

# BRIDGEVIEWS



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## Bridgeview to Invest \$3,000,000 in Road & Water Projects



Nearly a mile of new roads to be repaired in 2024.

Mayor Landek announced that more Village streets will be redone as part of the fourth year of the Bridgeview Street Resurfacing Project that improves our infrastructure and beautifies our community. Nearly a mile of streets will be repaved, and in total, about 5.5 miles of streets, curbs, and sidewalks will have been completed since the project began in 2021. As part of the street resurfacing project, curbs are replaced, and storm sewers are repaired and replaced as necessary to maintain and improve the flood preparedness of the



Water flows from a Bridgeview fire hydrant.



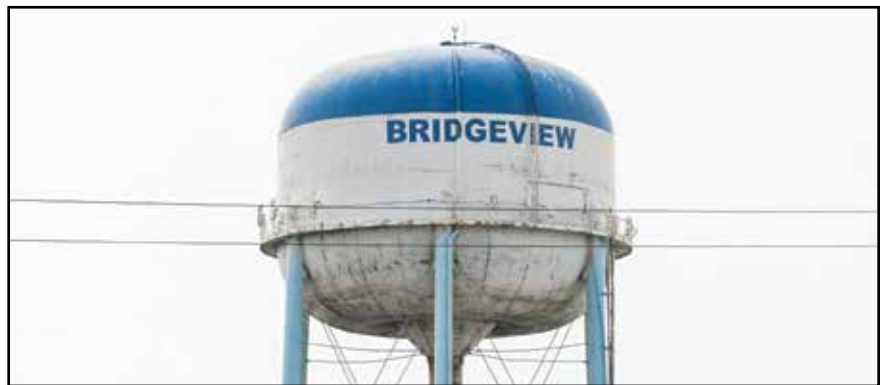
Residents enjoy newly repaved roads.

Village. Additional infrastructure work taking place in 2024 includes:

- Repainting the Bridgeview Water Tower to a brilliant blue by the end of the summer
  - This includes cleaning, repairing, and updating the inside of the tower
- Flushing fire hydrants to ensure proper water flow to hydrants
  - This involves pushing water through the hydrant system to clear any sediments
- Leveling sidewalks as needed to keep pedestrians safe
  - This requires injecting mortar into holes drilled in the sidewalk square
- Smoke testing the storm sewers as required by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
  - This process identifies leaks in the sewer system for repair to reduce flooding

The 2024 projects build on the investments of 2023 and will ensure that Bridgeview's infrastructure stays modern.

"I'm proud of the work the Village has accomplished as well as what we have planned for 2024," stated Mayor Landek. "Our continual investments in Bridgeview's infrastructure keeps it up to date, making our community safe and beautiful for all who live here."



Our water tower will have a new look by the end of 2024.



Mayor Landek (left) Trustee Gary Lewis (center) and Water Plant Operator William Green (right) review the completed above ground tank repairs.

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Battalion Chief Toczek's wife pins on his new badge.



Fire Chief Keith Grzadziel and Trustee Patricia Higginson congratulate Battalion Chief Mark Toczek after his swearing-in.

# Fire Lieutenant Mark Toczek Sworn in as Battalion Chief

At the Village Board meeting on January 17th, Bridgeview Fire Lieutenant Mark Toczek was officially sworn in as Battalion Chief. Battalion Chief Toczek has served as a Bridgeview firefighter for more than two decades and has shown his dedication to his community

and to the Village.

Fire Chief Keith Grzadziel said he is confident in Battalion Chief Toczek's abilities and believes he will succeed in the leadership position. "He started here as a paramedic through Christ Hospital's program, so we've known

him since then. Mark is very punctual and detailed, and he bleeds Bridgeview, just like myself."

Trustee Patricia Higginson explained the importance of promotions like this one. "Ensuring that the best and brightest lead our Fire Department,

helps the Department remain vigilant and ready to serve our residents. We need trusted firefighters who know our community to help keep us all safe."

The Village of Bridgeview Board of Trustees looks forward to seeing Battalion Chief Toczek in his new role!



Trustee Pat Higginson is impressed with how much the ambulance looks like new.

## Ambulance Refurbished

One of the Bridgeview Fire Department's ambulances has been refurbished, with its old chassis being replaced with a completely new one. Remounting the ambulance to a new chassis can cost up to 40% less than purchasing a new ambulance, making it a cost-effective way to extend the life of an ambulance and ensure that it can continue to provide vital services to the community.

Fire Chief Keith Grzadziel showed the ambulance to Trustee Patricia Higginson and elaborated on the remounting process. "Replacing the chassis and oth-

er parts of the ambulance in need of repair allows us to ensure the ambulance meets all safety and performance standards along with any other customization needs."

