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The price increase, by expanding one of the most reliable income sources we have, will give StreetWise vendors an income they need to thrive, and not just survive.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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Music and a Smile!

Isabelle Oliver & Ernie Adams

The Alliance Francaise Plein Air Concert Series features Isabelle Oliver (pictured) with jazz percussionist Ernie Adams on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the jewel-box courtyard at 810 N. Dearborn St. Oliver is the current worldwide ambassador of the new electro-acoustic harp Salvi 'Rainbow.' She is a composer associated with the Théâtre de Guyancourt, a residency supported by the French Ministry of Culture and the Society of Authors, Composers, and Publishers of Music. Adams is a world-class drummer with over 100 recordings to his name, and teacher and mentor for music and jazz programs throughout Chicago. Enjoy the night's performance of "Smile," Oliver's 11th CD, recorded here in Chicago with Adams. Register for a table today! Tickets start at \$30. Each table of four includes a bottle of Rosé de Provence and salted nuts. Doors open at 6 p.m. The next performance features Greta Pope with guitarist Curtis Robinson (July 19). Visit af-chicago.org for more.



When the Stars Come Out!

'Broadway in your Backyard'

The FREE concert series "Broadway in your Backyard" kicks off its 2022 season on Tuesday, July 19, at Wicker Park, 1425 N. Damen Ave. Presented by the Porchlight Music Theater, it is an hour-long concert of favorite songs from some of Broadway's beloved musicals. Each Tuesday through Sept. 6, bring snacks and a blanket to enjoy musical masterpieces in many different locations throughout Chicago. Directed by Michael Weber, with music directed by Justin Akira Kono, performances start at 6 p.m. For more information go to porchlightmusictheatre.org.

Cezanne in Chicago!

'Cezanne' at the Art Institute

Experience French artist Paul Cezanne's (1839-1906) unique approach to color, technique and material at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., through September 5. This is the first major retrospective of Cezanne's work in the United States in over 25 years! Explore expansive media and genres with 80 oil paintings, 40 watercolor drawings, and two complete sketchbooks of allegorical paintings, Impressionist landscapes, portraits and more. "Cezanne" was organized by the Art Institute of Chicago and the Tate Modern in London from private collections in North and South America, Europe and Asia. Visit arctic.edu for more history on Cezanne and how you can see this exhibit.



Free Outdoor Movie!

'In the Heights'

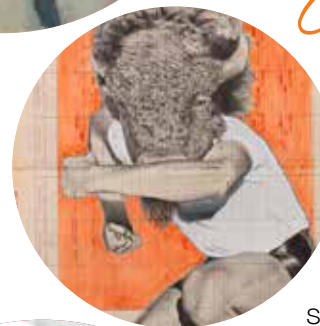
The Millennium Park Summer Film Series kicks off on Tuesday, July 12, with "In the Heights," a film version of the Broadway musical. Take a seat at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion or relax in the lawn to watch the narrative of a New York bodega owner on his path to a better life. This film series is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and will play every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. through August 30. This summer's film lineup follows the theme of the "2022 Year of Chicago Dance." Future movies include "Encanto," "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Dirty Dancing," and more. For the full list of movies, ratings and run times, visit chicago.gov.



Art About Language!

'The Language Between Worlds'

"The Language Between Worlds" opens July 17 at the Hyde Park Art Center. See featured artists Nyame Brown, Bethany Collins, Nicole Marroquin, Christ Pappan (pictured artwork) and Jessica Vaughn and their work in devising their own language of "symbols, visual cues, and narrative structures that expose and subvert the racial inequality woven into American society." These artists transform historic materials to reveal systems of inequity and how to overcome them. Experience the perspectives of the stories they chose through a range of media including paintings, drawings, textiles and prints. The exhibit runs through October 29 at 5020 S. Cornell Ave. See hydeparkart.org to plan your visit.



Midwest Patty Party!

Roscoe Village Burger Fest

Calling all hamburger aficionados! The Roscoe Village Burger Fest is inviting you to indulge in its featured food from a handful of Chicago eateries! From Friday, July 15 (5 - 10 p.m.) to Sunday, July 17 (11 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Sat. and Sun.), enjoy two music stages, an events-filled "Kid Zone" and mouth-watering burgers. This "Midwest Patty Party" is at Belmont and Damen (2000 W Belmont Ave). Admission is free, but donations benefit the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce. Visit chicagoevents.com for details. Don't miss your chance to vote for Chicago's best burger!



A Taste of Mexico!

