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## Howard and Morse get solar-powered trash cans

*These bins quadruple the garbage capacity of average receptacles*

Residents, business owners and commuters on Howard Street and Morse Avenue may have noticed what looks like a gray mailbox with a solar panel near the el stations. What they won't notice is piles of garbage in overflowing traditional trash bins. That is because these nifty solar-powered devices can gobble up four times as much trash as an average garbage bin.

The Clark/Morse/Glenwood and Howard Street Special Service Areas, managed by DevCorp North, recently purchased four Big Belly solar compaction systems from the Seahorse Power Co. of Massachusetts. The Big Belly bins significantly reduce the number of collections needed while keeping trash hidden and contained. They also prevent the practice of "fly-dumping"—when people bring their household bags of garbage or construction waste and dump them in bins better suited to litter.

Besides aesthetic and collection improvements, the Big Belly is also the only garbage can that has an educational component. The highly visible solar panel on top of the units creates an opportunity to learn about the role of green technology in our lives. The units come equipped with advertising panels that provide space to talk about the virtues of

solar power to audiences who may not otherwise know much about it. The possibilities are endless for the messages that can be included on the units.

The Rogers Park Special Service Area managers were impressed by reports of high levels of satisfaction with the Big Belly by mayors and streets and sanitation directors on the East Coast who saw improvements in productivity and beautification. Also, the positive experience of the Chicago Park District added to their belief that it was time to bring these innovations to Rogers Park.

The SSA managers won a cost break from the manufacturer by teaming up with SSAs in West Ridge, Lincoln Park and South Shore and negotiating a volume discount. The manufacturer has agreed to extend this discount to businesses and institutions within the SSAs who may want to purchase units of their own. The existing four units will be serviced by the SSA maintenance crew along with the 49th Ward Streets and Sanitation Superintendent Mike Erickson. Rogers Park is leading the way for neighborhoods to become greener. This effort was recently featured in the television show *Chicago Tonight*.



*Big Belly on Howard Street*

## DevCorp North members work to protect the environment

*Recycling is just a start for these eco-friendly businesses*

At DevCorp North, we try to be as green as possible considering the circumstances. We recycle paper -- after both sides have been used -- as well as cans and bottles. We encourage all our employees to bring drinking cups and mugs from home so there is less waste and also provide mugs for our Earnfare crew. We wondered what our member businesses are doing to be green and decided to ask them. Listed below are some of the responses:

Devon Bank (6445 N. Western) has a new branch under construction in Wheeling,

which incorporates green technology in its design and materials. Once completed, they hope to achieve silver status as a LEED certified building. When the branch is completed, they will launch a monthly public green seminar series. At the Chicago branch, the bank implemented a monthly recycling program for customers and neighbors. Corrugated cardboard, all cans, glass bottles and plastics are separated, cleaned and recycled. They also have a shredding truck on premises to dispose of all private papers and materials for customers and neighbors.

High Ridge YMCA (2424 W. Touhy) has planted 8 evergreen trees, they take in carbon dioxide. Most of their incandescent light bulbs have been replaced with compact florescent bulbs. They offset the building temp according to the seasons (2 degrees cooler in the winter/2 degrees hotter in the summer). The thermostats are all electronic allowing them to turn off HVAC units after hours. Thermal energy efficient windows are being installed in the bathrooms and

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# Service projects aim to green Rogers Park

## Ward leadership group targets environmental sustainability

What can you do to help save the planet and live a more environmentally conscious and sustainable life? Join Alderman Joe Moore's 49th Ward Green Corps or simply support one of their many upcoming service projects.

The 49th Ward Green Corps Leadership Circle is a group of environmental leaders who reside in the community or have long ties to our neighborhood and who have volunteered their time to give direction, provide expertise and support the work of the Green Corps Action Team. The Action Team consists of residents who have taken the time to engage in environmental stewardship training provided by the City of Chicago's Department of the Environment Conservation Corps and who have banded together to work on making the 49th Ward a more sustainable and livable community.

The 49th Ward Green Corps recently led a series of successful workshops. The workshops included everything from green

parenting strategies to the installation of bioswales and native gardens for storm water management. Moving forward, group members have many more exciting projects in the works:

Theo Harduval is organizing a workshop for building owners and managers on green roofs and cool roofs. It will take place on June 30 at the Loyola Park field house and will be co-sponsored by the 49th Ward Green Corps and the Rogers Park Builders' Group.