"It's important to keep our fleet of emergency vehicles in proper working condition," explains Trustee Patricia Higginson. "Investing in routine refurbishments and updating Fire Department vehicles is one part of the process of maintaining the Village's emergency preparedness."

## Become a Bridgeview Firefighter!

Bridgeview is currently hiring new firefighters to help serve our community. This important position is necessary to keep our families, homes, schools, businesses, and more safe from fires and other hazards. Every Bridgeview firefighter is also a trained paramedic, enabling them to perform lifesaving first aid when required. Keeping our Fire Department properly staffed ensures they can respond as quickly as possible to any situation, so don't hesitate to apply to be a Bridgeview Firefighter if you'd like to serve your community. Visit the Bridgeview website at the link in the QR code above to view the job application.



# Join Bridgeview Lions Club!

The Bridgeview Lions Club is one of the oldest civic organizations in the community. Over the years, the Lions Club has performed numerous acts of goodwill and charity for those in need. What does the Lions Club do? They sponsor sight programs, vision screenings, eye health education, health programs for diabetes prevention, youth volunteer opportunities, environmental programs, and hunger relief missions. That is quite a list! Bridgeview is proud to boast of a strong

and active Lions Club. Why not join them and help your community? Lions President Margie Bonnar Strzemp is always looking for participants who care about serving their community and others. The Lions Club is an international organization dedicated to serving with uncommon kindness, putting the needs of our neighbors, our communities and our world first. For information about the Bridgeview Lions Club contact the Lions President at [mjstrzemp@aol.com](mailto:mjstrzemp@aol.com).



Lions club members gather for a photo at the 2023 Lions Club Oktoberfest. Photo provided by Lions Club of Bridgeview.

## Trustee Kalid Baste Appointed to Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council

Illinois State Senate President Don Harmon has appointed Village of Bridgeview Trustee Kalid Baste to the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim Americans, to advance the role of civic participation, and to enhance trade and cooperation between other countries and Illinois. Due to his work with non-profits along with his work with businesses in Bridgeview and beyond, Trustee Baste was recommended to the position by Bridgeview's own Senator Mike Porfirio. "The extensive experience of Trustee Baste made him an excellent candidate for this role, and I'm glad that his knowledge will be used to benefit both our community and the state of Illinois," said Senator Porfirio.



Kalid Baste

The Village of Bridgeview Board of Trustees also commended Trustee Baste for his appointment, which they said will highlight Bridgeview voices and serve all Illinois residents well. "We

extend our congratulations to Trustee Baste and know he will represent our community with honor."



Piles of trash strewn on a lawn will not be picked up on garbage day. Only one bulk item placed on the curb is allowed.

## Keep Your Cans on the Curb

Here's a list of things to keep in mind when garbage day approaches:

Garbage pickup is every Monday morning except when holidays impact the collection.

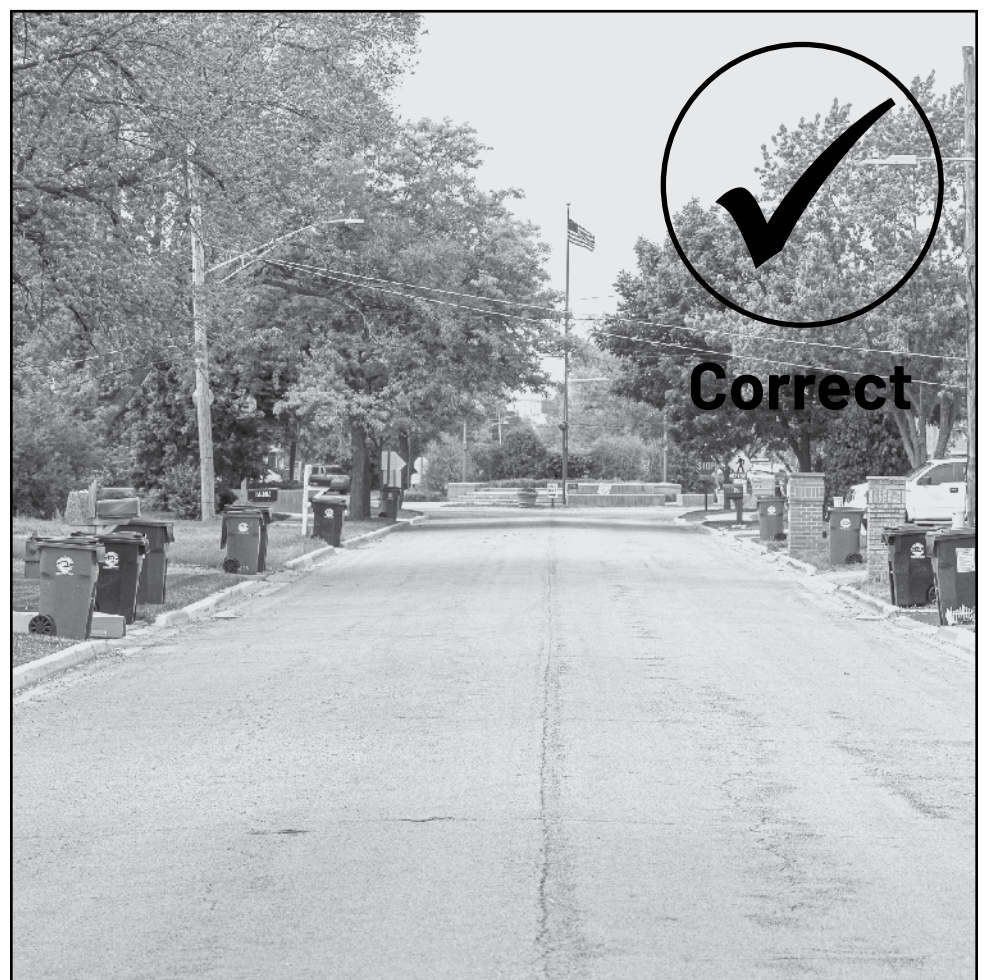
Garbage cans should be placed neatly on the curb the night before pickup day to ensure that the collection process is quick and easy.

