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South Lake Shore Drive is a Priority

With every twist and turn of Lake Shore Drive, drivers and passengers can catch a breathtaking glimpse of the city. Lake Michigan, its beaches and Chicago's skyline. Knows around the country as one of the nation's most scenic roadways, Lake Shore Drive is one of the jewels in our crown. The north side of this jewel has received a great deal of attention of funding for its reconstruction and beautification. The City has been ensuring an accurate census but only in a region of the country that was not yet on the map. To the most accurate Census count possible. Mayor Richard M. Daley said to have a complete count, we must start with a complete address list. In the past, the Census Bureau has provided cities with only the total number of housing units per block. We must have and will continue to support federal funding for our beautiful Lake Shore Drive. Its beauty and vitality must be preserved for years to come.

Census expertise.

Census officials maintain that the method of sampling will protect public confidence and make accuracy a certainty. “Local governments need to have an accurate count of everyone living in their community to ensure an accurate census but only in a complementary manner to the census bureau’s work,” Rush said.

The City worked with the Bureau as part of the Bureau’s “Local Update of Census Addresses” project. The City compared several address databases with the Bureau’s master address file. The results are now part of the Bureau’s block car canvassing operation.

According to Census officials, the Local Update of Census Addresses project will allow the City to make a more accurate count down the process count and diminish the likelihood of an inaccurate and timely census being conducted reported Census.

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April 18, at their headquarters on 54th and Halsted.

The Convention included African People’s So-
cialist Party Chairman and Founder of the Uhuru
Movement, Omali Yeshitela and NPDUM Na-
tional President) and widow of Black Panther
leader Fred Hampton, Akua Njeri. Saturday
speakers included Burning Spear newspaper edi-
tor Michael R. Bryanton and Ray Baker of the Com-
mittee for Liberation, CHA resident activist
Francine Washington, Florida NPDUM orga-
nizer Gloria Parker Walker as well as many others.

Sunday, the Con-
vention continue with workshops, and a March
Campaign to Free Fred Hampton Jr. and workshops on eco-
nomic development.

Speakers included
NPDUM Director of Organization Shakura
Jackson-Jordan, Chicago Cam-
paign Coordinator from Baltimore Ra-
nae Nabi, Al-Pe, University
of Chicago Professor
Sanduc, commu-
nity college develop-
ment Barbara Nor-
man, Harold Lucas of the
Bronzeville Community
Development Project and many oth-
er.

Fred Jr. has been
under a storm of attacks ever since he was born.
When on Dec. 4, 1969 the Chicago Police
and F.B.I. assassinated his father and Mark Clark ,
members of the Black Panther Party (BPP). The Uhuru Movement outlines his impris-
onnement in an afford to prevent another Fred Hampton from walking the streets and finishing
the work his father began in the late 60’s ahead
of the BPP.

Fred Hampton Jr. is truly his fathers son and
an optimizer supreme. He was the local President
of the National People’s Democratic Uhuru
Movement when he was politically framed and impris-
ioned given 18 years for an alleged arson.”
says his mother Ms. Njeri. This was on May 9th (Mothers Day) 1992, one year after the Uhuru Movement
was founded in Chicago.

“The Uhuru Movement is a mass organization that
defends the national democratic rights of the
Black community.” Explains Njeri. Its main
campaign in the Campaign to Free Fred Jr.

The activities include meetings every Tuesday
right on, 44th and Hal-
street, from 7 - 9 pm.
Recently there is a Free Fred
Jr. Vigil at demonstra-
ations outside City Hall, which is now every
Tuesday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, charging
Mayor Richard Daley, who has
demonstrated attacks and brutality against Fred Hampton’s
family and the entire
African community.

On April 16th a demonstra-
tion was held, at
the State of Illinois building, demanding freedom for Fred Hamp-
ton Jr. on and end to the U.S. War and against
the African community.