Autumn Franger, Maria Davies and Jennifer Kane are coordinating a community free swap weekend to take place this fall. Save your household items and perhaps they will turn into treasure!

Kathleen Kilbane is working to translate environmental materials to assist in outreach to the Spanish-language community. She'll be making the first of those available at the 49th Ward Green Corps booth at the 2008 Celebrate Clark Street Festival.

Polyana Wolf has installed a worm composting center at Gale Community Academy and is working with the school to pursue a large solar-powered composter that will handle all the compostable food scraps the students generate.

Six members of the group have formed a multi-unit recycling task force and are working with condominium associations and property managers to negotiate with their waste haulers for effective recycling programs.

These are just a few of the many exciting projects in the works. Come meet these wonderful neighbors and join the movement to save our planet and improve our community. The 49th Ward Green Corps meets one evening and one Saturday each month. For more information, contact Alderman Joe Moore's 49th Ward Service Office at ward49@cityofchicago.org or call (773) 338-5796.



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*We are pleased to welcome **Smruti Behera** to the DevCorp North Board of Directors. He has been selected as a Kellogg Board Fellow, a highly competitive and voluntary program of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Board Fellows come to the program with several years of work experience and an abiding interest in nonprofit board work.*

*Behera grew up in Rourkela, a "small" town in eastern India of just 500,000 people. After earning a Masters degree at Iowa State University, he worked in the wireless industry as a software engineer in Boulder, CO and San Diego, CA. He entered The Kellogg School of Management in September 2007 to explore career options in the financial services industry and will be spending the summer working at a financial institution in New York City.*

*Behera joined the Kellogg Board Fellows program to gain an understanding about how non-profit organizations operate in a developed society and to determine what kind of impact they have on their community. Over the past several years, he has been actively involved with non-profit organizations in India and hopes "that during my time with DevCorp North I can use my prior volunteer experience and business school education to complete a project which will have a real impact on the organization. I also hope that I can walk away from this experience having learned a few practical lessons on board governance that I can apply to non-profits in India."*

*He will serve as a non-voting member of the board through June 2009 and actively participate in a variety of projects to support DevCorp North. Behera is the third Kellogg Board Fellow that DevCorp North has been fortunate enough to have. Previous Board Fellow projects have resulted in a new website and domain name for the organization and a review of ways in which DevCorp North can be involved in improving public education in Rogers Park.*



# Green Initiatives at Lake Side Café

By Craig Lieber

I had the opportunity to speak with Amona Buechler, owner of Lake Side Café on Howard Street. Her consciousness about the environment began in her previous hometown of Freiburg, Germany. Freiburg is recognized globally as the most environmentally friendly town in Germany. 430 houses face south with special glass and solar panels. These homes use 25% of the energy of a normal home. Bicycles are a major form of transportation and they are always expanding forest areas. Most homes use a compost site. This has been a way of life that Amona brought to Rogers Park.

Amona built out the current site including the restaurant and attached meditation center, Inner Metamorphosis University with ecology in mind from day one, regardless of increased cost. Cellulose-based insulation foam is used in lieu of fiberglass. Casein paints from Bioshield Paint Co. use no solvents. Walls from American Clay Enterprises use sand and clay.

After the restaurant was up and running, the typical fruit-fly dilemma began. The most widely-used remedy in the food business was recommended: daily doses of bleach poured down each drain. Amona would not hear of it choosing to spend over \$1,600 to break up the floor around 2 drains and have them rebuilt. The result impedes standing water from collecting. Also, they now use an enzyme product from A Plus Natural Solutions (Skokie) to further control



Lake Side Café at 1418 W. Howard.

the fruit flies, not an insecticide. Problem solved!

On a daily basis, to-go containers from Onyx Environmental Solutions and Eco-Products are cornstarch-based instead of plastic. Cleaning products come from Earth Friendly Products BioKleen and Dr. Bronner. Carefully pre-sorted waste is

brought to the TRI Recycling site (1445 N. Pulaski).

Future plans include solar panels, Bio Diesel recycling of oil, and Compost pickup. We applaud Amona for her “leave no trace” philosophy. Thanks for bringing this commitment to our neighborhood.

