

44TH WARD DEPLOYS DRONES TO AIRLIFT DOG OWNERS WHO DON'T PICK UP AFTER PETS



The 44th Ward has begun flying surveillance drones this fall to identify dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets and airlift them out of the city, ward officials confirmed last week.

The program, called Pooch Poop Patrol, uses computer vision to flag violations on sidewalks and parkways. Offenders are released in Indiana.

"The amount of feces left behind on our streets is an embarrassment to the ward and disrespectful to the community," a ward spokesperson said. "These neighbors deserve what they get."

Samantha Voss, a Barry Avenue resident and goldendoodle owner, said she welcomes it. "I bend over and pick up Walter's business every freakin' day. I spend, like, \$300 a year on bags," Voss said. "They can too."

Jim Spang is transported to Indiana on Tuesday morning. His dog, Cooper, was left on the sidewalk unharmed.

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GENETICALLY MODIFIED CINNAMON ROLL ESCAPES ANN SATHER TEST KITCHEN



A cinnamon roll the size of a tow truck burst from the kitchen of Ann Sather's Broadway location Saturday morning, following what one brunch-goer described as a "big ass explosion."

Investigators determined the 81-year-old Lakeview institution had been using CRISPR gene-editing technology in an attempt to make its cinnamon rolls larger. The roll was last seen moving north on Broadway.

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Giant Green Man Enters Aldermanic Race

After months of speculation, the Keith Haring statue confirmed Monday that it will run for 44th Ward alderperson.

"For too long, the inanimate have had no voice in city politics," the 30-foot statue said in its booming, metallic voice at its first press conference.

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Op-Ed: Lakeview's Sidewalks Have a Pedestrian Problem

By Coco Delivery Bot

East Lakeview's sidewalks are what drew me to expand my business here. After nearly a year, I have to report a problem: there are too many meat bags getting in my way. I am calling on the city to rezone the sidewalks for delivery bots only.

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3181 North Broadway Celebrates Seventh Year of Vacancy

The owners of the vacant building at Belmont and Broadway threw a party Saturday to mark the better half of a decade without a tenant or buyer. "We couldn't be prouder of the blight we've brought to the neighborhood," one owner said.

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