“The key thing is getting the word out block to block,
from house to house to city and country by
country.” stress Njeri

“He (Fred Jr.) represents the growing resist-
ance and lead-
er emerging in this period to
complete the courageous work that young
African people like Fred Hampton and the Black Panther Party.

NPDUM National President, widow of Black
Panther leader Fred Hampton, Akua Njeri.

By: Eddie S. Read

LAND GRAB VS. MUD SLIDE

Since the February 23rd Municipal Election in
the City of Chicago, there has been much talk
about Mayor Richard D. Daley “winning by
a landslide”. Let me tell you right off the top, get-
that 48 to 49 percent of registered voters is cer-
tainly not a landslide. Clearly 51 percent of regis-
tered voters did not find Richard Daley nor Con-
tenders acceptable. When you take a closer look at the Daley ademocratic cabal,
you will see that the votes that they did receive
partner with Daley is anything but a mandate.
If we really want to raise the brow of the politi-
cal pundit and others, there take them a look at
the overwhelming number of eligible voters in
the City of Chicago that are not even registered
to vote. Some landslide, huh?

No clear update on Almar’s

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* Current Rent Statement or Lease.
Characters involved:

- Moses: CHA Deputy Director
- Ed: Reporter
- Ron: Anonymous person
- Moses
- Robert Taylor
- LaSalle Street
- 53rd Street
- Cottage Grove
- Morgan Park
- Charles Hayes Family Investment Center
- Robert Taylor
- Stateway Gardens
- Taylor Homes
- Section 8

Moses: Many Taylor residents have focused their future for mixed income of 50/50 moderates and low income.

Ron: And 63rd Street?

Moses: I envision that over 15 years from now, people will see the results.

Ron: There was a meeting in Robert Taylor two years ago where the plan to demolish 53rd Street was in question on a survey CHA did. Moses: I recall the meeting. Okay we (CHA) said, do it yourself. A survey was done over again by CHA residents and the results were that 80% wanted to keep 53rd Street.

Ron: In reference to Stateway Gardens what is going to happen to them?

Moses: The plan is eight buildings coming down, with a 50/50 mixed income and commercial development.

Ron: And Dearborn Homes?

Moses: No major plans. However the residents have focused their future for mixed income of 50/50 moderates and low income.

Ron: What is going to happen when

Moses: You are talking about Washington Homes, Mary Wiggins, who took over as LAC president. The have a plan. Whether they are coming down or not? I don’t know.

Ron: What we are doing is addressing economic issues for the former, such as, how are we going to expand the job base. Start micro businesses for the residents. Already we have aided in creating 400 businesses of Public housing residents, 108 are certified. Let out $50 million in contracts. 3.5 million to residents.

Ron: We have training programs working in CHA, both in contracting, resident, as Ron.

Ron: What is this Net Leasing going on in the Kenwood community?

Moses: Our position, whether it is or not. It gives our folks a first shot at the land.

Ron: Who is our folks?

Moses: Public housing folks. It could be a 40 - 90 year lease on the land. This way public housing people are not pushed off the land for just the interest of developers. CHA, own the property, owns the land. We have interest and create the contract to finance public housing. CHA has completed contracts in return.

Ron: Do politics play a role in the decisions of Public housing?

Moses: We are outsiders. We have no political interferences, design and funding perspective.

Ron: What about the Heat Vs. Snow a priority with the City?

Moses: It is very on the emergency at Taylor, we contracted 95 people to remove snow. The city has provided $84 million, tax credits, TIF, Bonding, Stateared. the city received, millions in cash and ground works.

Ron: Do you feel good about CHA? Why?

Moses: Everyone I’ve pulled to gather what we need to do. A lot of these people, at least my position is that, CHA residents are treated like citizens of Chicago. I am very proud of that.

Ron: With all the demolition of pub-

Moses: We need to focus more. I don’t think the families are not homeless?

Moses: No. Only if they become evicted.

