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Northwestern Memorial Hospital Parking Garage Update

Streeterville residents have been inquiring as to the status of the plans for the garage proposed by Northwestern Memorial Hospital at 441-459 East Ontario Street / 440-458 E. Ohio St.

The garage proposal is currently under review. SOAR met with Alderman Reilly recently to provide feedback on this proposal, and raised various concerns regarding the design, traffic patterns, etc. The garage proposal will not be on the City's Plan Commission agenda for November, and will not be heard by the commission prior to the presentation of revised plans at one or more community meetings. Watch this space for future updates.

New Feature for Your Driver's License

The State of Illinois offers a new service connected to your driver's license. You can click here and add two emergency contacts to your license data. Therefore, if you are incapacitated in some way, your license can be scanned and the emergency contacts retrieved so your loved ones can be contacted. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

Streeterville Artisan Market - November 14th & 15th

Streeterville Artisan Market

Mark your calendars to attend the Streeterville Artisan Market, to be held **November 14th & 15th** in the lobby of the Lurie Medical Research Center (303 E. Superior). This year's event will feature 45 artists and craftspeople and showcase such categories as photography, jewelry, apparel, pottery and much more. Click here to see all exhibiting artists.

Included in this year's event is Chel Domestic Goodies, whose gloves and aprons help make mundane household chores fun, and Sandra Adams who uses fibers, papers, cloth and found organic materials to

produce eco-friendly art designed just for you, your home, your workplace-even your garden!

The Streeterville Artisan Market is open from 11 am to 6 pm on Saturday, November 14 and from 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday, November 15. Discounted parking is available at the 680 N. Lake Shore Drive garage. Admission is free.

Volunteers are still needed to help make this a successful event. Please send an email to SOAR to find out about the different ways you can help.

SOAR Neighbor Night at Lookingglass - Wednesday November 11th

Please join us at Lookingglass for our next fabulous Neighbor Night event. Lookingglass brings you another winning evening of original Chicago theatre and delicious Chicago cuisine. This package pairs Lookingglass' explosive new production of Fedra: Queen of Haiti with an exclusive menu at neighborhood favorite Eve.

The show is Wednesday, November 11, 2009. The multi-course dinner at Eve starts at 5 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $65 per person (Drink and gratuity included).

RSVP to Lookingglass Box Office by11/9/09: (312)337-0665, mention Code "SOAR".

For more information visit Lookingglass Theatre.

Exclusive Art Event for SOAR Members - Friday November 6th

Gary-John is a recent member to SOAR; he's an international fine arts-dealer and promoter from Europe.

Gary-John hosts exclusive art events, unlike any typical art-venue. He expresses the story lines of both the art and the artists in a compelling and unique manner, not to mention has an unprecedented eye for creative talent.

Please come join us and enjoy an evening of fine-art, poetry and wine, this coming Friday November 06th @ 7.00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required, you may access venue details and register here.

Alternate Path on Lake Shore Drive Bridge Now Open

For those using the pedestrian/bike path on lower Lake Shore Drive to cross the Chicago River going south, please note that an alternate pedestrian walkway on the west side of the bridge is available. The unlocked stairway at the southwest corner of the river and the LSD bridge was recently inspected. The stairway, while needing a fresh coat of paint, is clean and well-lit. Due to the nature of it being a stairway, it is not handicap accessible or bike friendly.

Help Chicago Kick-Off the Holiday Season - Saturday November 21st

The Magnificent Mile Festival of Lights has illuminated Streeterville and ushered in the holiday season for 18 years. This year's events will take place on Saturday, November 21st.

Volunteers are needed to assist the Chicago Police Department with crowd management on Michigan Avenue and to help keep the crowds entertained from 4 to 8 p.m. Many other opportunities also exist to help make the weekend a success.

To volunteer, please contact Gail Spreen at (312) 925-7668 or send her an email.

Online Chicago Police Scanner

Did you know that you could tune in to the Chicago Police Department through an online scanner? Hear what is going on in our neighborhood, or other parts of the city, county and state.

To access the online scanner, click here and from the playlist on the right, select Chicago Police Zone 4 - 1st and 18th districts. The 18th district includes Streeterville and is the area from the Chicago River on the south and west north to Fullerton.

SOAR's Directory of Everyday Services in Streeterville

If you are looking for pharmacies, hardware stores or grocers that deliver to your home, or courses you can take, or advice on finding discounts, or cars you can rent for an hour or two, look no further.

Our community of Streeterville is full of wonderful surprises and the SOAR Resource Directory will help you find them.

Status Update on Streeterville Post Offices

Recently, there has been some uncertainty regarding the future of the U.S. Post Office on Ontario Street and in the John Hancock Center.

While there has not been a formal decision, at this time it appears that neither the Hancock Building or the Ontario Street substation will be closed. Our local post office is waiting for official word from Washington.

SOAR will continue to communicate with the local postal authorities until final word is received from Washington.

It's Easy to be Green

Keep a Pitcher of Water in Your Fridge

Filling a container of water from the tap and placing it in your refrigerator provides several benefits in terms of energy and water savings, as well as your health. A pitcher full of water will help your refrigerator keep your food cool more efficiently, much like how a cold ice pack works in a cooler. Also, whenever you want a glass of water, you won't have to let the tap run for a few moments to obtain a cool temperature, cutting down on waste. You won't need as much ice, which requires energy to make. Having cold water at the ready will discourage you from reaching for disposable plastic water bottles which have a sizable environmental footprint to produce, ship and store. You'll also be likely to drink more water, keeping hydrated while avoiding sugar-loaded sodas and other alternatives. Plus, when tap water sits for a while (particularly when uncovered), much of the chlorine that is present from the filtration plant evaporates out. This means you're enjoying a tastier drink, and cutting down on the toxins, extremely dilute though they may be, that enter your body. Doesn't that sound refreshing?

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