## Recycling program to benefit schoolchildren

*Money raised will pay green-themed fourth-grade field trip*

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Devon Bank, Cintas Document Management and Recycle Plus are teaming up to bring Recycle & Shred for Education to West Ridge. This program takes money generated from recycling in our community and uses it to help fund local educational programs. All money stays in the neighborhood.

Money raised from the Recycle & Shred for Education program in 2007-08 will send the entire Boone Community School fourth grade class on a field trip to Experiencia in June. On this field trip they will participate in Earth Works. This program teaches the children about science,

recycling, eco systems and natural habitats. To learn more, visit [www.experiencia.org](http://www.experiencia.org).

The shredding and recycling takes place on the last Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates include: June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Devon Bank parking lot, 6445 N. Western. Recycle your paper, newsprint, magazines, cans, plastic, glass and metals (separate, rinse and crush cans and bottles).

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# First Loyola Earth Day brings out big crowd

*Informative sessions, music, art and crafts mark the day*

Nearly 600 people attended the 1st annual Loyola Earth Day held Saturday, April 12, to learn how to live green. Attendees at the morning keynote session were treated to inspired exhortations by Al Gini, a philosophy professor at Loyola and Chicago Public Radio's resident philosopher. Throughout the day there were presentations about how to live green, shop green or make green, including composting, organic gardening, alternative modes of transit and political advocacy. Newly-elected state senator Heather Steans provided the closing remarks of the day and encouraged all present to become more involved in the political process in order to create more environmentally-friendly policies.

Art permeated the event, which is an aspect usually not included in Earth Day events. Local musicians had gathered the evening before to create a soundtrack to be used in the closing ceremonies Saturday afternoon. Also unique was the Kid's Corner, sponsored by State Rep. Harry Osterman. The Kid's Corner featured arts, crafts and interactive projects and activities throughout the day for kids aged 5 to 12. More than 40 exhibitors were in attendance, such as The Recyclery and Working Bikes Co-op -- two organizations committed to reusing bikes -- elected officials and advocacy groups such as Local First Chicago, Eco Justice Collaborative, Greenpeace and Earthwatch.

The inaugural event was made possible by the collaboration of many: Loyola University Chicago, community organizations including DevCorp North and individual volunteers from Rogers Park, Edgewater and Ravenswood and through the sponsorship and support of elected officials, corporations and small businesses. Special thanks to the numerous businesses that donated breakfast and lunch for all the participants, including Rogers Park's own Heartland Café.

Look for the 2nd annual Loyola Earth Day to be held next April. In the meantime, live green.

## Morgan at Loyola Station development underway

*More than 150 apartments part of eco-friendly construction*

The Morgan at Loyola Station, 1209 W. Arthur, will consist of about 23,000 square feet of retail on the ground level with 152 units (convertibles, one- and two-bedroom apartments) above on floors 2-7.

About 10,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and 195 parking spaces will be located directly across the street at 1210 W. Arthur. The building is incorporating various green materials and practices such as a green roof terrace and shared cars, and will

be seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.

The residential/retail parcel is already under construction and the barricade canopy will have signage with information about the project installed in early June. The garage/retail parcel is currently being reviewed for permits and construction was expected to begin in May. The Morgan at Loyola Station will open for occupancy in

May 2009. Prior to completion of the project, the temporary leasing office will be at 6441 N. Sheridan in the Granada Centre, which will open in September 2008.

The office will be complete with a model apartment unit for viewing. Anyone interested in further information in the project should call (312) 944-3777 or visit [www.morganatloyolastation.com](http://www.morganatloyolastation.com).



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## Community garden taking shape at Rogers Park Metra

*Weeds, litter will be a thing of past, according to plans*

Community gardens are a tried-and-true means of promoting community pride, as well as a way to beautify public spaces. For years, the Rogers Park Metra station has projected an unkempt and neglected entryway into Rogers Park, despite being one of the most used stops on the Chicago-Kenosha North Line. That will change, however, as residents of the immediate neighborhood join with the Rogers Park Garden Group (RPGG) to resurrect and expand a community garden that was initiated, and then abandoned, at the station some years before.

The station, with entrances on Lunt and Greenleaf, is surrounded on three sides by embankments that, despite the best efforts of neighborhood residents, are overgrown with weeds and regularly strewn with litter. An earlier community garden started by a local resident/business owner failed after the business closed, though many of the plants remain hidden beneath the overgrowth.

