

LOYOLA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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LOYOLA NURSING STUDENTS CARE



For the past 25 years the Loyola University Nursing Center has served the communities surrounding Lake Shore Campus. This facility grew from the observation of parish priests, faculty, and students as the homebound elderly who lived in the area needed assistance to remain in the community. With these concerns in mind, the program began in collaboration with the St. Ignatius parish in 1981. The idea was that Loyola's nursing students would visit elderly residents of Rogers Park and Edgewater to provide health assessment, health education, and referrals to community agencies that could assist elderly in their homes.

The program has since grown to also include health screenings throughout the community and health education within private and public grammar schools. Senior level nursing students make home visits under the direction of nursing faculty during their community health nursing practicum. They provide over 1000 home visits annually to individuals and families for the supervision of chronic health problems. Clients are typically visited on a weekly basis throughout the year. During student breaks, nursing students are hired by the Center to ensure that patient care is not disrupted.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear neighbors,

While many of the students have been away for the summer we have been hard at work preparing for their return. This issue of the Loyola Neighborhood News focuses on what we've been doing on and around campus this summer and our plans for back-to-school.

The construction season has been busy. With the approval of a redevelopment agreement within the Devon-Sheridan TIF, we've been working to make the intersections of Sheridan Road more visibly attractive and much safer for pedestrians. The former parking lot between Piper Hall and Mundelein Center is undergoing a transformation that will

create a beautiful garden with sculpture and a water feature. The former Root Photography building at 1137 West Sheridan Road is being refurbished to make it the new home for the materials-intensive fine arts such as woodworking and metal sculpting.

We have been working with the department of student life to ensure that new and returning students can transition smoothly into the community. Events are planned that will bring a Taste of Rogers Park and Edgewater to campus as well as bringing students and their parents out to the restaurants. The second annual off-campus student receptions will focus on a larger number of

students and neighbors living in different parts of the community. The Saturday of Service on August 26 is anticipated to introduce over 125 first-year students to a faith that does justice as they endeavor to paint a city wrought-iron fence.

I think this issue is our most interesting yet. A lot is happening at Loyola and in Rogers Park/Edgewater that makes it an exciting time to have my job and an exciting time to live in the neighborhood!

Sincerely,

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INCREASED SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS, A TIF PRIORITY



Increasing pedestrian safety on Sheridan Road was set by the community as a high priority in both the Devon-Sheridan TIF ordinance and the TIF Design Guidelines. This summer Loyola has been working with Aldermen Moore, O'Connor, and Smith to draw attention to the safety concerns of pedestrians from "the curve" where North Sheridan Road turns west around the campus to the Albion Avenue on the north.

This area is where three wards, three streets, two communities, two CTA viaducts, and an el station are connected by a series of eight traffic lights. Few could disagree that in its current

configuration, Sheridan Road simply is not safe to cross.



The Chicago Department of Transportation, the Aldermen, and Loyola teamed up to advocate for and re-stripe all of the crosswalks and install pedestrian oriented count-down timer lights at each of the intersections, including Sheridan/Devon/Broadway. Additionally, the busy student-oriented intersec-

tions of Kenmore/Sheridan and Winthrop/Sheridan were significantly improved with funding from the university as part of its redevelopment agreement with the City.



"It's time we take a serious look at the number of pedestrians going to and from Loyola across Sheridan Road. It's been a hazard for years," said 48th ward staff assistant Tom Samuels. At each of these intersections work is in progress to enhance ADA ramp accessibility, widen the sidewalks to sixteen feet, and stamp the entire intersection with a cross-hatch design and the art deco motif Mundelein Center.

INTRODUCING: THE LOYOLA HELPERS

Loyola University Chicago and Misericordia Heart of Mercy partnered to form the Loyola Helpers, a program designed to offer on-campus employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Loyola Helpers, working in conjunction with Loyola's Facilities Department, are currently engaged in a variety of projects from grounds clean-up to the planting of foliage around campus, and the Helpers will continue to assist Loyola by maintaining flowers and greenery. In turn Loyola recognizes the group's hard work with posted signs crediting the Loyola Helpers.

Misericordia supports over 550 children

and adults with mild to profound developmental disabilities; their nationally recognized programs include: residential placement and day-to-day support; job training and employment opportunities; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; fitness and healthy living guidance; social and recreational outings; and opportunities for spiritual growth. It is with this mission in mind that Misericordia partnered with Loyola to provide real-life job training for developmentally challenged adults. "This is a wonderful program, and Loyola's faculty, students and supporters should be proud that their university offers

challenging job roles for adults with developmental disabilities," commented Tina Stendaro, program director at Misericordia.

This partnership with Misericordia highlights just one way the University is living the Jesuit mission of educating while being of service to our local community and contributing to the common good. "At Loyola, our mission involves seeking ways to serve others and making a difference in our communities," says John Slobodnik, director of Facilities. "Setting up this partnership with Misericordia is just one small example of how the University acts out our mission."



Loyola University Chicago Water Tower Residence Fact Sheet

- 25-story high-rise featuring fully furnished apartments with spectacular city views
- New home of Flapjaws Café
- 24-hour security staff
- Steps away from CTA bus and el stops
- Steps from the Loyola Law Center, Graduate School of Business, and Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA)
- State-of-the-art fitness center

Fascinating Figures:

- Units: 168
- Beds: 627
- Bathrooms: 333
- Bricks: 209,634
- Pounds of rebar: 2,041,891
- Pounds of Concrete: 106,476,255
- Gallons of Paint per floor: 200
- Miles of conduit: 27

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BACK TO SCHOOL PREPARATIONS

How quickly the summer comes and goes in Chicago! This summer Loyola staff and faculty were busy managing nine Discover Loyola sessions. These sessions are designed to help incoming freshman meet with Deans and advisors, learn about campus services, and become immersed in the Loyola community. This year's orientation offered the Discover series which included sessions on community, balance, and engagement. Among many conversations students learned to be positive members of their new community staying physically and emotionally balanced during the transition to college life.