Garbage cans placed in the street can make the job of the garbage collectors and street sweepers more difficult.

To ensure that you don't miss garbage collection on Monday morning, please place cans out on the curb Sunday night.

If you are planning on doing some Spring cleaning or are moving out and need to rent a dumpster please contact SBC Waste Solutions at 312.522.1115 to request a dumpster.

The holidays scheduled to impact garbage collection are available to view on the Bridgeview website.



Garbage cans are lined up neatly on the curb for garbage day, correctly.

# CHICAGO HOUNDS ARE READY FOR 2024



















Chicago Hounds vs San Diego Legion in the final home game of 2024.

The Chicago Hounds have been bringing plenty of new players onto their team as they head into their second season in Major League Rugby. 2024 promises to be an exciting time for Hounds fans as veteran players supplemented by a slew of top-tier talents begin establishing themselves as a fixture of the league. This young club has energy to spare, as evidenced by their bold and action-packed gameplay that many Bridgeview residents witnessed at the Hounds' inaugural 2023 game at SeatGeek Stadium.

Bringing professional rugby to national prominence is no easy task, but the Hounds are committed. Last season they won two intense games against the Dallas Jackals in a rivalry match dubbed the "Dog Bowl" that left fans howling with pride. The Hounds simply refused to be outdone by their canine competitors, and they don't plan to lose to them this year either. If the Hounds' typical relentless practicing in the fields around the Stadium is any indication, they're aiming to win games and leave an even bigger (bite)mark on the MLR in 2024.

The Chicago Hounds are a professional rugby team competing in Major League Rugby (MLR), North America's professional rugby League. The Hounds were named as an expansion franchise in 2022 and played their Inaugural Season in 2023 at SeatGeek Stadium. For the seventh iteration, the MLR regular season will include 18 weeks of action for its 11 teams. Each team will compete in a single table and play six opponents twice in the season and four opponents once. The top eight teams will qualify for the 2024 Championship Series.

Major League Rugby is a professional sports league representing the highest level of rugby competition in North America. MLR prides itself in fostering intense, high-stakes competition while bringing together a passionate community built on the values of Respect, Inclusivity, and Tradition. For more information, visit [www.Majorleague.Rugby](http://www.Majorleague.Rugby) and follow @USMLR on Twitter and Instagram.

Sun. March 24 1:00pm CST Week 4	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	New England Free Jacks 
Sat. March 30 5:00pm CST Week 5	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Seattle Seawolves 
Sun. April 14 1:00pm CST Week 7	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Anthem RC 
Sun. April 21 1:00pm CST Week 8	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	RFC Los Angeles 
Sat. May 11 5:00pm CST Week 11	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Old Glory DC 
Sun. May 26 1:00pm CST Week 13	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	NOLA Gold 
Sat. June 15 6:00pm CST Week 16	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	San Diego Legion 
Sat. June 29 6:00pm CST Week 18	 Chicago Hounds	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Miami Sharks 

# Meet 2024 Chicago Red Stars Team!



Amazing Red Stars goalie Alyssa Naeher catches a shot in front of the goal.