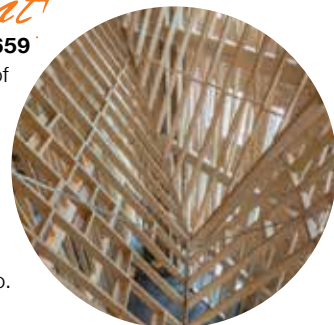
Tacos y Tamales Festival

Celebrate the Tacos y Tamales Festival with the most tantalizing menu of authentic Mexican tacos, tamales, tortas, tostadas, enchiladas, burritos and so much more (are you hungry yet?!). While you eat, enjoy the broad range of background music, from traditional mariachis to the best of Latin pop-rock. And be sure to take a look at the 16th Street murals from local, national, and international artists. The Tacos y Tamales Festival will raise money to help preserve cultural landmarks like these murals. Visit the Pilsen neighborhood, S. Peoria and W. 16th streets, on July 15, 16, or 17 for handmade tortillas, local art installations, merchant vendors, authentic Mexican chefs, a beer garden and more! See chicagotacofest.com for details.

Socially Engaged Art!

Wrightwood 659

Wrightwood 659 is extending three crowd-pleasing exhibitions: "American Framing," "Rirkrit Tiravanija: (who's afraid of red, yellow, and green)" and "Moga: Modern Women & Daughters in 1930s Japan." Now through July 30, explore the architecture of wood framing, experience "the evolving mural of a communal dining space where visitors share bowls of red, yellow, and green curry" and "observe the intimate selection of Japanese paintings exhibited for the first time in the United States" that expand the depiction of the "modern girl." Wrightwood 659, 659 W. Wrightwood Ave., is devoted to socially engaged art and architecture. Tickets for the exhibition are \$15 and available online only at tickets.wrightwood659.org/events. Visitors must show proof of vaccination. Support for these exhibitions is provided by Alphawood Foundation Chicago.



Author Meet & Greet!

Arnie Bernstein: 'Bath Massacre'

Meet Chicago-native author Arnie Bernstein and hear about his newest book: "Bath Massacre." Bernstein is recognized as a Puffin Foundation winner and Midwest Regional History Publishing honoree. "Bath Massacre" tells the tragic story of explosive attacks on a local school in the small town of Bath, Michigan in 1927. New York Times best-selling author Gregg Olsen commented, "With the meticulous attention to detail of a historian and a storyteller's eye for human drama, Bernstein shines a beam of truth on a forgotten American tragedy. Heartbreaking and riveting." This event will be at Mount Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave., on Thursday, July 14 from 6:30 - 7 p.m. Visit chipublib.com for details.

Vendors **Russell Adams, John Hagan and Donald Morris** chat about the world of sports with Executive Assistant **Patrick Edwards**.

LIV GOLF TAKES ON THE PGA



Patrick: I'd heard about some defection stuff going on in the golf world, but didn't really pay any attention to it...until I heard Phil Mickelson's name connected to it. And now it's picking up steam. I'm still not completely sure what it is, so would one of you explain it to those of us who may not know?

John: Well, LIV Golf is the name of the start-up tour that's competing with the PGA Tour. It was commonly referred to as the "Saudi Golf League" during its early days given that it's financially supported by Saudi Arabia.

Patrick: What about the name "LIV"? Pronounced "I live life" for those not in the know.

Russ: I got this. The three letters stand for the Roman numeral 54. This is the number of holes to be played by an individual in LIV events. This is compared to the 72 holes that is "normal."

Donald: And during this kick-off, there'll be eight events, and pros won't have to commit to playing a full schedule and will, instead, be paid to play on a per-event basis. The combined purse for all eight events is \$225 million.

Russ: I read somewhere that two of the most notable golfers, Phil Mickelson and Bryson DeChambeau, were paid \$200 million and \$100+ million, respectively, by LIV Golf.

Donald: And even bigger news, Tiger Woods turned down a \$1 billion offer to join LIV. Yep. He said he ain't going anywhere. Here's a piece of a Tiger-quote I found:

"I just think that what Jack [Nicklaus] and Arnold [Palmer] have done in starting the tour and breaking away from the PGA of America and creating our tour in '68 or '69, somewhere in there, I just think there's a legacy to that."

Russ: Personally, I think this "versus" is a good thing for golf. The PGA Tour versus LIV Golf. It's competition, people. I've been hearing now that the PGA Tour is going to punish defectors, including the possibility of a lifetime ban.

John: On the flipside, I read that the three majors not sanctioned by the PGA Tour—the US Open, Open Championship and Masters—will allow LIV players to compete. Also, I can't agree with the PGA punishing anyone looking to better his—and his family's—life. If you want me, offer me another option...an updated one.

Patrick: It'll be interesting with those other events that are sanctioned by the PGA that won't allow LIV Golf players to compete. That means no Phil Mickelson in any PGA Tour event other than the ones John just mentioned. Wild.