In 2007, at the invitation of Lakeside Community Development Corp. director and community resident Brian White, the Rogers Park Garden Group agreed to provide training and technical assistance to community residents to plan, plant and maintain a community garden at the north

end of the station along Greenleaf Avenue. The site is just opposite the Greenleaf Art Center at 1806 W. Greenleaf, where Lakeside has its offices.

Residents were invited to participate and a core group of neighbors immediately joined the effort, including more than 40 who showed up on March 30 to participate in a clean-up day. The clean-up was also boosted



*Berm prior to gardening.*

by the staff of the Clark/Morse/Glenwood Special Service Area (SSA) #24, who provided tools, trash bags and personnel. SSA #24 also contributed a cash donation to the project.



*Workers getting started.*

Planning for the garden is nearly complete, with community residents and RPGG master gardeners proposing a garden that will incorporate native plants and shrubs that are drought-resistant and pest-resistant. The garden will also try to attract butterflies and birds with a variety of seed- and fruit-bearing plants. Finally, to ensure that the garden offers visual interest all year round, plants have been selected with varying blooming times, heights and textures. A final plan for the garden was presented on Monday, May 12.

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## What makes the new Morse Theater green?

*Eco-conscious design starts from the ground up*

Sustainable design is becoming increasingly popular in new construction. Restorations are inherently greener but they tend to be costlier and subsequently less popular. The Morse Theatre is a relatively small scale renovation/restoration, making it an uncommon green project.

When finished, The Morse Theatre and Century Public House are expected to qualify for U.S. Green Building Council Silver Level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Certification. This is the nationally recognized benchmark for the design and construction of high-performance, energy efficient buildings. LEED promotes sustainability by recognizing performance in five key

areas of human and environmental health.

Here is what makes the Morse Theater green:

### ***Sustainable site development***

Located within close proximity to Chicago's Red Line mass transit stop at Morse Avenue, several bus routes, and equipped with bike racks; the theater will be convenient for nondrivers who may attend a show, enjoy a nice meal or come in to work.

The Morse will soon hire about 70 local employees, supporting the community and encouraging short commutes. The owners, managers and architecture firm currently working on The Morse are also locally based.

### ***Water saving***

The new low-flow plumbing systems will help The Morse conserve about 1 million gallons of water in four years, an average of 600 gallons per day and 30% less consumption than a typical plumbing system. Meanwhile, a green roof system will occupy half of the roof, about 3,600 square feet. The existing building sits on its lot line leaving no space for ground-level landscaping. The extensive green roof will provide an area for native and adaptive vegetation without landscaping irrigation. It will also insulate the building and minimize storm water runoff into the city sewer system.

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# Howard Street SSA

## Springtime means more maintenance work

### *Beautification, pressure washing work to resume*

Based on DevCorp North's performance as employers/providers for the Department of Human Services Earnfare Program, the DevCorp North maintenance program has received an increase in funding for the remainder of our fiscal 2007-08 contract. The dollar amount of this award is \$1,732, which constitutes a four-employee increase through the remainder of the contract period ending June 30, 2008.

This brings the total amount of employees on the DevCorp North maintenance program to 30, including supervisory personnel.

DevCorp North remains committed to providing the best cleaning, landscaping and snow removal services possible. Current services include:

Distributing fresh mulch in all tree grates and parkways throughout the Howard Street and Clark/Morse/Glenwood Special Service Areas. Through April, 25 yards or about 50,000 pounds of fresh hardwood premium mulch was distributed.

Trimming all trees within the boundaries of the Howard Street and Clark/Morse/Glenwood SSAs. Many of the trees were damaged during the winter and pruning is a necessary component to the health of this type of foliage.

Scraping and painting all city infrastructure items, including light poles, fire hydrants, electrical control boxes and removing all graffiti.

Continuing the floral landscaping program within the Howard Street SSA. Gethsemane Gardens was contracted to provide the landscape design for all the planters located along the street. As always, the DevCorp North maintenance department will be providing all necessary labor and upkeep.

Continuing the pressure washing services in late Spring, weather permitting. This component of the maintenance programs has been on hiatus since last October, when cold weather began to set in. Pressure washing will resume proceeding northbound on Clark from Pratt and will continue to the end point of SSA #24 at Birchwood.



