

From the 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.

Residents from the 5th and 2nd Wards filled the room at our March meeting where the community had the opportunity to meet the excellent candidates for both school boards.

The candidates, of which there were five for District 202 and four for District 65, were given three minutes to talk about who they are, why they are running and what they hope to accomplish as board members. Next, the floor was opened for questions - ground rules included stating which district the question was for and then two minutes would be given to each respondent to provide an answer.

There were many questions for both districts and all candidates engaged in giving answers. However, a question regarding the placement of students outside of the community seemed to have created the most heated discussion. The question asked was, had either board considered establishing an alternative placement in the community rather than sending students out of the community. This led to dialogue about “special needs kids”; “kids with disruptive behavior problems”; “kids with special challenges”.

An excellent discussion, but not enough time to present the pros and cons of each group and what is the real cost to the community when you have outside placements that leave students feeling disenfranchised when they return at the end of the day.

In addition we had several questions that were submitted in writing, via email, to each of the candidates, who responded to them and those were sent out before the election to provide more information to residents about the candidates.

Since the meeting of course the election has occurred and newly elected to District 65 is Omar Brown, Jennifer Phillips and Richard Rhykis and to District 202 Jonathan Baum, Mark Metz and Monique Parsons. Congratulations to all!

Together We Will Get It Done!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 25, 2015 — Evanston North Shore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Annual Fashion show and Luncheon

KEEP WATCH FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS

In an effort to keep you updated about things happening at the Council level, we've created this informative blurb. If you're interested in any of these subjects, you can visit the City's website at cityofevanston.org or you can call 311 for more information. If you'd like, you can also attend meetings or you can watch them on Channel 16.

Getting involved and learning about City business gives you a chance to become more knowledgeable about issues/topics that interest you. Perhaps you'll find yourself becoming more engaged with the policy making process rather than being on the sidelines. And that, can only be a good thing, especially when we find ourselves not liking what's happening in our community.

"What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is to change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain." - Maya Angelou

- Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center
- Lakefront Concession Contracts
- 2015 MFT Street Resurfacing
- Liquor Licenses
- Animal Shelter
- Cannabis Sales

CONGRATULATIONS...

- Fleetwood-Jourdain Annual Women's History Month "A Woman's Legacy"
- Santrice R. Martin on being the 2015 recipient of the "Echoes of Excellence" Award from the Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma theta Sorority, Inc.
- Chessmen Club of the North Shore Inc. on their Annual Community Service Awards Benefit

REFLECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden

"One of the realities of life that in addition to shiny days there will be challenging ones. One of my greatest sources of strength during these times is to read Psalms. The comfort it offers is a healing balm for our souls. Be grateful. God is Always there."



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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TRANSITIONS

James Earl Ducre — leaves to cherish his memory his three beloved daughters, Samsnette S. Meadows of PA, (Brandon Hite), Jametha S. Ducre of Pope of MA (Jason), and Lucian Ducre of PA.; nine grandchildren, Karon Smith, Taima Smith, Jordahn Pope, Tatecia Smith, Dajzane Meadows-Sanderlin, Jaden Pope, Dylan Meadows-Sanderlin, La'ara Mays, and La'Ani Mays; two great-grandchildren, Dorian Hatcher and Giana Woods; three brothers, Joseph Leoan Ducre of Evanston, Peter Ducre (Lisa) of WA and Bryan Ducre of LA; three sisters, Madelyn B. Ducre Gibbs Dotson of Evanston, Linda Foster (Louis) of Evanston, and Valerie Bishop (Sam) of CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. James was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Joseph Leroy "Butsie" Ducre Jr. and Clara Ducre.

Dr. Alvin Scruggs Keith — Alvin is survived by his children Gail (Robert), Alvin (Sharon), Kevin and Kathy (Ragan); his wife Barbara and her daughter Christie (Leonard). He was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Alvin was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Sarah Keith, by his wife Juanita and her parents Ulysses and Hilda Short, by Barbara's parents Richard and Gladys Boulware, and by his great grandson Mychal Malik Fair.

Albert L. Rolls — Albert is survived by his wife Janice Rolls; sister Annie Rolls-Bates; sons Damian Rolls (Chaunte), Kenny and Tony Rolls; daughters Dana King (James), Lisa Rolls and Rebecca Waliallah; ten grandchildren; one great grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

WHAT ARE YOUR VALUES, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

By: Marie Hawthorne

A value is defined as something that is important, something that you would be willing to sacrifice something for, something that defines you. Belief is a trust, faith or confidence in something not immediately susceptible to proof. Values and beliefs usually mean a great deal to us. What do you value, what do you believe in?