Russ: Here's something, fellas: A LIV Golf event is coming to Rich Harvest Farms in west suburban Sugar Grove. September 16-18. I want to check it out if for nothing else than to see the players who defected. Feels like it'll be different, but, now, thinking about it, maybe it won't. It'll be a different logo

and a lot of buzz initially. I believe the dark cloud over the event will cause some negative vibes, but, mostly, I see buzz in the form of excitement.

Donald: Plus, nothing wrong with competition. Competition keeps the incumbents on their toes. Without LIV Golf coming on, the PGA Tour has a lock on all players—the good and the really good—so, with competition, the PGA Tour will have to come up with some fight.

John: Shoot, Xfinity needs AT&T. McDonald's, Wendy's. Ford, Toyota.

Patrick: And, fellas, we, as consumers, need these brand competitions more than any of the folks directly involved.

Donald: Real talk.

Any comments or suggestions? Email pedwards@streetwise.org

DETECTING & MANAGING ASTHMA

Asthma is a chronic disease that affects the airways in your lungs. When you have an asthma attack, your airways swell, which makes it hard to breathe.

Some of the signs and symptoms of asthma may include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Wheezing
- Coughing

Asthma may be brought on by triggers such as exercise, cold air, and exposure to allergens. Diagnosis of asthma requires a history or presence of respiratory asthma symptoms with the demonstration of airflow obstruction.

Asthma may be diagnosed by your doctor using:

- Personal or family history
- Physical examination
- Pulmonary function testing
- Other laboratory evaluations

CAN ASTHMA AFFECT MY BODY?

Yes. Not being able to breathe for a short or long time may lead to decreased oxygen to the body. This can affect every part of the body including your heart and brain and can lead you to fall or pass out. Breathing problems could also lead to the need for supplemental oxygen. It is important to see your doctor if you experience trouble breathing.

HOW CAN I CONTROL ASTHMA?

To help manage your asthma you should:

- Regularly monitor your symptoms and breathing. If you have concerns, contact your doctor.
- Work with your doctor to educate yourself on asthma and your triggers.
- Do your best to control outside factors (dust, pollen, mold, pet dander, some types of exercise, tobacco use, foods). You should also monitor other medical issues that may contribute to your asthma.
- Take your asthma medication(s) properly. This may include controller and rescue medications.



by Dr. Emeka Eze

Keeping your asthma under control requires you to be active in your treatment. Do your best to prevent asthma problems before an attack occurs.

People with asthma should schedule follow-up visits with their doctor every 1-6 months. People with more severe asthma should schedule follow-up visits more frequently.

At your follow-up visits, you should talk with your doctor about the aspects of your asthma. This includes discussing signs and symptoms, lung function, triggers, treatment, medication and side effects. You can also talk about any questions or concerns you may have. You should also discuss steps to take to help or stop asthma attacks. This is sometimes called an "asthma action plan."

It is important to talk with your doctor about your treatment plan. Inform your doctor on how your treatment has been going. You and your doctor can work together to avoid triggers and help keep your asthma under control.

Dr. Emeka Eze, M.D., M.B.A., is the Medical Director for Molina Healthcare of Illinois. Dr. Eze has also worked many years as a Board Certified Physician in Internal Medicine. Dr. Eze and his team seek to improve the care of their members.

SAVE YOUR ASH

citizen efforts to keep more trees alive in neighborhoods

by Suzanne Hanney

A citizens' coalition is urging Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the Bureau of Forestry to "Save Your Ash" – especially in historically marginalized and underserved areas of the city.

"There is an environmental tragedy unfolding on Chicago's streets; over 10 percent of the city's parkway tree canopy will die in the next few years without city intervention. We are asking you to save our ash," John Friedmann said at one of last year's City Budget hearings. Friedmann is president of the North River Commission, vice president of the Horner Park Advisory Council and co-chair of the Save Your Ash Coalition Chicago, a volunteer civic organization of over 1,000 residents working to save the 45,000 mature ash trees in Chicago parkways – the space between sidewalks and curbs. There are nearly 1,000 ash trees in every ward and two or three on almost every block.

"We don't think people in other areas of the city care less than we do about trees and the environment," Nancy Wade said at the same Oct. 5, 2021 hearing.

"However, they might not have the resources to do what our neighborhood did, and most city residents don't know that the ash trees can be saved," Wade added. She co-chaired the Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors Association Save Your Ash campaign that treated 280 ash trees using \$33,000 of donated funds.

Preemptive removal of ash trees was the old remedy to combat the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive beetle. However, urban foresters now say that unless a tree is more than 50 percent infested, it can be saved with regular inoculations.

"The prevailing myth is that even if you treat these trees, they will die," said Laura Sabransky, co-chair of Save Your Ash. "But it's like someone with diabetes. You can live a long life if you keep the lifestyle you're supposed to and take your medication."

