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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 April meeting was fun and full of information. We were pleased to have three topics of importance presented. The first presenter was Ms. Shawn Boothe whose topic was Personal Finances.

Ms. Boothe shared the importance of making financial planning a priority. Everyone was asked to participate in a personal finance strategy survey. Each was encouraged to make an appointment with Ms. Boothe for more detailed information.

The next presenters were Ms. Eleanor Revelle and Ms. Sylvia Juzwa from Citizens' Greener Evanston and Elevate Energy, two local not-for-profits, that have joined together to offer a program that will help lower your energy costs, cut your carbon footprint and increase your comfort. Please see the Weatherization Program article by Ms. Juzwa in this newsletter for more details.

The last guest presenter was Ms. Karren Brown from RYZE, THE RESTORATION YOUTH ZONE OF EVANSTON. Ms. Brown explained that the RYZE 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.

The PST and Foot Patrol Officers were also present and shared the latest crime activity for the Ward.

Together We Will Get It Done!



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 19, 2015 — Evanston Sings at ETHS, 7:00pm. Presented by “Evanston Own It”.

Saturday, June 20, 2015 — Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center’s Grand Opening. 1823 Church Street.



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.

“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

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

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

5th Ward Committees

5th Ward Meeting Organizing

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CONGRATULATIONS...

- SELMA - screening and discussion held on April 11, 2015
- YWCA “STAND AGAINST RACISM” held on April 24, 2015
- FAMILY FOCUS ANNUAL BENEFIT held on April 24, 2015
- TECH. SGT. WILLIAM B. SNELL POST #7186 - Annual Patriotic Breakfast held on April 26, 2015
- MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 121st Anniversary held on April 26, 2015

REFLECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden



Treat everyone you meet with kindness
#take time for personal reflection #eat with good health in mind #learn to listen #be wise in your relationships #use wisdom and discernment in your decision making #worry less and pray more.

TRANSITIONS

Johnnie Mae Johnson— leaves to cherish her precious memories, her son David Hamilton (Crystal) of Chicago; her daughter Antoinette Lira (Lionell) of Round Lake Beach; 10 grandchildren, Shauna Young (Marcus), Latoya Goldsmith, Sergio Lira, Apollo Hamilton, Terri Palmer (Leroy), Selica Hamilton, Casey Lira, Porscha Hamilton, Trina Lira, and Destiny Hamilton; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Michael Overton McKissack— was preceded in death by his father, Hudson Overton McKissack. He leaves to mourn, his wife Keanya Latrice Toran; sons Kenon and Jahlil; another son Devin (Shana); daughters Alexandria (Allie) and Kenya (Shana); a loving mother Zipporah McKissack; brothers Eugene Michael Palmer (Big Mike), Hudson McKissack (Jennifer); sisters Reneé Palmer, Joyce (Michael Pemberton); and a host of relatives and friends.

Alice Lucile Tregay— daughter of the late Roy and Fannie (Fuller) Hicks. Her life revolved around social change and community service. She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband James Tregay, three children, Alice (Robert) Fluegge, David (Clare) Tregay, Dawne Emmett, six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, brother Sanders (Karen) Hicks and numerous cousins and friends who were also her family.

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!

Download past Newsletters on the City Website

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

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

I would like you to take advantage of a great program that assists residents in making buildings less drafty, more comfortable and cheaper to operate. Weatherizing your home or business saves money on utility bills, increases everyone's comfort and lowers carbon emissions. The City of Evanston and local not-for-profits (Citizens' Greener Evanston, Elevate Energy and SEDAC) have teamed up to make the process as easy as possible with

- Energy assessments
- Tailored recommendations
- No commitments
- Help navigating rebates, loans and grants

The program offers a FREE energy inspection of your home if you host a "house party" where you invite friends and neighbors to learn more about the program. House parties are a great place to see weatherization in action and schedule your own audit. House party hosts receive their energy audit free of charge! Valued at \$400, this service costs \$99 without a house party.

All work is done by pre-qualified, vetted contractors and the entire process - from inspection, to review of the proposal, to the retrofit - is done with assistance from Citizens Greener Evanston and Elevate Energy. Rebates and financing options are also available. Get started today by attending a House Party. Please see www.greener-evanston.org/energy-efficiency for more information, or email buildings@greener-evanston.org.

