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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

First on the May agenda were the PST and Foot Patrol Officers who shared the up to date crime activity for the Ward.

Next was **Mr. Kevin Brown, Manager of the Youth and Young Adult Division** for the City. He presented the progress on the Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center, formerly BooCoo, and the upcoming opening on June 20, 2015. He then introduced his staff beginning with his assistant, Porschia Davis, who presented an update on the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program; he then introduced his Outreach Team and they each gave a short description of their individual responsibilities. The team is made up of four males, however, they are seeking to hire a female outreach worker to address issues for young ladies in the community.

The last presenter was the **Director of Public Works Suzette Robinson**. Director Robinson provided a review of all proposed Public Works projects for the 5th Ward up to 2017. The main focus was on the renovation to the Civic Center parking lot. This project was first presented in 2010, when it was voted on by City Council, but there was no funding for it; it was presented again when funding was received in April 2014 and again in 2015. Several neighbors were present to protest one part of the project - an access road off Simpson Street. There was a good discussion and there will be follow up from Director Robinson.

Everyone was reminded that for the June meeting we will be meeting with Fleetwood and 2nd Ward residents at Twiggs Park for an exciting Juneteenth Celebration.

Together We Will Get It Done!

SAVE THE DATE

- June 20, 2015**— Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center dedication 1:00pm
June 20, 2015— Juneteenth Day Jubilee at the Noyes Street Cultural Center, 5:00pm
June 21, 2015— Art Reception for Fleetwood-Jourdain Art Guild Collection, second floor of the Morton Civic Center 2:00pm
June 28, 2015— Unity Scholarship Celebration-Springfield Church 4:00pm

KEEP WATCH FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS

Just like it takes a community to raise a child, so too does it take a community to raise a well-rounded City. YOUR involvement is necessary to the continued growth and success of our City. Be the change that you wish to see in the world. - Ghandi. This can truly be applied to our City as well! It doesn't take much to complain about what's wrong, and while it takes more to be a part of the solution, your time will be well spent.

- Fountain Square/Sherman Avenue Discussion
- Robert Crown Fundraising
- Solid Waste Residential Contract extension
- Commercial Franchise Extension
- Church Street Boat Ramp Contract

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

- To Faith Temple Children's Choir on " Old School for the New School" YES I CAN
- To all of the 2015 Graduates
- To the Seven Day Adventist Church on their Community Service Day
- To Pastor Zollie Webb on his 32nd Anniversary at Friendship M.B. Church

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

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Fleetwood-Jourdain Center
847-448-8254

Hispanic / Latino Outreach
847-866-0319

Minority Bus. Asst./MBE Coord.
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Youth Engagement Coordinator
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REFLECTIONS/ OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden

One of the most difficult things for all of us whether we are seniors or not. . . would be to change lifetime habits. But it is important at a certain time in life to take a look at yourself and ask the question "Am I doing all I can do to be a better person?" That means perhaps for some of us changing a lifetime of poor eating habits. . . that means if you are constantly frying, eating carbs indiscriminately, etc. . . change it. Try more baking or grilling, explore the wide tasty variety of vegetables. Practice radical forgiveness, humility, and ramp up your conversations with the Master. . . all of us can do better and be better. (reprint from May 2014)

TRANSITIONS

Joan Yvonne Bariffe— was preceded in death by her husband, Fitz Bariffe; father, Tassie Mitchell; step-father Ruel Brown (Papa); daughter, Michelle Bariffe and sister, Doreen Brown. She is survived by her children, Errol Brooks, Yvette Bariffe-Smith, Eugene Smith (son-in-law), Suzette Bariffe and Andre Bariffe; sisters, Valerie and Dawn Brown; five grandchildren; three nephews; three nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Willie Brown— leaves to cherish his memory, children William and Danny (Kim); grandchildren, Terrill (Candice) and Nate; and great-granddaughter, Tyler. He was preceded in death by his wife Irma and grandson Christopher.