Chicago's tree canopy averages 16 percent, far below the 40 percent recommended for healthy cities by American Forests, the oldest conservation nonprofit in the US, which championed the creation of the U.S. Forest Service and congressional funding for fighting forest fires. Neighborhood tree coverage ranges from 4 percent to 46 percent.



The Save Your Ash Coalition praises Mayor Lori Lightfoot's \$46 million commitment to planting 75,000 trees over the next five years – with a priority on historically marginalized and underserved neighborhoods. The goal is to meet the City's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, to provide environmental justice, and to address decades of disinvestment. Trees combat climate change because they remove carbon dioxide from the air, they store carbon, and they release oxygen into the atmosphere.

Lightfoot's 15,000 trees annually will double the number of trees planted last year. However, allowing 45,000 trees to die would neutralize any increase for the city's tree canopy, Save Your Ash members said at a February 8 meeting of the City of Chicago Tree Equity Working Group. Conservation of mature trees must be part of the equation, since it takes a sapling 20 to 25 years to produce significant public benefits.

That's why Ald. Andre Vasquez (40th ward) worked with City Budget Director Susie Park and the Department of Streets and Sanitation, which oversees the Bureau of Forestry, on proposals to treat ash trees, even though the Coalition's bid for \$2.7 million did not make it into the current budget.



Vasquez (40th ward), Aids. Rossana Rodriguez (33rd ward) and Matt Martin (47th ward) subsequently introduced a resolution for the full \$2.7 million conservation program, and 42 of the Chicago City Council's 50 members approved it. Vasquez referred to the City Council resolution in a letter to Park and to Cole Stallard, commissioner of the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation, which oversees the Bureau of Forestry.

Vasquez thanked Park and Stallard, credited Stallard for seeking a full assessment of ash trees this year, and for finding \$1 million to treat them. Inoculation should be completed this summer, with Tree-age R10 or equivalent formula containing emamectin benzoate, "the EPA-approved treatment with a proven track record," he wrote. Companies should be allowed to assess and treat on-site instead of making two trips, as a cost-saving measure.

In March, the Mayor's Office agreed to create a Request for Proposals (RFP) for treatment by outside contractors. However, Save Your Ash members worry there won't be enough time to assess and treat the 45,000 parkway trees. The window for treatment extends only to about September 30 – while the trees have leaves, Friedmann said.

If ash trees across the city cannot be fully inoculated this

season, Save Your Ash would prioritize 12 historically marginalized and underserved areas where tree coverage is at or below 10 percent. These areas, and their amount of tree coverage, are:

- Near West Side (27th ward), 4.8%
- New City (12th, 15th wards), 6.5%
- Greater Grand Crossing (20th, 6th wards), 6.5%
- McKinley Park (11th, 12th wards), 7.9%
- Armour Square (25th, 11th wards), 7.9%
- Austin (29th, 24th wards), 8.5%
- South Lawndale (22nd ward), 9.3%
- East Garfield Park (27th, 28th wards), 9.4%
- Brighton Park (14th, 15th wards), 9.6%
- North Lawndale (24th ward), 10.1%
- North Lawndale (22nd ward), 10.3%
- Humboldt Park (27th, 37th, 36th wards), 10.7%

"Whatever we can do to move this bureaucracy a little quicker, that's our goal," Friedmann said. "These trees are on a five-year death cycle, once a tree is not treated. If it's more than 50 percent infested, you can't bring it back. It's not like replacing a sidewalk, because it's a grown tree. These trees won't wait. Every year there's going to be more trees dying. If we can't treat the whole city this year, at least treat the 12 priority areas."



PAGE 8: Two trees are a variety of white ash called Autumn Purple. They turn a brilliant shade of red-purple in the fall. These are two of the 79 critically endangered ash being preserved in Horner Park (John Friedmann photo).

PAGE 9: Laura Sabransky, Karen Daiter and John Friedmann of Save Your Ash Coalition Chicago with two Autumn Purple white ash trees, among the 79 ash trees the coalition saved in Horner Park. Not pictured are coalition members Maggie O'Keefe and Nancy Wade.

OPPOSITE PAGE: A treated tree and an untreated tree near Horner Park show tree defoliation and the loss of shade on a home. Tags (left) show that the defoliated tree was treated by the city in 2013 and 2016, while the additional silver tag on the healthy tree shows that the tree is up-to-date and was treated again in 2020 by a private contractor hired by Save Your Ash.

THIS PAGE: John Friedmann, co-chair of Save Your Ash Coalition Chicago, shows the compound leaf structure of the Autumn Purple white ash tree -- a long stem and five to nine leaflets -- in Horner Park (All photos by Suzanne Hanney).

they are some of the prettiest trees when they turn reddish purple in the fall, Friedmann said. "That's how we find them."