*Crew mulching around trees.*



*Beautiful spring flowers.*



The Rotary Club of Chicago - Far North offers members a chance to network, build meaningful relationships, learn from monthly speakers, and to participate in community service on local, national and global levels.

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# What makes the new Morse Theater green?

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## **Energy efficiency**

The exterior walls will be retrofitted with a radiant barrier insulation system for enhanced thermal protection and conservation of energy. Also, half of the roof will be covered in a highly reflective roofing material to aid the roof insulation in protecting the building from the heat island effect. **Additionally**, the heat recovery system will collect and reuse rising heat from the stage lights in the winter. This will reduce heating costs and reuse energy instead of letting it go to waste. Located on the roof rather than the interior of the building, all condenser heat is exchanged outside, reducing air conditioning loads in the summertime.

The Morse's LED and fluorescent lighting will consume less energy, last longer and create less physical waste than standard lighting. Almost half the stage lighting and the entire marquee, which are typically made of incandescent and neon lighting, have been designed using LED light.

The marquee, with its LED lighting system, will require about 1,500 watts to operate, equivalent to using an electric toaster oven. It will use only 15% of the electricity a typical marquee of equal size requires to operate.

Offices located on the second floor conserve energy by taking advantage of southern facing windows. They will receive more daylight and solar heat reducing the need for electricity and heat.

Occupancy sensors will turn off lights when rooms are not in use to eliminate wasted electricity due to human error.

A solar water heating system with 340 square feet of panels will sit on the north side of the green roof. This will heat 550 gallons of water per day (weather permitting) to be



stored in a pair of 120 gallon holding tanks in the basement. This is about 70% of the projected daily hot water needs for the theatre and restaurant. The Morse plans to reduce their carbon footprint by avoiding up to 15,000 lbs of annual carbon dioxide emissions that would have been otherwise created by a traditional water heater. The solar water heater is fully automatic, maintenance free and will last for decades.

The elevator consumes just 50% of the energy of conventional traction machines and about 30% of the energy of hydraulic machines.

## **Materials selection**

Many materials being used during construction have been produced within a 500 mile radius of the site. This saves resources that would have been otherwise wasted on transportation over excessively long distances.

During renovation more than 75% of waste materials from demolition were sorted and recycled. The finish products feature:

- Carpeting that contains 56% recycled materials. Chairs and booths that will be covered in fabric made from wool, a

renewable resource or PVC-free vinyl along with formaldehyde-free substrates.

- Drywall and acoustical tile ceilings that will use recaptured gypsum, 100% recycled paper, fly ash (a byproduct of coal-fired utility plants) and slag (a byproduct of steel manufacturing).
- Employee lockers that will be made from 100% recycled plastic.
- Main staircase wall and bathroom floors that will be covered with recycled aggregate and glass tiles in a dramatic color scheme.
- Bamboo flooring, a rapidly renewable resource, which will be used instead of hardwood on the theatre's main floor and stage. Molding and trim in the Theatre's lobby will be bamboo as well.
- Recycled wood from fallen trees in the Chicago area that will be used to build the bar and decorative trim in The Century Public House.

## **Indoor air quality**

The air conditioning and refrigeration units are responsibly chosen and will contain no harmful chlorofluorocarbons that are known contributors to the holes in the ozone layer.

For healthier indoor air quality, The Morse will use only paints and adhesives that contain minimum amounts of volatile compounds, like formaldehyde, which are commonly found in standard carpet, paint and adhesives. All of the carpet to be used is certified by the Carpet and Rug Institute as Green Label Plus, indicating it has met stringent criteria for low chemical emissions.

What a great start for a new Rogers Park business. We look forward to seeing the finished product.

# Community garden taking shape at Rogers Park Metra

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Planting began in early June. Maintenance and enhancements to the garden will take place throughout the summer and into the fall to protect the considerable investment of time, energy and materials. Plants, soil amendments and maintenance supplies are being sought from local businesses and community residents. The group is also trying to raise monetary donations to defray the costs of the project, which are anticipated to run close to \$15,000. It is

by far the most ambitious undertaking of the RPGG, but with ample support to date from residents and businesses such as Bark Place Chicago and the Common Cup, planners are confident of their success. The RPGG membership has also elected to make a cash donation to the project.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to the project, contact Brian White at (773) 209-8552. Donations are being accepted through Lakeside CDC, 1806 W.