Samuel L. Headd— was preceded in death by his mother and father; sisters, Margie Hudson and Aria B. Bell; and brothers, Jimmy Hudson and Isaac Headd. Samuel leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Dorothy M. Headd; son, Michael L. Headd; grand-

daughter, Jasmine A. Headd; brothers Percy C. (Trena) Headd of Atlanta, GA, Charles Headd of Chicago, IL, George D. (Debra) Headd of Cordova, TN, Avery (Maria) Headd of Lithia Springs, GA, Phillip Headd of Louisville, MS, William (Aleska) Headd of Conyers, GA, Pervis and Joseph Headd of Detroit, MI, Casey (Murtis)Hudson of St. Louis, MO; sisters Frances Nash of Tupelo, MS, Ada (Jessie) Headd of Cordova, TN, Beatrice Hudson of Lincoln, NE; sisters-in-law Alberta Cotton and Grace Hudson; brother-in-law Jessie Ellis; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calvirgia Wilson— leaves to celebrate her transition to be with the Lord, her loving husband and children; Roy of DeKalb, Lyle of Chicago, Chester of Tinley Park, Darran of Riverdale, Lisa Wells of Phoenix, Mariam of Harvey, and Donald's children; Myron of Hanover Park and Yolanda Starling of Evanston. A host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

FIREMAN'S PARK PLANTING DAY ON MAY 16TH

By: Barbara Blades

Every year since Fireman's Park was renovated, neighbors plant perennials and annuals in the month of May. There is a perennial garden around the monument to three Evanston firefighters who died in fires, and annuals under the trees surrounding the central plaza where the monument sits. Residents and businesses have their names carved in stones in this area. These can be purchased from the Evanston Fire Department and the money helps to support the park plantings and other upgrades.

The past two years on planting day, Northwestern University Student Affairs has held a cookout for stu-

dents and residents. This year there were many more students than last year, and families from Unity Preschool were invited to the planting and picnic. Unity, located on Foster St., uses the park as their playground. Families provided side dishes and desserts and Northwestern provided hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs and drinks.

Thanks to Ali Finkle and Karen Koerth, neighbors who coordinated the planting and picnic, and to The Evanston Fire Department, Northwestern's Anthony Kirchmeier of Off-Campus Ambassadors, Office of Student Affairs and his student workers.

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!

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LEGAL DOES NOT EQUAL SAFE

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

The national conversation about legalizing marijuana often emphasizes the fact that marijuana might be safer than legal drugs such as alcohol and nicotine. Those exploiting that argument might be somewhat correct. Approximately 480,000 people die each year as a result of cigarette smoking. It remains the leading cause of preventable death in the US. Alcohol has been implicated in an average of 80,000 deaths annually because of its role in accidents and violent behavior, as well as being the leading cause of liver disease. On the other hand, very few deaths can be directly attributed to marijuana use. However, that does not mean that everyone can safely smoke as the legalization advocates sometimes imply.

The developing brain in teenagers can be very adversely affected by use. Smoking can slow down brain processing preventing growth in the strength and quantity of circuits or neural pathways, which causes memory impairment and a loss of motivation. If a young person with a genetic predisposition for mental illness uses marijuana, it can lead to earlier onset and more severe psychological diseases including schizophrenia. And of course, there is the danger of addiction. About 9 percent of all users become addicted and if they start using during their teenage years the likelihood of dependence increases to 16 percent. It is important to remember that all drugs of abuse are dangerous. Cognitive impairment and addiction are often hard to measure but they threaten one's wellbeing and ability to live a productive life.

It is important to remember that a legal drug is not necessarily a safe one – particularly when it comes to our children's and our community's future.

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DIVERSITY AWARD: SHOREFRONT

By Society of American Archivists



Shorefront is a 2015 recipient of the Diversity Award. The award recognizes an individual, group, or institution for outstanding contributions in advancing diversity within the archives profession, Society of American Archivists, or the archival record.

From its beginnings, in 1995, Shorefront, an Evanston, Illinois based nonprofit, has diligently collected, preserved, and shared artifacts, documents, photographs, and family archives representing the lives of the black community on the Chicago suburban North Shore. Shorefront's founding was motivated by the recognition that the records of this vital history, spanning more than 150 years, were at great risk and in need of a long-term community-based steward.

Shorefront is now home to more than 170 linear feet of archival collections. In addition to maintaining the Shorefront Legacy Center, the public access point for its collection, Shorefront has embraced its mission of education, supporting extensive public programming and, through its Shorefront Press, publishing an annual journal and historical monographs.

"Shorefront's continuous research and collaborations have forever changed how Illinois views the contributions of blacks to one of the nation's most populous and industrious states," one supporter wrote.

Shorefront joins the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida as the 2015 recipients of the Diversity Award.

WALKING EVANSTON



Each year, Mayor Tisdahl and Alderman Holmes along with representatives from the Evanston Police Department, visits areas where a tragedy occurred. This year, the EVANSTON OWN IT, a faith based group, sent several members of their group to join in on the walk. The purpose is to try and reassure the residents that these issues are taken very serious and that the City, the faith community, the police department and residents continue to do its part toward resolving community concerns.