We work with them in Section 8. Whatever the case is, they receive counseling, all of it. The legal process is a long process, 6 months. If they are abiding residents there should be no problem. We work with each and every family with eviction. One family at a time.

Ron: Why aren’t families placed equally throughout Chicago

Moses: Ask Habitat that question

Ron: Do you know what the answer may be?

Moses: You would think that it would be the city of Chicago. We ask them all the time.

Ron: Well do we know a role of Chicago's Stateway family is located in the Morgan Park community receiving Section 8.

Moses: Yes. I am careful what I say. Ron: What is your future with CHA?

Moses: I work that will help to be here in the future.

Moses: Do you know something I don’t know? I don’t have the answer. I have not ask you, that residents of public housing will say I did ask you?

Moses: I can not say. You have ask me more than the average questions.

Ron: One of the question may be, Why the CHA chose this development over that one in getting things done? This CHA has too many funds for certain projects under the law we operate under. Our reinvestment in the area where the money is available.

Ron: In Chicago Housing Authority will be under the authority of Mayor Richard Daley May 1. He is in the process of identifying his director and board members.

The Grand Boulevard Federation (GBF), an organization comprised of community and social service agencies including community members at large.

The Coalition is developing new funding to help their loved one by providing a place to live.

The Bills have passed the Illinois house and are awaiting assignment to a Senate committee. I think the coalition is de-
Young school girls making the wrong choices
by Michael H. Browstein Education Columnist
Heroes. Role models. Special individuals we all want to be like. There are a lot of them. They are on television. They are on the radio. They are in your sport's arena. They are in your home. They are in your school. They are even in your claims. They might be sitting next to you or across the table.

We can find them in the library, at the park, across the street. So why do so many of our young people revere the very person they should not? Why would they say given a chance they would loot a store or keep a found wallet?

Why would they make a hero out of a well dressed man who beats women? Why would they want to be friends with the local drug dealer? Why would they even get in the car with a known criminal?

Our jails are full of people who could not make the right choices. Selling drugs? Yes, it's easy money. But at what cost?

So you want to have a drug dealer for a boyfriend? Now he's out there selling drugs. Now he's watching his back. He is always watching his back. He watches his back even when he wants to be alone with you.

And he's not watching out for the police alone. He's watching for other drug dealers or addicts with problems or people who feel rightly or wrongly that they were gypped.

He gets you pregnant. He gets hurt. He gets jealous. He might even get killed.

What legacy does he have for you and his child? What legacy can he leave? He has nothing. This is now your life. A baby, no job, and you're watching your back now, too.

I remember a very beautiful woman who told me she had to have a man in the house with her because if she did not belong to someone, anyone could have her.

Where did this come from?

Do we hate ourselves so much?

Where did this come from?

Think about the real heroes. Not the ones who make money their God. Not the ones who make drugs their God. Not the ones who make the lives of others their downfall. Not the ones who make hard living the only life they know. Not the ones who make their problems the only problems they know.

There are role models in the world. Real heroes. Fathers struggling to get by working two jobs who also coach little league. Mothers back in school to fix past mistakes. Teachers who really want the best for their students. Neighbors who know how hard life can be, but take the time to listen. Librarians who want to read with you.

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Then make the only possible choice—the right one.
By Web Evans

I read one of the most interesting articles in the press on the late Mayor, James Meeks of Chicago II. The title of the article was, Meeks offer plan to make Blacks rich and Holy. The information was good but I felt better by it coming from a preacher because in many cases it has been the minister who has misled us to believe that if you own material wealth, you are rich. I can recall a homily on the subject which said that you can buy Black from a church on Black American religious leaders. Not all, but many are still against teaching economics. I believe that there are exceptions among the clergy. I was interested to know that God is concerned about the whole person.

I have published a book titled The Other Way. In the book, it tells how many of our religious leaders are misleading our people just as the slavemasters did when it came to getting wealth. The slavemaster never felt that material wealth would keep him or her out of heaven. But they had our first religious leaders to tell us that wealth would keep us out of heaven. In fact, they did tell us that we went to heaven or hell when we left this world. They just wanted everything for themselves while on this earth. I have never seen an African American religious leader who feels that material wealth will keep him or her out of heaven.