Red Stars sprint down the field as they breakaway from the Houston Dash.

The Chicago Red Stars will play their first home game of their 2024 National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) season at SeatGeek Stadium on March 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Heading into the year, the Red Stars are looking to fill open positions with fresh talent and launch into a fierce training program under newly appointed head coach Lorne Donaldson, the former head of the Jamaican Women's National Team during their historic World Cup run. Donaldson is joined by the experienced new assistant coach Ella Masar, a former Red Star herself who is undoubtedly dedicated to the success of the team.



Lorne Donaldson

As many residents saw at the Chicago Red Stars Bridgeview Night, the team is composed of dependable fighters willing to put in the effort to win regardless of the situation. New players will surely join in the competitive excellence exemplified by many Red Stars staples who have been retained by the club, such as star goalie Alyssa Naeher and fantastic forward Mallory Swanson whose new contract through 2028 is the most lucrative agreement in the history of the NWSL. The combination of classic Red Stars, skilled acquisitions, and a new coach has many fans and supporters excited about the team's 2024 potential. Red Stars owner Laura Ricketts and Red Stars President Karen Leetzow hope to build upon the fiery tenacity of the Chicago Red Stars to create a championship culture on and off the pitch while advancing women's soccer locally and nationally.



Saturday March 23		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Seattle Reign 
Saturday April 13		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Angel City FC 
Saturday April 27		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Portland Thorns 
Wednesday May 1		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Washington Spirit 
Sunday May 12		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Utah Royals 
Saturday May 25		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Racing Louisville FC 
Sunday June 9		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Bay FC 
Saturday July 6		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Houston Dash 
Sunday September 8		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Orlando Pride 
Saturday September 21		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	San Diego Wave FC 
Sunday September 29		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	North Carolina Courage 
Saturday October 12		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	NJ/NY Gotham FC 
Sunday November 3		Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview	Kansas City Current 

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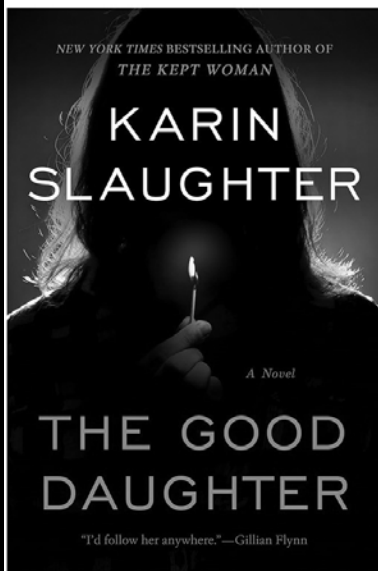
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## Whodunit? Book Club presents: The Good Daughter by Karin Slaughter



Two girls are forced into the woods at gunpoint. One runs for her life. One is left behind...  
Twenty-eight years ago, Charlotte and Samantha Quinn's happy small-town family life was torn apart by a terrifying attack on their family home. It left their mother dead. It left their father — Pikeville's notorious defense attorney — devastated. And it left the family fractured beyond repair, consumed by secrets from that terrible night.  
Twenty-eight years later, and Charlie has followed in her father's footsteps to become a lawyer herself — the ideal good daughter. But when violence comes to Pikeville again — and a shocking tragedy leaves the whole town traumatized — Charlie is plunged into a nightmare. Not only is she the first witness on the scene, but it's a case that unleashes the terrible memories she's spent so long trying to suppress. Because the shocking truth about the crime that destroyed her family nearly thirty years ago won't stay buried forever...

Pick up books on/after February 29th, 2024

Meeting is on Thursday March 28th, 2024 @6pm

Questions? Suggestions? Email me @  
apierce@bridgeviewlibrary.org

## Friday Flix presents: Miss Congeniality



Friday March 22nd, 2024  
1pm-3pm

## Hollywood Bites: From Golden Age Glamour to Rom-Com Delights



Thursday  
March 14th,  
2024 @  
6:30pm

Indulge in tales about a white booth once nestled inside a glamorous Chicago hotel restaurant, where classic Hollywood movie stars converged. Then, turn to the romantic comedy *When Harry Met Sally*, as you uncover how food offers insight into its characters' lives, even in fleeting Chicago scenes.

Through HD video footage, the University of Chicago and Chicago's Union Station will serve as backdrops for your culinary movie journey.

## Miss Jamie's Farm A Fun & Educational Music Show



Fun and educational, Miss Jamie's show is a Musical Storytime adventure, involving interactive singing and dancing songs, funny farm puppets, and imaginative play. Children and grownups alike will love singing and dancing with their friends. Miss Jamie's Big Book show is a storybook come to life.