Greenleaf Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60626, ATTN: Metra Garden or online via Network for Good ([www.networkforgood.com](http://www.networkforgood.com), search: Lakeside Community Development Corporation). Lakeside, which is serving as the project's fiscal agent, has agreed to donate 100% of all proceeds to support the project. A Web site to monitor progress of the project is located online at [metragarden.wordpress.com](http://metragarden.wordpress.com).

# DevCorp North has new intern all the way from Philadelphia

## *Sent to us by the Kemper Foundation*

DevCorp North welcomes its newest intern, Maria Muscara. Maria comes to us from Philadelphia, but she is originally from Delaware. Maria attends La Salle University in North Philadelphia where she is a double major in Communication and Political Science. At school she is also involved in the Honors Program, various political organizations, Women's Rugby, Neighbor to Neighbor community service, as well as the New Explorer Student Mentor Program for incoming freshmen.

The James S. Kemper Foundation, a nonprofit scholarship foundation run by Dr. Ryan LaHurd, Diane Mattison, and E.B. Smith, has given Maria the opportunity to join the Rogers Park community and the DevCorp North team. Every year, the Kemper Foundation chooses new scholars from fifteen small, liberal arts schools from all around the country. The highly competitive selection process, which is based on GPA, transcript, activities, 2 letters of rec-

ommendation, a resume and interviews, takes place during the students' freshman year. When chosen, the student remains a Kemper Scholar until he or she graduates. The program offers each student a scholarship for his or her remaining three years of college, an internship opportunity with a nonprofit organization in Chicago the summer after sophomore year, and an internship with a for profit organization of their choice the summer after junior year. All internship choices are generally tailored toward each student's major and interests.

Upon hearing about DevCorp North from previous Kemper scholar Sandra Gonzalez and Kemper Director Dr. LaHurd, Maria believed it would be a great fit given her major and interests in the community at



*Maria Muscara*

large. She ultimately chose to work with DevCorp North among other possibilities because of the small, friendly working environment located in the Rogers Park community. Maria also appreciated the opportunity DevCorp North provides to work one on one with such a diverse population in an important developing neighborhood in Chicago. Also interested in Spanish, Maria hopes to hone

her Spanish understanding and speaking skills given the large Latino population in Rogers Park. During her two and a half month internship this summer, DevCorp North will surely provide its newest intern countless opportunities to learn about being a good business, economic, and community developer.

# DevCorp North members work to protect the environment

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timers are used on over-night lighting. All staff computers are shut down at the end of each day. Their big focus is on saving energy (gas and electric), which in turn reduces the carbon foot print left behind

David Frederickson Insurance Agency Inc. (6263 N. Clark) is using compact fluorescent light bulbs where it can. They have contracted with the Resource Center on the South Side for their paper recycling. They also try not to print unnecessary items.

The side project theatre (1439 W. Jarvis) is separating recycling into cans and bottles and papers.

The teen girls and various staff members at Family Matters (7731 N. Marshfield) take recycling to the center on Ravenswood several times a week. The organization uses both sides of every piece of paper, except those with sensitive information. The Family Connections after-school program has a garden in one of the community plots.

JFM Construction Inc. (1320 Dunheath Lane in Inverness) is using as many green building products as it can. They are making more and more products available to their customers.



*Bark Place at 1775 W. Greenleaf.*

Don't forget the Metra Garden Project, which is sponsored by the Rogers Park Garden Group. Bark Place (1775 W. Greenleaf) is participating in the project, including donating 5% of its April profit -- \$600 -- to the project. The pet store is also focusing on offering many pet foods, treats, toys, and other products made locally, regionally or in the U.S., reducing the need to import products from other countries. Anthony, the owner, lives above the business, substantially reducing automobile

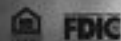
use. The store has also asked the city to plant new trees on Ravenswood between Lunt and Greenleaf, on the east side of the street. They have strict limits on thermostat settings (e.g., 60 degrees at night during the winter), reuse grocery bags for other purposes and will be planting flowers and plants in front of the building.

