



Block Party Held on Marathon Route

The 44th Ward mistakenly approved a block party permit directly on the 2026 Chicago Marathon route. As 55,000 runners trampled bouncy castles, overturned grills and crushed coolers, children in attendance described the party as “sssiicckkkk.”

Death Metal Band Makes Tour Stop at French Market

This past Saturday, Swedish death metal band Dumt Skämt played a three-hour set at the French Market at the Nettelhorst School. Shoppers enjoyed a more upbeat, eardrum-shattering atmosphere. “It was a nice distraction from how much I was spending on cheese,” said one shopper.



Nature Lovers Flock to East Lakeview for Peak Stump Season

Drawn by more than 200 stumps still waiting for new trees, nature lovers have returned to East Lakeview to take in the neighborhood’s unusually large collection.

“My annual trip to see the new and old ones has become an important tradition for my family,” said one enthusiast, pausing beside a freshly cut specimen. “This neighborhood’s commitment to urban deforestation is a gift to those of us who love a good stump.”



New Nettelhorst Crossing Guard Works from Home



The Nettelhorst School has filled the long-vacant crossing guard position at Broadway and Aldine with a fully remote hire. The telecommuting guard, who lives three blocks away, has only been knocked over by cars three times in his first week on the job.



Organizers Take Extra Precautions to Keep Drivers Safe From Trick-or-Treaters

Unlike West Lakeview, which closes Southport Avenue for its annual event, Lakeview East’s Little Monsters Crawl will once again pack families onto Broadway’s sidewalks so drivers can enjoy a detour-free Halloween.

“Three hours of joy and safety for our local kids should never come at the expense of our convenience,” said a spokesperson for Chicago’s impatient drivers.