Kind regards,
Sylvia

Sylvia Wooller
(773) 272 2217
www.remakearch.com
www.greener-evanston.org/energy-efficiency

Inspire change "Working to reduce Evanston's greenhouse gas emissions 20% by 2016 - one home at a time."

BLOCK CLUBS

BROWN NEIGHBORS

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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

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847-869-6354

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Meets when needed

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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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mf.mcauley@gmail.com, Meet as needed

SMITH PARK NEIGHBORS

Robert Lomb robert.lomb@gmail.com

Meets monthly

WEST END AREA BLOCK CLUB

Sandra McZier, sandra_mczier@yahoo.com

813-503-1192

Meet 2nd Tuesdays

RISKY BUSINESS

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

While many of us are familiar with the common dangers of heavy drinking – liver disease, high blood pressure, depression and accidents – the Center for Disease Control reports that there are many other negative health consequences that most people don't usually connect with consumption. For example, there is an increased risk of cancer due to the toxins produced as the body metabolizes alcohol. Sites linked to alcohol use include the mouth, the throat and the liver. For women, it increases the likelihood of breast cancer. If combined with tobacco, the cancer rates are even higher.

Binge drinking in particular, has also been implicated in increased likelihood for heart disease and stroke, and can cause cardiomyopathy, which is a potentially deadly condition that results from alcohol's ability to weaken the heart muscle over time. Heavy drinking even suppresses the immune system, which gives infections, pneumonia and sexually transmitted diseases a greater opportunity to grow. In addition, drinking has also been found to contribute to seizure disorders, memory issues and digestive problems.

Being an alcoholic is not required – these consequences can occur in the life of anyone who regularly exceeds the recommended limits for drinking. So, why risk the chance for a long and healthy life? Why not start trying to have some sober fun instead?

WHY IS IT

Why is it that God has not removed my aches and pains?

Why is it that the more I pray for healing; nothing!

Why is it that the more I cry for comfort; nothing!

Why is it that the more I ask . . .

Is my faith not strong enough?

Am I not praying hard enough?

Does God care?

Does God know it's hurting me to write this?

Again, do you care about me God?

Why is it that my body is this way?

Because God sees me as **special!**

Written by Diane Meyer

March/April 2013

EMPOWERED ENCOUNTERS

By Pastor Monte' L. Dillard



Photos by James Davis

On April 24, 2015 the First Church of God Christian Life Center's Men's Ministry hosted a community event focused on providing solutions to the individuals in attendance on having productive encounters with Law Enforcement. This event was done in partnership with the Evanston Police Department and had as a goal to equip the community with steps that can be taken for interactions of all kinds with Law Enforcement.

The event initially had a target audience of African American Males of all ages but, as the event grew in planning and marketing, it drew the welcomed attention of community leaders and citizens both male and female as well as those of other cultures.

There was an estimated 150 citizens in attendance

who received information as well offered comments and got questions answered. The EPD had some very effective means of helping the community understand proper steps to take to have successful interactions with them. Along with a great visual presentation and panel, they did actual role playing with volunteers from the audience. The officers played the role of citizen and allowed the volunteers to play Law Enforcement giving them a firsthand experience of what life as the Police can look like.

In conclusion, this event allowed its attendees to leave with an understanding of steps to take to ensure that all of their interactions with Law Enforcement, from something minor to major, would be Empowered Encounters.

BLESSINGS FOR THE RIDE

By Janet Alexander Davis



Photos by James Davis

On May 2nd, a large group of various motorcycle clubs met at the First Church of God Christian Life Center for a service to bless those riders for the coming motorcycle season. A beautiful celebration and blessing was conducted by Pastor Monte' L. Dillard to uplift those men and women who love to feel the wind racing at their faces each year. Ride on, rubber down.

A horizontal banner with a dark, textured background. On the left, there is a small, dark image of a building. To the right, the words "SHOREFRONT" are written in large, yellow, serif capital letters, and "Journal" is written below it in a smaller, yellow, serif font. At the bottom left of the banner, the website address "www.shorefrontjournal.wordpress.com" is written in white text inside a black rounded rectangle.