Additionally, students were introduced to AlcoholEdu for College, a required online alcohol prevention program for all first-year students. Loyola will

also begin an initiative called "Choice. Control. Character," to encourage students to make safe and healthy decisions about alcohol while maintaining control and building character. These programs educate students about alcohol and harm reduction.

Beginning August 23rd Loyola welcomes 2,200 freshman students with a week of events and activities. Loyola will offer Rogers Park and Edgewater walking tours to students allowing them the opportunity to learn about history of the neighborhood while having lunch at Ethiopian Diamond, Thai Grill, or Café Suron.

During Welcome Week, University Ministry offers the Chicago Urban Immersion. The goal is to directly involve students and raise awareness about some of the social problems

facing Chicago. Students will listen to people struggling to thrive in an urban environment. Throughout the academic year they will work with local service organizations to create programs that offer aid to those in need.

Given the tremendous success of last year's reception, Loyola will host its second annual Welcome Back Receptions for neighbors and off-campus students on August 22nd and 23rd. The reception gives neighbors and students an opportunity to mingle in an informal setting and start the year off on the right foot.



A GRANVILLE MINUTE



In March 2006 Loyola University Chicago solidified its commitment

to campus-community safety by opening the City's first off-campus police office on Granville. In conjunction with the grand opening, a dedicated group of Loyola students launched the Chicago Safety Initiative or CSI: LOYOLA. This organization is dedicated to increasing awareness and empowering the community by creating and enhancing current safety programs on-campus and in surrounding area.

CSI: LOYOLA takes the community policing strategy beyond the realm of responding to incidents of crime. This campaign empowers our community at large to take active roles in its personal safety. Such initiatives include the development of programs, events and workshops that focus on preventative safety measures. CSI: LOYOLA fo-

cuses on issues of concern such as protecting one's personal safety, identity theft, internet safety, and other related ways to increase safety awareness.

CSI will garner support and participation from the community while partnering internally with Wellness Center, Campus Safety, Residence Life, Student Life, Community Relations as well as local business owners, CAPS, federal, state and local offices to obtain the resources to create and publicize programs that will empower students and their neighbors.

CSI: LOYOLA wants students and non-students to feel that they are in control of their surroundings no matter where they might be; that they have a responsibility to be vigilant for the safety of their fellow students/neighbors; that they are part of a community in which safety is a priority; and that they have the information and tools necessary to make good decisions about safety.

This effort will unify the programs the University already offers and promote interdepartmental communication and efficiency in safety planning by highlighting and collaborating with internal and external departments and organizations. We seek to help make Loyola University Chicago a leader in the fight against crime.

Since its inception in February 2006, CSI: LOYOLA has attracted several dedicated students who have collaborated with Campus Safety to provide safety awareness training for middle school students at Sacred Heart School and facilitated the campus's first Safety Awareness Summit. They were featured on television's *Chicago Crime Watch* and in the *Loyola Phoenix* student newspaper.

The new academic year is here and CSI: LOYOLA plans to collaborate with other schools, businesses, and community organizations to create a public calendar of events.

IMPORTANT MOVE-IN DATES

Move-in Schedule

- August 21st : Downtown Student Move-in
- August 22nd : Downtown Student Move-in
- August 23rd : Freshman Move-in
- August 24th : Freshman Move-in
- August 26th : Upper Class Move-in
- August 27th : Upper Class Move-in

Other Important Dates

- August 22nd : South side Welcome back Student/ Neighbor Reception
- August 23rd : North side Welcome back Student/ Neighbor Reception
- August 23rd : Welcome week starts
- September 1st : Welcome Week ends
- September 7th : Water Tower Campus Residence Hall Opening
- September 16th : Team Loyola participates in AIDS Run & Walk Chicago





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EVENTS CALENDAR

Loyola Events

August 28 - October 6:

Mary Farrel Exhibit, Crown Center Gallery. Open M-F 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Reception on September 22, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Admission: Free.

September 7-30:

Art Faculty Biennale, Loyola University Museum of Art. Preview reception on September 7, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Admission: \$6.

September 9:

Library Speaker Series - Pullman Tour, bus departs from 25 E. Pearson. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Admission: \$30.

September 21:

Platform Reading Series - "House of Butterflies," Kathleen Mullady Theatre. 7:30 PM. Admission: \$5.

October 4-15:

"Hedda Gabler," Centennial Forum Student Union Studio Theatre Lower Level. Thurs-Sat 7:30 PM; Sun 2:00 PM. Admission: \$5.

Because of the large number of public events on campus, we encourage you to visit our university calendar website for more details about these and other events. www.luc.edu/calendar

Community Events

August 29:

Granville Task Force Meeting. Sovereign Apartments, 1040 W. Granville. 6:30 PM.

September 12:

North Edgewater Beach Association (NEBA) Block Club meeting. Place TBA, 7:00 PM.

September 23:

St. Ignatius Gala Dinner Dance. Saddle & Cycle Club, 900 W. Foster Ave. 6:00 PM.

October 21:

Spirit of Rogers Park Awards. Simpson Multipurpose Room, Loyola University Chicago, 6:00 PM.

First Tuesday & Wednesday of Every Month:

CAPS Meeting. Tues: Beat 2432, 6464 N. Clark St., Police Station. Wed: Beat 2433, 1210 W. Elmdale, Chicago Public Library. 7:00 PM.

Because of the large number of community events, we are unable to list every happening around the neighborhood. Check the calendars of your local organizations to get a complete list of events and meetings.