Ash trees are one of the major species of trees, like elms, oaks and maples, and one of the most durable urban trees. Road salt doesn't bother them, which is why so many were planted from the 1960s to 1980s, to replace Dutch elm trees lost to disease.

"They are almost bulletproof, except for this Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)." These 3/8-inch-long, green beetles came from Asia, possibly in wood crating, and were first noticed in southeastern Michigan in 2002. Once here, the beetle had no natural predators and so it spread to 35 states, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service.

The beetle can fly a half-mile, but the disease likely spreads through infested firewood. The ash borer lays its eggs right under the bark of the tree; its larvae grow there and tunnel up the sides of the tree, Friedmann said. The tree can't send up liquids and so it starves.

Friedmann said the City treated parkway ash trees aggressively at first when the emerald ash borer was at its peak. In 2012, Chicago had over 90,000 parkway ash trees; they comprised 1 in 5, or 20 percent of its tree canopy.

In 2013, the City started treating its ash trees, half one year and half the next, in a very equitable process, with half-mile grids in each ward, Friedmann said. The treatment was repeated in 2014, skipped in 2015, then implemented again in 2016 and 2017. Half the ash trees -- 45,000 -- remain, but the EPA-

approved treatment lasts three years at most; trees not inoculated after that are vulnerable.

No treated ash trees have been lost since Milwaukee started inoculating them, Save Your Ash said at the February meeting of the Chicago Tree Equity Committee.

Milwaukee treated its 28,000 ash trees every other year from 2009 to 2019, and since then every three years. The city was segmented into two parts, and then three, respectively, said Ian Brown, urban forestry manager at the City of Milwaukee.

Treating the ash, Brown said, allows the forestry department to better manage its workflow. Untreated, dead trees would need to be removed, which is more costly and dangerous because they are large and brittle. It takes more time to remove a dead tree than to treat it, which means less time for pruning, planting and overall green maintenance.

"You lose the benefits from a large-stature urban tree, [such as]: storm water interception, energy savings, air pollution mitigation, even bringing more shoppers to commercial corridors if you don't have to stand out in the mid-day sun," he said.

Management means stewardship of the tree canopy, Brown said. "You can't plant a 40-year old tree. You have to plant a young tree and wait for it to grow."

A well-placed tree can increase property values by five or 10 percent, but not every tree is worth saving, Brown said. Trees with poor structure, with construction or utility line damage, or on roadways under construction, may not be worth the treatment money.

"It's not just carte blanche, but some individual assessment. A lot of our trees are bigger, 15-25 inches in diameter. We would be replacing them with something that would take 40 years or more to get back. We saw that happen with Dutch elm disease, which Milwaukee had in the 1950s. We lost the mature canopy. Now we are looking at another host of pests, essentially the same thing. That's what's helping to drive our decision."

Objectively, the 50 percent level of infestation is visible by thinning leaves on the crown of the tree, sprouts along its trunk and woodpecker damage, according to University of Wisconsin Entomologists PJ Liesch, Patti Nagai and R. Chris Williamson. EAB also leaves D-shaped, 1/4-inch diameter exit holes in the bark.

Biological control, meanwhile, has primarily been used in densely packed forests, according to North Dakota State University. The emerald ash borer has no known predators in the U.S. other than woodpeckers who feed on large larvae (and kill 30 to 50 percent). Wasps brought from China and Russia have been helpful.

The Horner Park Advisory Council committed to saving 79 ash trees at Horner Park in 2013. "We fought to have the right to preserve the ones in this park, Friedmann said. "It took us a long time. We had to go all the way up to Mayor Rahm Emanuel. He told the park district to 'let them save their trees.'" The Advisory Council raised community donations to have a private contractor inoculate the trees every three years at quantity pricing.

Horner now has seven ash species: three varieties of green ash, the Autumn Purple white ash, the blue ash,

the rare pumpkin ash and the ultra-rare simple-leaf ash from Europe. Save Your Ash has reached out to several Native American prairie tribes in Wisconsin and Minnesota to secure black ash saplings next fall to complete the collection of ash native to this area.

Black ash are extremely valuable to Native Americans, because they are the only wood suitable for basket weaving, Friedmann said. In the meantime, the tribes are creating videos to preserve the cultural practice.

Save Your Ash has a goal of integrating the black ash near a Native American art mound at Horner, along the Chicago River at Irving Park Road. The trees will be part of a living ash tree seed bank at Horner.

"Those seeds will provide a means for future generations to repopulate tribal lands once the EAB infestation runs its course -- even 50 to 100 years from now -- and will provide the ability to re-establish basket weaving as part of Native American culture," Friedmann said.