In order to tell how much interest our religious leaders have in our economic life, check their church programs. They have Missions Club, Alumni Club and all other kinds of clubs and auxiliaries but seldom will you find a church with an investment club, economic club or business club.

If there are those who do not know what I am saying, you may check for yourself and see that I am telling the truth. I have always asked the people to stick with the church but at the same time I have always stated that I am telling the truth. I am grateful to God that we are beginning to hear more religious leaders speak out as Rev James Meeks, Radio City Rev. Ben Butler, Rev. David Moore and many others.

We cannot continue to tell the people that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and not tell them how to get some meat and milk on the table. We cant continue to tell the people that God owns the houses and land and not help them find a way to buy a home or pay their rent.

At this time in our history when over 50 million jobs have left this country. Affirmative Action being done away, privatization of government jobs, the collapse of our economy and jobs left and Welfare Reform taking place. If Blacks do not come together and do for self, we will be in another form of slavery.

But God is giving African Americans everything we need to get what don’t have. God never changes but conditions do.

Therefore, African Americans must make full changes and doze not let anyone tell us otherwise.

We often talk about spirituality but until we get involved in economics nothing is going to solve our problems. Our government jobs should be our first line of economic condition. While we invest in the stock market, let us join the Million-Dollar March, marching to the business people and demanding a fair share. Because we are equal with the Whites. But God is a God of wealth. Do not accept being poor.

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed is the current racial make-up of the department. (200 hand picked selectively notified taxpayers of (200 hand picked selectively notified taxpayers) find something terribly wrong, like the Black Star project which allowed many of the unknown facts to be developed.

The Lord said, "Well, I would like to talk to you about the problems we have here." Once again, the building had been cleaned. This time he was gone fifteen minutes. Finally, the devil came back to the phone and said, "Well, I would like to talk to you again." And the building left the building. "But I have to go right now, I have to go. These damn Blacks down here have put out the fire."

"Addressing Redevelopment" published in the Hyde Park Herald posted violent and obscure vital issues relating to the proposed 7th Street Redevelopment Plan. This is of essence to the many current home and business owners who most certainly be in violation of the project is impeached to current planning.

The City will spend almost $4,000,000 on the relocation of current residents of black / Hispanic owners is wrong. The suspicion is that since the Youth Investigator is a detective claiming that a new gangster disciple had been under the aegis of Chicago's street nations, the gangster disciples, and one of its several components of its leadership had come under the scrutiny of federal investigators. When one analyzes this response by the League, several sources answer as to the reasons for the League's staunch support and, in some cases, the support this is today's group (as established in 1971) V.O.T.E.

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Come on Daley and Tallman, and other officials, put your shoes in the water. Do some work. I have no time for cutting corners and management, give tips on cleaning methods/decorating, cooking, etc. For people on a budget.

P.S. I thought Grand Boulevard was King Drive and South Park, 55th and 47th Streets, or maybe I was wrong.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

A.L. Nellum and Associates, commissioned by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The League's racial composition would not be able to function in the City of Chicago.

Considering over 90% of the juvenile offenders are African-American and Hispanic males, this is not the wrong approach to the problem. It is not Black / Hispanic youngsters who is wrong.

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I'm most inspired by songwriters, Marvin Gaye, Babyface, Tom \n\nVincent Tyler's book can be purchased from local bookstores in the \nicagoland area. My next project will be "The Hot Seventeenth ", a poetry reading, \n\nI'm sure that it will be a success, and I wish you the best of luck in your 

V. T.: None. 

V.T.: None. Are there times you question the energy and time you put into the pub-

Vincent Tyler's book can be purchased from local bookstores in the 

He is a 30-year old author of 

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by David Schultz

**Life**

**(1998)** Spanning over a sixty-year relationship between two wrongly accused individuals, a small time busi-ness (Murphy) and a naive, aspiring bank teller (Lawrence) who together throughout their years of incarceration never give up their hope for freedom.