Saturday, March 23, 2024  
2pm  
Lower Level  
All ages show

**Youth Services Spring programs begin  
Monday, March 25, 2024  
Visit our website for program information:  
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BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS:

# LUCKY LEPRECHAUN BREAKFAST

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Get ready to paint the town green, people! The Bridgeview Park District is throwing an epic Irish breakfast bash to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We're talking green-tastic pancakes, sausage, hash browns, eggs, and more - all served up fresh at 10am sharp.

Yum!

But hold onto your four-leaf clovers, folks, because the fun doesn't stop there. We're on a mission to find that sneaky leprechaun's pot of gold, and we need your help following the treasure map! And that's not all - we've even got a life like cloud to step inside! Those mischievous leprechauns might have misplaced their gold while crossing the rainbow, but now is our chance to claim it!

Plus, brace yourselves for a mesmerizing performance by Saol Academy of Irish dance followed by a balloon drop!

Luck of the Irish, here we come!

FEE: \$13 PER PERSON AGES 2 AND BELOW FREE!

ALL AGES

**MARCH 16TH, 2024** 10AM - 12:30P.M.

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708-594-1818  
www.bridgeviewparkdistrict.com

**REGISTER NOW**

BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS:

# PEEPS-A-PALOOZA!

## Flash Light Egg Hunt!

Get ready for a night of egg-cellent fun with the Bridgeview Park District! We're hosting a FLASHLIGHT Easter Egg hunt, where you'll have the chance to snap some pics with the one and only Easter Bunny. Don't forget to bring your basket and flashlight to gather up all those colorful eggs, bunnies and of

\$5 PER PERSON course REGISTER TODAY! SCAN BELOW

AGES 2 AND UNDER FREE! PEEPS!

**FRIDAY MARCH 22ND**  
7:30 CHECK IN  
8:00 EGG HUNT

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BASKET TO COLLECT ALL THOSE EGGS!

For more information  
WWW.BRIDGEVIEWPARKDISTRICT.COM  
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# Chicago Red Stars Home Opener FREE for Bridgeview Residents March 23



Chicago Red Stars play at their home stadium.




Image of Bridgeview Night in 2023. Chicago Red Stars Vs. Seattle Reign.

The Chicago Red Stars invite Village of Bridgeview residents to join them for the 2024 NWSL Season Home Opener against Seattle Reign for FREE! To request tickets, Bridgeview residents can scan the QR Code on this page to sign up online, call the Village of Bridgeview Customer Service Office at 708-594-2525 (ext. 3), or send an email to [info@villageofbrid-](mailto:info@villageofbrid-)

[villageofbrid-](mailto:info@villageofbrid-)geview.com. Tickets will be assigned on a first come, first served basis and will be delivered digitally to your email prior to the event.

The 2024 season promises to be an exciting new chapter for the Chicago Red Stars as the team has invested heavily in acquiring new skilled players and experienced coaching staff. Fans hope the money, time, and hard work

put into this team produces fresh results over time, and the Home Opener could be the start of a shining performance by the tenacious Red Stars. Residents saw the fiery team in action during last season's Chicago Red Stars Bridgeview Nights, so join in the fun and request tickets now because you don't want to miss the free action-packed game!

**BRIDGEVIEW  
ARGO-SUMMIT  
JUSTICE**

## You're Invited

# SUNDAY

The Lions Clubs of Bridgeview, Argo-Summit & Justice invite you to join us at our annual celebration of individuals and businesses who strengthen our community. Please join us in celebrating:

*Teacher* OF THE YEAR  
*Veteran* OF THE YEAR  
*Business* OF THE YEAR  
*Peace Poster* WINNER

To attend this event, please RSVP to Dawn Grogan by March 4th. You may submit your RSVP via email to [bridgeviewlions@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeviewlions@gmail.com) or by phone at 708.860.8909.

**SUN | MARCH 10 | 12PM**  
 BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER  
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**FREE LUNCH & FREE TO ATTEND!**

## Important Dates

**Friday, March 29th**

Village Hall closed for Good Friday

**April 1st**

Village Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags go on Sale

**April 1st**

Yard Waste Collection Begins

**May 11th**

Spring Cleanup Day

**Monday, May 27th**

Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed

**Tuesday, May 28th**

Garbage will be picked up

**May 31st**

Vehicle Sticker Deadline

**September 28th**

Fall Cleanup Day

**TREASURE DAYS**

**September 7th & 8th**

North of 87th Street / East of the Tracks

**September 14th & 15th**

North of 87th Street / West of the Tracks

**September 21st & 22nd**

South of 87th Street