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Forward Chicago is a grassroots all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit that connects neighbors, businesses and local organizations to build a stronger community. Together, we're creating a neighborhood where people of all ages are active, engaged and influential.

Looking forward to the '20s

In 2012, Forward Chicago held our first event, A Community Conversation on Aging. On that chilly December morning, over 200 people came together, and we began. Over the last seven years there have been hundreds of get-togethers, meetings and impactful events. New friendships have been made, and we have grown together.

Our Craft Circle continues to meet monthly. They not only make their beautiful creations on their own and together but impressively continue to contribute to our community with blankets and more for refugees, children and others in need; community contributions to The Night Ministry and women's projects.

Great Decisions and now our Current Events Group bring people together to learn, discuss and expand their thinking. Attendees have new things to talk about and hone their perspectives both locally and internationally. These groups continue in 2020—so make sure not to miss out.

As always, we like to break bread. Our Dinner Club is back, Lunch Bunch continues to meet and our potlucks are fantastic.

We support local restaurants and get together for delicious meals with friends, old and new.

Games People Play is a hit—with our ever-growing non-competitive bridge and now Mah Jong, people are learning new things and building relationships along the way.

We always have an eye toward our community—we bring people together for conferences, speakers, and to collaborate with our Aldermen to grow a community for all ages. This work continues as we look to bring more housing options to our neighborhood. We need your opinions and ideas, so please join us in this endeavor.

Please include Forward Chicago in your end-of-year giving. Together our donors, our volunteers, Board Plus and Community Sponsors make all of this happen. We look forward to the next decade as one where we continue to grow—together.



Ideas into Action visits the Lathrop Homes

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November 2019 - February 2020



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Holiday Potluck

Thursday, December 12 | 6:00-8:30pm

Bring holiday cheer and a dish to share, BYOB & RSVP.

Location: St Matthias Convent – 4927 N Claremont
Free parking in lot north of convent

Optional:

Bring an unwrapped toy for boys age 8 and up for Toys for Tots



Craft Circle

Knitters, quilters, embroiderers, all are welcome. Some months we have guest speakers, and other months we work on projects together.

Third Wednesdays: 10:30am-12:00pm

Dates: **Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19**

Note new location: Queen of Angels Parish Center, 4412 N Western, 2nd floor.

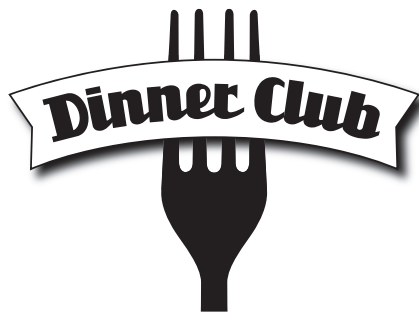


Ideas Into Action

Help explore housing options that fit our community. Now let's put some Ideas into Action. Help with outreach and plan a public event.

Call or email for meeting times.

Location: St. Matthias Convent –
4927 N Claremont (Free parking in lot)



Dinner Club

You said you want to get together for dinner with your neighbors... Join us as we explore BYOB restaurants and be sure to bring a friend. Price \$25-\$35.

Second Thursdays (RSVP): 6:00-8:00pm

Nov 14 - Jibek Jolu, 5047 N Lincoln Ave

Dec 12 - Holiday Potluck, St Mathias,
4927 N Claremont

Jan 9 - Luella's Southern Kitchen, 4609 N
Lincoln Ave

Feb 13 - Lincoln Square Friendship Center, 2733
W Lawrence - Volunteer to serve dinner to those
in need and then have dinner together after.



Lunch Bunch

Join us for lunch and conversation. We dine at all types of great local restaurants. \$14-\$18 covers the meal, tax and tip.

Third Thursdays (RSVP): 12:00-1:30pm

Nov 21 House of Wah Sun 4319 N Lincoln

Dec 19 Lady Gregory's Irish Bar & Restaurant,
5260 N Clark

Jan 16 Lou Malnati's, 4340 N Lincoln

Feb 20 Bien Me Sabe, 1637 W Montrose



47th Ward Wellness Fair

Saturday, Nov 9 | 10:00am-3:00pm

Location: Sulzer Library, 4455 N Lincoln Ave

Free flu shots, blood pressure, glucose and
cholesterol screenings, rapid HIV testing and more.

Programming



Games People Play

Join Tana and Joy and learn to play Bridge or Mah Jongg. Beginners and experts welcome. Bring a sandwich and a friend.

Bridge: 10:00am-1:00pm

Dates: **Nov 1** (Tana will be in Florida, just bring cards) & **Nov 15, Dec 6 & 20, Jan 3 & 17, Feb 7 & 21**

Mah Jongg: 3:00-5:00pm

Dates: **Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5 & 19, Jan 2, 16 & 23, Feb 6, 20 & 27**

Location: Sulzer Library, 4455 N Lincoln Ave – Community Room (No meeting if Library is closed)

Current Events Discussion Group

Listen to experts and discuss deep questions about topics that will be changing your world. Co-Sponsors: League of Women Voters, Northside Unit

6:00-8:00pm

Nov 11 The Budget and Graduated Income Tax

Nov 25 Our Changing Earth: Safe Water, Soil and Air in the Time of Climate Change

Dec 9 Education: Schools for Chicago's Future

Location: Sulzer Library, 4455 N Lincoln Ave

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EVERYONE WELCOME

4th Tuesdays:

4:00-5:45pm

Dates: **Nov 19 (note new date), No Dec, Jan & Feb TBD**

Location: Gideon Welles, 4500 N Lincoln Ave



Science Speaker Series

From Bugs to the Big Bang

Come hear cool science talks at Sulzer Library by University of Chicago scientists.

Fourth Tuesdays: 6:00-7:30pm

Dates: **Jan 28 and Feb 25**

Topics TBD

Location: Sulzer Library, 4455 N Lincoln Ave – Community Room

Aging as You Wish

Plan for your future with presentations, group discussions and individual work. Topics covered will be selected by the class and may include: Change, Uncertainty & Transformation, Doing What you Love, Living Where you Choose, Making it all Legal, Giving Thanks and Creating a Legacy, Engagement & Volunteering, Community & Connection, End of Life & Dying How You Wish

Wednesdays for 6 weeks: 4:30-6:30pm

Dates: **Starting Jan 22**

Class size is limited, \$125.00. Email or call to enroll.

Location: 2002 W. Roscoe



Repair Café

Join us where neighbors help each other fix beloved but broken household items. We need more repair coaches (seamstress and jewelry repair)!

2nd Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm

Dates: **Nov 9, No Dec, Jan 11, Feb 8**

Location: Sulzer Library, 4455 N Lincoln Ave

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Community Business Connections

Forward Chicago is thankful for our local Business Connections who share our commitment to community. Our website contains detailed information so that you can shop locally and support them. Let them know you heard about them from Forward Chicago. You will find Forward Chicago materials at these locations.



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