Save Your Ash expanded from Horner Park in 2020. The North River Commission approached roughly 20 different community groups in its area, between Addison and Devon, I-94 and the Chicago River, and urged residents to save parkway trees in front of their homes. Save Your Ash facilitated fundraising to the tune of \$150,000 and saved 1,200 trees -- which leaves 43,800 to go.

This April, Mayor Lightfoot called trees "a critical piece of our city's infrastructure and vital to our work toward combating climate change."

StreetWise asked Malcolm Whiteside Jr., deputy commissioner of the Department of Streets and Sanitation, if the Bureau of Forestry was on target to assess all 45,000 of the city's ash trees and treat those with 50% leaf canopy or more before the season ends in September.

Mimi Simon, Streets and Sanitation director of public affairs, responded in an email that "the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) has drafted a Request for Qualifications for ash treatments to manage emerald ash borer (EAB) and it is currently pending with the Department of Procurement."

If the Bureau of Forestry is unable to assess and treat all trees with at least 50% canopy this season, would it be able to treat those in 12 historically marginalized and underserved priority areas?

"The DSS Bureau of Forestry will be completing a survey of all ash trees located throughout the City this year, beginning July 1," Simon wrote.

Cost-effectiveness is another reason for saving the ash trees, Wade said at the City Budget hearing.

Based on their \$60 cost for inoculation, the three-year expenditure for 45,000 trees would be \$2.7 million.

On the other hand, the cost of removing and replacing them would be \$1,000 per tree -- \$45 million.

Treating the ash trees would thus pro-

vide enough savings to fund \$42.3 million of Lightfoot's planned \$46 million expenditure for 75,000 saplings, she said.

However, these saplings would take over 25 years to grow and provide the same benefits as the 45,000 mature ash, Friedmann said. "If the city doesn't want to commit to saving these trees forever, at least save them for the next 20-25 years while the Mayor's new trees have time to grow and mature."

The mature tree canopy, said Karen Daiter, Save Your Ash co-chair, manages storm water runoff into sewers, sequesters carbon, purifies the air, mitigates heat islands, improves health issues and helps people heal faster. "Trees release something like a natural antidepressant. Just looking at trees, kids have better focus."

Mature trees can improve mental health, boost one's immune system, lower blood pressure, improve mood and reduce recovery time from illness or surgeries, Daiter noted in a blog for The Climate Reality Project, Chicago Chapter.

Meanwhile, she said, half of all saplings die within 13 years, which means twice as many must be planted to achieve the same tree coverage. Baby trees need extra care -- and water -- during their first three years.

Well-shaped ash trees with good fall color can increase property values, reduce erosion, cut electricity costs by providing cooling shade. What's more,

Vendor A. Allen: Let's save trees!

When I think of trees, I think of the many wonderful elements trees bring to the table of life, including the table itself.

We can start with food, shelter and shade. Trees are a natural playground for kids. They encourage biodiversity, provide sustainable wood, prevent stormwater from flooding sewers. They basically sustain life, because trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen by photosynthesis. Trees absorb carbon from the atmosphere and store it in their bark and wood, thus slowing the rate of global warming. Trees are all good in what they do for the human race. I am thankful for trees, and we all should be.

But sometimes, trees can be expensive. My family were homeowners in the 1300 block of 109th Street, between Throop and Loomis, in the 1970s. I remember my dad discussing with our neighbors the problem of tree roots growing into the sewer line and causing plumbing problems. As a result, my father was one of the first to have the parkway trees cut down. Many of the neighbors followed.

Going back to the old neighborhood, I can see we lost some valuable trees. But, for the homeowner, the name of the game is to hold onto your home and avoid unexpected, emergency expenditures.

Some people have suggested that municipalities help pay when tree roots get into sewers. Ian Brown, urban forestry manager at the City of Milwaukee, disagreed with this idea, because he said that tree roots can extend way beyond the circumference of the tree – beyond the parkway, which is city property – and onto the homeowner's property.

Brown said the problem is cracked clay sewer pipes that leach liquids filled with nutrients.

"Trees are resourceful; they are taking advantage of a resource that's available," Brown said. "It is not the tree's problem, the way to fix it is to fix the sewer lateral: the pipe that goes from your house to the sewer. If your roof leaks, you don't tell the rain to stop, you seal your roof."

Tree leaves also got into the gutters in my old neighborhood, causing drainage problems, which led to water damage in basements and disintegrating mortar between the bricks. This was more of a problem for elderly neighbors and widows, who couldn't get up on ladders to clean the gutters.

But trees also cut energy costs for homeowners, because they provide shade in the summer and shelter from winds in the winter. The Arbor Day Foundation says on its website that trees provide up to 25 percent savings.

So how do you rationalize the benefits and the losses, between the homeowner and the city as a whole?