"Life" is a movie woven together by the comedic bickering of Murphy and Lawrence that is only enjoyable in parts rather than the whole. Even through their characters, Murphy and Lawrence under Ted Demme's direc-tion try to establish the focus of the human spirit and hope against crip-pling adversities. But is not enough to change the depressing nature of this film comedy which satirized in the 1930's.

Hustler Eddie Murphy agrees to pay off a debt to a nightclub owner through bootlegging through Mississippi making him an outcast in the society where his humanity is never recognized. His characters are checked out of his money by well dressed card shark Clarence William III, who later has a violent encounter with the big white sheriff. The sheriff frames Murphy and Lawrence who are in turn shocked by the judge's life sentence decision. Once the film shifts into their prison life, "Life" can only seem to find its own identity and morality by borrowing from another more superior movie, "The Shawshank Redemption". It starts from the off screen narration of a surviving elderly inmate talking to two young prison guards about Murphy and Lawrence that lacks the resonant tone and distinct rhythm that Morgan Freeman had in "Shawshank". And there are some character references such as Miguel A. Nunez Jr., as the gay inmate who finally receives his release but like James Whitmore's character in "Shawshank" he can't face the uncer-tainties of a brave new world after years of isolation that leads to a solici-tude and death. But one of the more origi-nal scenes involved Bookeem Wood-ard as the mute inmate with a talent for baseball that makes the cars of Negro league talent scout that Murphy Lawrence tries but fails to gain their freedom through.

**SAVIOR**

Mercenary soldier Dennis Quaid becomes a crusading plunderer in this action thriller. In the role of a robed missionary, a New York newspaper reporter, he joins in the Great War of the North, a battle for survival between the United States and its neighbors. The kid orders the elderly Gorton's Fisherman tricks the survivors and his surviving family members to live a better life. 82 min. PG

A strange mixture of slave history and slavery. A strange mixture of slave his-tory and slavery. A strange mixture of slave his-tory and slavery. A strange mixture of slave his-tory and slavery.

**I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER**

Ike, a prospective cell-mate buddies, Murphy and Lawrence try to find a way to escape. Instead of getting into a democracy of the brains opposed to getting out of jail, Ike and his cell mates wind up in a place where they are free to choose. But Ike is not the kind of guy who would take a chance on freedom. He knows he's a criminal, and he's not going to let anything get in his way. But as the story unfolds, Ike begins to realize that there may be more to life than just surviving. And he starts to question the decisions he's been making.

**THE RUGRATTS MOVIE**

A year relationship between two wrongly accused individuals, a small time busi-ness (Murphy) and a naive, aspiring bank teller (Lawrence) who together throughout their years of incarceration never give up their hope for freedom. "Life" is a movie woven together by the comedic bickering of Murphy and Lawrence that is only enjoyable in parts rather than the whole. Even through their characters, Murphy and Lawrence under Ted Demme's direc-tion try to establish the focus of the human spirit and hope against crip-pling adversities. But is not enough to change the depressing nature of this film comedy which satirized in the 1930's.

Hustler Eddie Murphy agrees to pay off a debt to a nightclub owner through bootlegging through Mississippi making him an outcast in the society where his humanity is never recognized. His characters are checked out of his money by well dressed card shark Clarence William III, who later has a violent encounter with the big white sheriff. The sheriff frames Murphy and Lawrence who are in turn shocked by the judge's life sentence decision. Once the film shifts into their prison life, "Life" can only seem to find its own identity and morality by borrowing from another more superior movie, "The Shawshank Redemption". It starts from the off screen narration of a surviving elderly inmate talking to two young prison guards about Murphy and Lawrence that lacks the resonant tone and distinct rhythm that Morgan Freeman had in "Shawshank". And there are some character references such as Miguel A. Nunez Jr., as the gay inmate who finally receives his release but like James Whitmore's character in "Shawshank" he can't face the uncer-tainties of a brave new world after years of isolation that leads to a solici-tude and death. But one of the more origi-nal scenes involved Bookeem Wood-ard as the mute inmate with a talent for baseball that makes the cars of Negro league talent scout that Murphy Lawrence tries but fails to gain their freedom through.
47th King Drive Plan
Dept of Planning to attend 47th meeting