Some of you reading this article have not thought much of this and others think of little else. By the time you read this, the School Board Elections will be behind us and the new boards decided. Did you vote? Do you value the democratic process? Do you believe it is not only your responsibility to vote but to know the issues and to vote in every election? What about education? Do you value it enough to care what happens even if you no longer have children in the school system?

When I hear that comment from people regarding the School Board elections, I wonder do they think about how the education of our youth determines our future. When I hear the comment that I don't vote because I do not own property, I want to share with them that renters also contribute to property taxes each time they pay rent. I am looking forward to the outcome of this election.

There are very important issues on the table particularly for children of color in Evanston and Skokie. While listening to the speeches and reading through the campaign literature I heard clear promises and positions about improving the education and futures for our kids. I also heard the messages about maintaining the status quo or going slow. We are out of time. We can no longer wait. It is time for action.

There are so many areas in life to value and/or believe in; Recycling, exercising, motivating young people, family, community, culture, freedom of religion, saving money, kindness, love, legacy, eliminating discrimination, eliminating racism, and the list goes on. We are who we are because of what we value and what we believe in.

Who are you?



BLOCK CLUBS

BROWN NEIGHBORS

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LEMAR BLOCK CLUB

Russell Dumas

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THE HIGH COST OF DRINKING

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

April has been designated Alcohol Awareness Month – which gives us an opportunity to shed light on the individual and community problems associated with drinking. Not only do we lose many friends and relatives to this dangerous drug – alcohol's staggering costs to our society have to be given thoughtful consideration as well.

A recent Center for Disease Control study estimated that alcohol abuse costs our country about \$223.5 billion dollars annually due to losses in workplace productivity and expenses related to health care, the criminal justice system and motor vehicle accidents caused by impaired drivers. Almost all of these costs are a result of people binge drinking which is defined as consuming four to five drinks per use, perhaps on weekends or on a special occasion.

One doesn't have to be alcohol dependent to be part of the problem – negative consequences can arise anytime someone crosses the line. And unfortunately 88,000 people die each year from excessive alcohol consumption. So, it is up to each of us to make sure that we don't add to that statistic. The personal cost and the cost to families and our country is just too high.

WARD 5 PLEASE NOTE:

Community members are invited to participate in the City's "Clean up, Evanston!" event in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Community groups and individuals of all ages can sign up to volunteer at any one of ten designated clean-up sites across the city by visiting volunteerevanston.org or calling/texting 847-448-4311. There is at least one clean-up location in each of Evanston's nine wards. The "Clean up, Evanston!" location in your ward is **Ladd Arboretum, Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.**

Multi-family Recycling Pilot Information

Starting in February the City launched a targeted pilot recycling program for multi-family apartment buildings with 6 units or more serviced by Groot. The pilot program affects some buildings in your ward but NOT all. Just under 200 buildings were selected to participate and they were selected based on the existing recycling truck routes. The pilot program is focused on increasing the recycling capacity (more containers) at select buildings. This program does NOT affect what can/cannot be recycled, the same items are still accepted. For more information please visit: cityofevanston.org/mfrecycling or call 3-1-1.

Happening West

Photos by Karen Chavers

A WOMAN'S LEGACY EVENT AT FLEETWOOD JOURDAIN CENTER



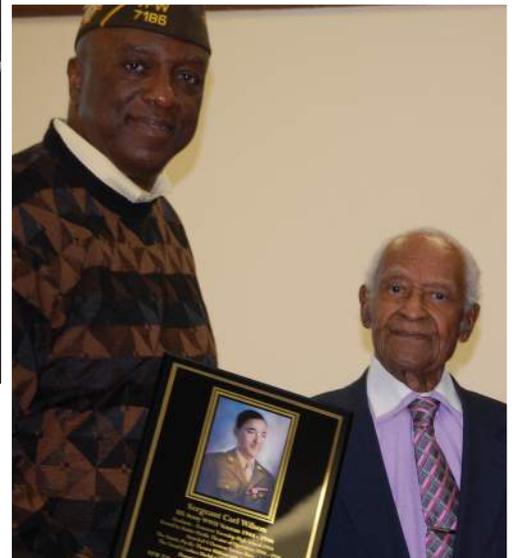
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AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS!



Mr. Carl Wilson plaque ceremony held at ETHS on February 28. The plaque has been placed next to the post group plaque. From left to right: John Frazier, Bill Logan, Charles Spivey, Carl Wilson, Clifford Washington, Kenneth Wideman, Rehova Nemo.



VFW HONORING CARL WILSON 100 YEARS

photos by Heidi
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