We live and we learn. I understand things better now and I am all for saving the trees. I would not have a tree cut down unless it was absolutely necessary, for example if it was in danger of falling on my house or on a car.

Let's save the trees by any means necessary. Let's plant more than we tear down. It's bad enough we live in a concrete city. Let's get behind the mayor's program to plant more trees and Save Your Ash Chicago Coalition's efforts to save mature trees.

--Suzanne Hanney, contributing



West and east views of the block where A. Allen grew up (A. Allen photo).

Vendor Kianna Drummond on the importance of trees

Trees are very important to people on the Earth – there are so many ways people depend on trees.

First, for paper. Second, to purify the air we breathe.

As far as paper goes, trees have to be chopped down for it. That's why they have hand dryers in public bathrooms. Some restrooms give you a choice to choose the dryer or paper towels, and there is a note on the wall about saving trees.

If StreetWise could just talk about trees in our magazine, just maybe we could open up more eyes as to why trees are important to us.

I watched a cartoon, "The Lorax," by Dr. Suess. It talks about Earth without trees because one man chopped all of the trees down to make scarves, shirts, basically clothes. He chopped and chopped until there were no more trees. All the animals left. They had fake trees, fake air, but the mayor of the cartoon started selling bottled air like you would buy a six-pack. Could that happen in real life?

If we don't treat our trees properly, we'll be breathing fake air or (LOL) buying air. Not that if could really happen. But what if it could?



Horner Brew Fest

Sample a selection of 40 craft beers from 20 breweries and enjoy four hours of live music at Horner Brew Fest – all to benefit environmental initiatives at Horner Park, such as preserving its 79 endangered ash trees and maintaining trails along the Chicago River. The Brew Fest will be 6-10 p.m., July 15 at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.

The largest craft beer fest on the Northwest Side will have local brewers such as Alarmist, Burning Bush, Eris Brewery & Cider House, Goose Island, Half Past, Kinslahger, Maplewood, Old Irving, Ravinia, Revolution, Right Bee Cider, Short Fuse, Temperance, Twisted Hippo, Virtue Cider and others.

In addition to cold craft beers and cider, there will be food trucks and hot live music by Expo '76. Assembled from the ranks of Poi Dog Pondering, Tomorrow The Moon, The New Duncan Imperials, Mucca Pazza and The Renaldo Domino Experience, Expo 76 has a set list that careens wildly through decades and genres as the band follows its own muse.

Lining California Avenue will be local food trucks: Tamales Express, Bad Johnny's Wood-Fired Pizza & Kitchen, L'Patron, and others.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and include admission, a tasting glass and samples from every brewery. Until sellout, a limited number of same-day tickets will be available for \$55. Drivers' tickets are \$10. Must be 21. No outside food or beverages are permitted. More information visit hornerbrewfest.org or email jf@hornerfest.org.



