde, Hilliard Hyde, Andrea Hyde, Allen Hyde (Cassandra), Marshall Harris (Beverly), Linda Harris, and a host of nieces and nephews.

**Annie Lizzie Johnson** — her memories will forever be cherished by her nieces, nephews, cousins, her 1900 Sherman family, her Pastor and the entire Christ Temple Family, and her sweet loving God-Daughter, "Sister Linnie Marshall."

**Christina Lauren Trenise Kelly** — Lauren leaves to mourn her passing, her mother, Tamiko (Woodrow) Collier and her father, Douglas Thompson. A brother, Jeremy "Dion" Kelly and sister, Shania Kelly Martin. Two sons, Alexander Rose and Lewis Roos. One step-brother, Isaish Collier and one nephew, Carter Kelly. Maternal grandparents, Neva (Willie) Brown and Thomas (Diana) Aikens. Paternal grandparents, Deanne Thompson and Jasper Thompson, whom preceded her in death. One great-grandmother, Della Aiken and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**Lillian Easter Lovette-Williams** — preceding her in death, a brother, Algie; sisters, Eleanor and Mary; a daughter, Patsy Ann; granddaughter, Christine Ann Starks; and great-grandson, Tyler Strong. She leaves to cherish her memory, three children, Shirlei Wray

and Catherine Johnson of Evanston, IL and Carleton (Sharon) Williams of Arcadia, CA; twelve grandchildren, Wanda (William) Murphy, Lisa (Curlee) Adams of Evanston, IL, Terri Wray of Racine WI, Craig (Kovettia) Johnson of Minneapolis, MN, Roger Wray Jr. of Raleigh, NC, Donald (Sherwanda) Johnson of Greenwood, SC, Christine Hattix of Tracy, CA, Mari Ellen (Lee Anthony) Toussaint of San Jose, CA, Carmen Williams of Las Vegas, NV, Paula Williams of Pasadena, CA, Shawn(Tracy) Williams of Long Beach, CA, and Dan Starks of San Jose, CA; thirty-six great-grandchildren; thirty-five great-great-grandchildren; special cousins, James Long of Detroit MI, Marvin Cabell of Indianapolis, IN, Covance Cabell of Jacksonville, FL; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**Calvin Woods** — leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Willie M. Woods; his children, Angela, Karen (Eric), Terry, Tiffany (Greg) and Casey; grandchildren; one great-grandson; his brothers, Lamon (Betty), George (Bertha), Roy, and Louis; his sisters, Sylvia, Betty, Debbie and Lynn. His memory will carried on through his many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, relatives, and a host of friends and acquaintances.

**Priscilla Marjorie Sanders** — (no information available at this time)

**Julian Powell** — November 2, 1948 - February 28, 2015 (plans for a memorial service are underway)

**Bettie J. Lee** — October 14, 1957 - February 21, 2015



## BLOCK CLUBS

### **BROWN NEIGHBORS**

Lynne Greene, rodneynnea@aol.com

### **CHURCH STREET VILLAGERS**

Cindy Levitt, 847-491-9765

### **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

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2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at Bethel A.M.E. Church

### **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

Mrs. Theola Murphy

### **TWIGGS PARK NEIGHBORS FOR PEACE**

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### **FIREMAN'S PARK NEIGHBORS**

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Meets when needed

### **GARNETT PLACE NEIGHBORS**

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### **GREY NEIGHBORS**

Eleanor Lord, eleanorlord@att.net

### **HOVLAND NEIGHBORS**

Pat Smith

First Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. Mt. Carmel

### **HARTREY BLOCK CLUB**

Charlene Payne, Monthly meetings

### **LAUREL BLOCK CLUB**

Samuel Headd, 847-866-8578

redd1846@yahoo.com

### **LEMAR BLOCK CLUB**

Russell Dumas

### **MAYFAIR NEIGHBORS**

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Meet as needed

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### **SMITH PARK NEIGHBORS**

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Meets monthly

### **WEST END AREA BLOCK CLUB**

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Meet 2nd Tuesdays

## MISSED INFORMATION

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

Last week, a new study done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration hit many major media outlets with the message that marijuana users are at a significantly lower risk for a crash than drivers who use alcohol. Headlines implied that marijuana is "safer" than alcohol - and if readers only read headlines in newspapers or get brief summaries of articles on various online news services - that was the message that they read or heard.

Advocates of the legalization of marijuana or teenagers looking for permission to use seem to have had their arguments validated. However, upon further examination of the study, it is apparent that the reason that conclusion was reached is that drug testing for marijuana cannot determine when marijuana was ingested or smoked because it is stored in the body for much longer than alcohol. Therefore, someone might test positive for marijuana but might no longer be under its influence because use occurred days before. But, does the study say that it is safe to use the drug and immediately go for a drive? Absolutely not!

There is plenty of evidence to show that marijuana impairs key driving skills such as coordination and judgment when the user is still "high." We will definitely put ourselves or loved ones in harm's way if we make assumptions based on sensationalized, or merely incomplete accounts of the facts. So we can't just blame reports for their misinformation - we might have to dig deeper in order not to miss information that clarifies or puts studies into a broader context. Our community's safety may depend on it.

## REFLECTIONS/ OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden



One of the best ways to bring rainbows to your life is to compose your own "gratitude list". Stopping to focus on the things you have to be grateful for is one of the best things you can do for yourself. So often we take the small everyday things in life for granted. Waking every morning to a new day...the love of family and friends, living in a country where we can vote for our elected officials, at the end of the day being able to rest our heads and wake up to a meal of our choice. there are so many, many things. At the end of the day remember to express your gratitude to WHOM all our blessings flow - peace to you all. Reprinted from March 20, 2014.

# Happening West

All photos by Shorefront

## 2015 BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE SERIES/ SESSION ONE AND TWO

Two lecture series, organized by the Evanston NAACP, The Haitian Congress, Shorefront and the African American History and Genealogy Study Group of Evanston were held on Saturday 21 and 28, featuring guest presenters on two topics: "Black Lives Matter: The Importance of Participating and Organizing to Affect Change. Stop the Killings?" and "The History Of Black Entrepreneurship, Wealth and Asset Building in Evanston/North Shore and The Current Threat to Black Wealth in Real Estate".



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On Saturday, February 28, the City and Evanston residents came together for the “soft” opening of the new Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center at the Corner of Church and Dodge. Family members from both honored families were there - and a full house of community members.

## GIBBS MORRISON CULTURAL CENTER “SOFT” OPENING