The City of Chicago's redevelopment plan for the 47th Street King Drive area does not deliver on its pledge to provide enough housing for displaced business owners who want to remain on 47th Street - especially for the community's poorest area.

That's the assessment of the 47th Street Business Association (47SBA), in a view of the latest map on the African Village proposed by Alderman Dorothy Tillman.

The 47SBA continued effort to be informed of the city's plan has been held up by the city and the alderman on numerous attempts.

The city's plan, along with Ald. Tillman to rebuild the area bounded by 45th St. to 51st St. Lawrence to the 47th Street "L". The map of the 47th King Drive plan is an early vision of what was proposed. However, the Lou Rawls Theatre and cultural center is the anchor of this redevelopment project that will be part of an ethnicity theme of the African/Caribbean and African Diaspora reported Tillman.

Construction on the Theatre began last February and is expected to cost over $10 million, as the main anchor with the Lake Park shops.

The 47SBA questions the city and the alderman's ability to honor the plan that the city developed calling for securing existing businesses in the planning. The map (Right) shows not only a displacement of existing businesses but a residential/nondensity test site.

"The City has not sought enough input from the business community in the past," says Ron Carter, vice president of the 47SBA. However, the Department of Planning is expected to attend the 47SBA regular on Friday, April 30, 8 am at Illinois Service Federal to outline the businesses in support of the plan and to include the existing businesses. This meeting is long overdue in building resident and business participation into the planning process."

Charles Bowes, Special Assistant to the Mayor began working with 47SBA following up on a letter sent more than two months ago to Mayor Richard Daley. 47SBA hope to address concerns have yet to be adequately address, including a statue of Quincy Jones on the west south corner of 47th and King Drive.

47SBA, alone with Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, Housing Commission has developed a survey seeking community input not only plans for 47th street redevelop, but what can be used for the Mid-South area.

Assessing Chicago Banks' Small Business Lending in lower-income Neighborhoods. A new report available from the Woodstock Institute by Immergluck, Daniel, June, 1998, 23 pp. The study uses new CIIL data to analyze lending by the 50 largest small business lenders in the Chicago area and ranks lenders by their tendency to lend to lower-income area and smaller firms in such areas.

City charges more Stores with Violations

The City's Grocery Store Inspection Task Force last month temporarily closed two stores and charged 16 others with multiple consumer, health and sanitation violations.

The Task Force is made up of the Department of Sanitation and Consumer Services and Buildings, and is coordinated by Consumer Services Commissioner Caroline Orzac Shoenberger. Shoenberger said the business owners were charged with violations that included unsanitary conditions in stores, rodent or insect infestation, and offering for purchase unwholesome or outdated food.

Stores cited in the South Street Journal's circulation area were:

**All Meat Market, 200 E. 69th St., charged with 14 violations that included allegedly offering for sale outdated foods, improper pest control, offering for sale unwholesome foods, unclean meat processing equipment, unclean meat display case, unclean meat display coolers, unclean food preparation tables, improperly storing food display trays, unclean floors in a walk-in cooler, failing to repair the hand wash sink; one building code violation for having a bar in rear of the store.**

**Aptex Assoco, 5101 S. Halsted St., was charged with five health violations that included allegedly failing to properly elevate food off the floor; storing food items in the washer, failing to ensure restroom facilities; unclean conditions in the washer, and one sanitation violation for allegedly failing to have enough trash cans, rodent infestation, and failing to remove an accumulation of tires and debris.**

City Closes More Illegal Auto Repair Shops

In March, the City closed 10 illegal auto repair shops. The City reports the shops posed environmental and safety threats. Often, alleys-ways are clogged with cars in various stages of repair. Also, abandoned cars and discarded auto parts and vacant lots, which then have to be cleaned at taxpayers' expense, Mayor Daley stressed.