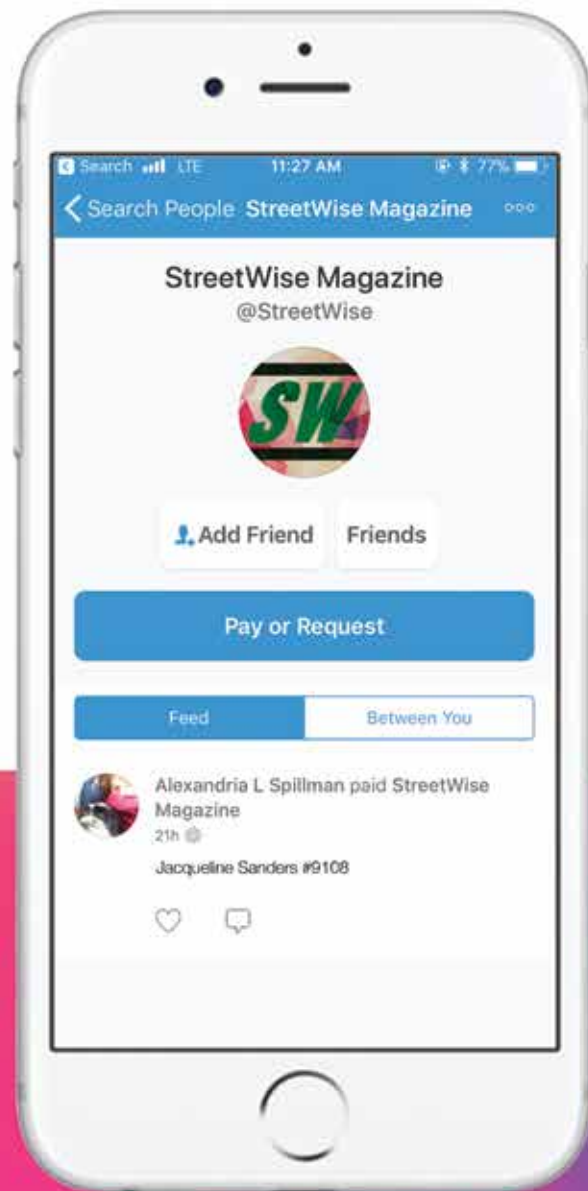
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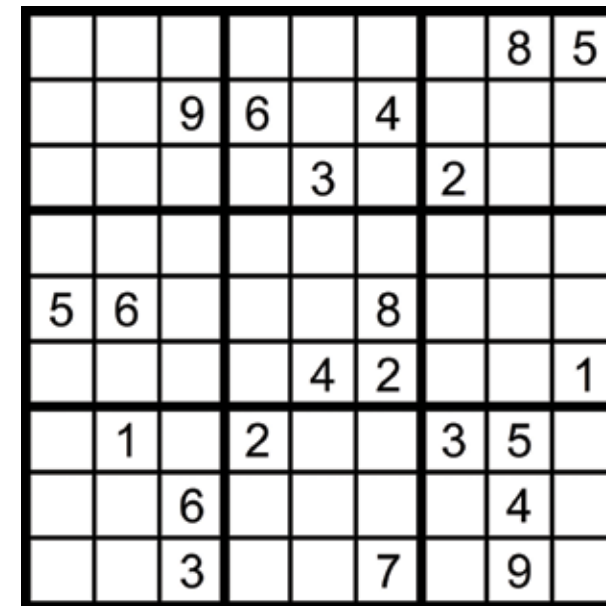
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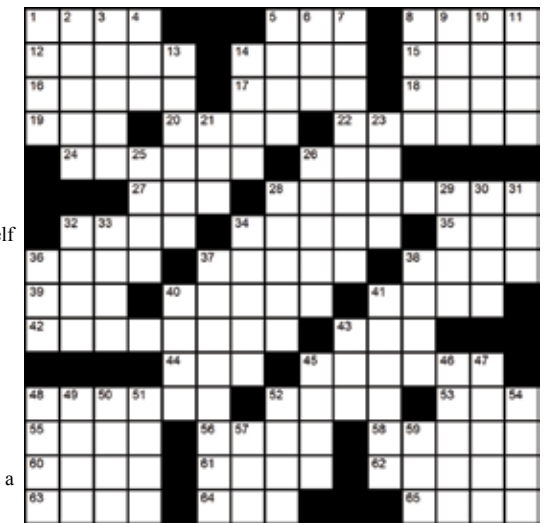


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- Forte
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- Track event
- Hand tool
- Cookout
- Invoice amount
- Ability to hit a target
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- Invitation letters
- Plant life
- Jeans brand
- Minute amount
- Dentist's advice
- One way of fitting
- Wharton degree
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- Dig like a pig
- Lennon's lady
- Equals
- Sandwich shop
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- Thus far
- After-bath wear
- Deer sir
- Bat an eye?
- Little devil
- Sandwich shop
- Intrepid
- Unpolluted
- Astringent
- Encounter
- F.B.I. operative
- Flying geese formation
- Aquarium denizen

How StreetWise Works

StreetWise exists to elevate marginalized voices and provide opportunities for individuals to earn an income and gain employment. Anyone who wants to work has the opportunity to move themselves out of crisis. StreetWise provides "a hand up, not a handout."

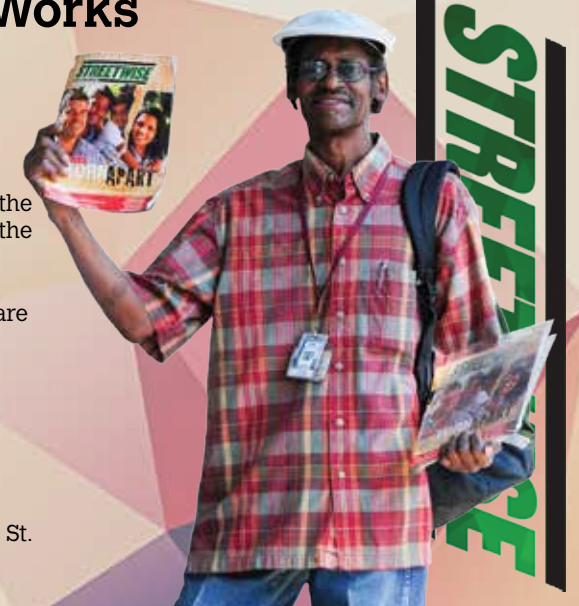


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Vendors purchase the magazine for \$1.15 and sell it for \$3 plus tips. The vendor keeps all of their earnings.

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When you buy the magazine, take the magazine, and read the magazine, you are supporting our micro-entrepreneurs earning an income with dignity.



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