Camelot Realty (1447 W. Morse) uses the Internet almost exclusively for advertising and marketing. They use virtual tours and take numerous pictures of each listing so prospects can make their initial and secondary screens without traveling to the actual location. They use only recycled paper and lower usage light bulbs in the office. The door buzzer systems at open houses are used so the front doors don't need to be left wide open and lose heat or air conditioning. Multiple showings are scheduled to reduce gas and other automobile travel costs. Camelot chose a north-facing storefront because it is easier to heat and cool and they are incorporating green technologies in their developments.

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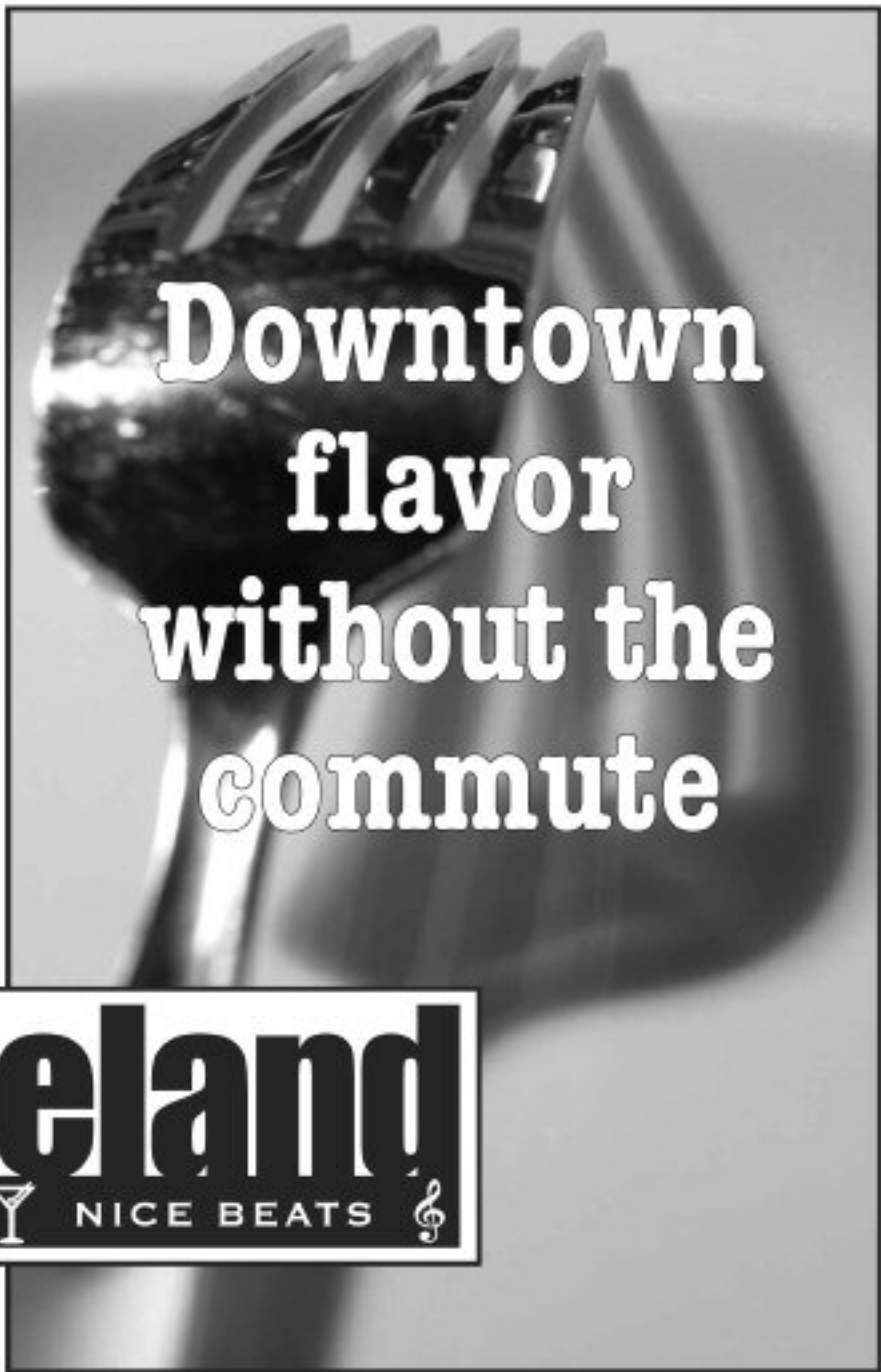
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