Other hazards can include the illegal dumping of motor oil and gasoline in our sewer system and the public disturbances caused by the often early morning and late night working hours.

The City reported that in addition to those concerns, car owners who do business with illegal auto repair garages may not be receiving quality repair work for their money.

The illegal shops closed in March on the South Side were located at: 7739 S. Halsted Ave, 3631 S. Indiana Ave., 5908 S State St. In addition to being closed, the owners were charged with operating without a license and doing business in violation of the City's motor vehicle repair ordinance. If convicted, the owners could face fines of up to $500 per violation.

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by sharon starr

Getting permits for major rehab and new construction projects requires architectural plans, a plot survey and sometimes an architect. Owners and contractors are compiling Building Commissioner Cheryl Thomas is concerned. Obtaining major rehab and new construction permits is a process like these are to be returned to City Hall any day. The process

Mr. Leonard Tyler, a property owner for more than 40 years in the 4900 block of Indiana Avenue, began his rehab project a month or so ago. His former contractor, Mr. Munson accompanied him to City Hall twice in an attempt to get a permit.

According to Mr. Tyler, "I spent two days at City Hall. My signature was needed on papers." Very little was accomplished. Actually, the contractor can secure permits without the owner's signature. This means contractors can sign for and obtain permits. One reason contractors prefer owner's names on permits is they constantly take responsibility for problems which might develop later on.

The contractor should be glad they're not working in places like Paris. It's been said by residents of Paris, that permission must be given by the government to remove or change a screw in old buildings. Every architectural detail is covered by the EPP. Fences less than five feet don't require a building permit. Even if the contractor probably can begin with the EPP for simple repairs and replacements, then continue the rehab work by getting other permits which don't come through EPP. It's worth talking about. There is a Permit Process Hotline (312) 744-1793.

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City Announces

$40 Million In Housing Investments
Woodlawn Organization-Project to Receive New
Ownership and Rehab,
Kenwood
Revitalization Moves West

to Cottage Grove

As the community navigates through the changes, lower income residents of the Near South Side will be assured of improved, affordable housing as a result of the City of Chicago's 1999 Rental Housing Investment Program. Experience housing development and manager Woodlawn Community Development Corporation has been awarded tax-exempt bonds yielding $533,000 in housing tax credits and $3,600,000 in financing to acquire and rehabilitate Prairie Courts on the 2600 block of South King Drive. When completed, the apartment complex will be known as South Park Plaza and provide affordable housing for 120 families. Built 50 years ago, the apartment complex is slated both for substantial physical rebuilding and new.

In addition, a new multi-million dollar housing development will help extend the revitalization of Kenwood westward as a result of the City of Chicago's 1999 Rental Housing Investment Program. The New Kenwood LLC, a partnership of housing developers Alison Davis, Tony Rezzo and Andrew Ditton, was awarded more than $2,500,000 in federal and state and city funding sources to create 35 new units.

The tax credits and federal funding will be used to construct a new apartment complex on the site of the former hotel, which was razed in 1972. The development will be managed by Woodlawn Community Development Corporation and will provide affordable housing for 50 families.

The development will include 50 units of affordable housing, including 40 units for low-income families and 10 units for very low-income families. The units will be available to families earning up to 80% of the area median income.

The project is expected to be completed in 2022 and will create approximately 250 construction jobs and 10 permanent jobs.

The development is part of a larger effort to revitalize the South Side neighborhood. The City of Chicago has invested over $1 billion in housing and community development in the area since 2000, including the development of new affordable housing, the rehabilitation of existing housing, and the creation of community facilities.

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