On April 24th over 500 people filled a room at Logandale Middle School for a community meeting hosted by 35th Ward Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa. The purpose of the meeting was to get community input and gauge support for our Emmett Street Project. After a presentation about the project and many comments from the community, participants filled out cards stating their position on the proposed development, which resulted in overwhelming support (78% total approval rate). Feedback collected after the meeting also resulted in overwhelming support for the project.

Situated in the heart of Logan Square, the Emmett Street Project will provide high quality affordable rental housing, ensuring that long-time residents continue to call the neighborhood home.

Developed by Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation and designed by Landon Bone Baker Architects, this transit-oriented development spans from two to seven stories, the heights are staggered and the building is set back from Emmett Street so that the building fits in with the neighboring residential structures.

**The building will include:**
- 100 units of quality affordable housing
- A mix of one, two, and three bedroom units
- Spacious lobby
- Onsite laundry facilities
- Community room
- Onsite Bickerdike Apartments Property Management & Maintenance Office
- Interior bike room and exterior bike racks
- Two elevators
- Approximately 4,500 square feet of commercial space facing Kedzie Avenue

The Emmett Street Project site is an ideal location for affordable rental housing. It will not only provide homes to residents who are at risk of displacement as rents continue to rise in Logan Square, but the proximity to public transportation will provide greater access to employment opportunities and to all that Chicago has to offer.

If you're interested in supporting this project, join our Facebook Group at [facebook.com/groups/emmettstreetproject](http://facebook.com/groups/emmettstreetproject) or email membership@bickerdike.org. In the group, you will get up-to-date information on the project and learn about opportunities to advocate for affordable housing in Logan Square and other Chicago neighborhoods.
In 2016 Bickerdike piloted the Wellness & Walking Club in tandem with the first anniversary of The 606 trail. The purpose of this was twofold: It was a way to ensure that residents from the 305 Bickerdike-owned apartments that are within a two-block proximity to the trail were able to take advantage of its offerings, and it was a way to address the high obesity rates of both children and adults in Humboldt Park.

Three years later, the now named 606 Wellness Club, has expanded its offerings to cover a variety of topics important to the overall health of its members. From April through June, participants are attending health education seminars, dance lessons, cooking demos, and Zumba classes. The classes are open to Bickerdike members and the community alike.

The series has been so well-received that participants are looking forward to the next session, which will begin in July.

The schedule for the upcoming July session will be available at www.bickerdike.org.

For questions, please contact Raquel Torres at 773.278.5669.

During the 2018 Membership Meeting, Raymond Ramos was honored for his 20 years of service.

In those 20 years Raymond has grown into his current role leading the unit prep team in our maintenance department.

Raymond enjoys the work that he does. He enjoys that it’s fast-paced and challenging, and he loves that he’s able to be part of making the community a better place.

On his days off, Raymond enjoys spending time with his family.
“GREEN” SPRING CLEANING

We believe in Green! Since 2009 we’ve carried out green retrofits in over 460 units. Several years ago our offices were retrofitted with state-of-the-art, high efficiency lighting system bringing Green to our own home.

But Green extends beyond new developments and retrofits. These efforts require Green care. To engage our tenants in these initiatives, our staff works together to facilitate Green Workshops. Participants learn how to clean green with chemical-free cleaning agents they can make in their own kitchens. Cleaning agents such as Drain Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Carpet Stain Remover, and even an All-Purpose Cleaning Spray.

Residents are pleasantly surprised at not only the ease of making the items, but at the cost savings.

We encourage everyone to try them. Visit the News section of our website for more Green cleaning recipes.

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**Drain Cleaner**

For just pennies you can keep your drains and your house free of pesky clogs using baking soda and vinegar to unclog your drains. The baking soda and the vinegar will create a powerful bubbling reaction, and the baking soda will remove any grease, food, hair, or dirt hanging out at the bottom of your drain. The reaction is followed by the chemical reaction with the vinegar in your drain, creating a bubbling action which breaks down the grease and food.

1. Pour a pot of boiling hot water down your drain.
2. Mix 1 cup of baking soda and 1 cup of vinegar.
3. Add the mixture to the drain and let sit for 15 minutes.
4. Flush the drain with a pot of boiling water.

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**Furniture Polish**

This “old-fashioned” recipe for furniture polish avoids the danger of silicone oil found in most commercial polishes and sprays. Silicone oil can penetrate tiny cracks in furniture finish and open the wood causing problems in the future. The lemon juice dissolves dirt and scratches while olive oil softens and conditions while olive oil softens and protects the wood.

Mix in a spray bottle:
- 1 cup of olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

Shake well and apply a small amount to a cloth or the baking soda. Cover with a clean cloth to keep the reaction down below the surface for up to 10 minutes.

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**Carpet Stain Remover**

The key to this recipe is the hydrogen peroxide.

Mix in a spray bottle:
- One large bottle of hydrogen peroxide
- 1 tsp of baking soda
- 1 tsp of dawn dish soap

Once the ingredients are mixed, saturate the stain and let it dry. Once the area is dry, vacuum and done!

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**All-Purpose Cleaning Spray**

For countertops, sinks, toilets, and for spot cleaning food.

Mix equal parts white vine vinegar and water in a spray bottle.

- Spray and scrub

For really tough soap scums or mineral deposits, warm the solution first, then spray, let sit before scrubbing. If not, just vinegar (don’t use plain vinegar on the grout as it may cause the grout to break down).
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Movies in the Park-
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
Tuesday, July 9

End of Summer Membership BBQ
Saturday, September 7

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 7

SNAPSHOTS

1st Ward Alderman-elect, Daniel La Spata met with Bickerdike staff to discuss his future plans.

Residents join other community members at 014th District’s Community Conversations.

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Residents & staff help clean Humboldt Park for Earth Day.

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Residents enjoy a visit at Adler Planetarium's Earthfest.