



# East Village Association NEWS

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## Make one thing clear: the sidewalk

Yes, you have to shovel the sidewalk. It's the law.

The Chicago Municipal Code says property owners must shovel their front sidewalks, by 10 a.m. for an overnight snowfall or within three hours of a daytime storm. And you must scatter sand or "similar suitable material" on the icy patches.

You do get Sundays off.

The ins and outs of snow clearing will be explained Feb. 7 when 1st Ward Streets & Sanitation Supt. Manuel Gonzalez visits the Happy Village for the East Village Association's Feb. 7 meeting, starting at 7 p.m. at Wolcott Avenue and Thomas Street.

### Streets & San at Feb. 7 meeting

That is, Gonzalez will be there if Wolcott and Thomas don't need plowing first.

Also scheduling an appearance is Ald. Proco Joe Moreno, who has said Streets & Sanitation can be run more efficiently if it weren't organized by ward. Lately the 1st and 32nd wards have experimented with a grid system for trash pickup in adjoining alleys.

Moreno told the Tribune and Channel 7 that a full-fledged grid system, and a privatized recycling program, could save the city \$18 million a year.

Garbage and recycling often come up in Streets & San discussions. Gonzalez will be prepared to talk about who owns the bins, where to keep them and how to make better use of blue recycling bins.

At recent meetings, EVA members have asked about parkways and dog waste. EVA last year distributed laminated



no-dogs-allowed signs on request. EVA also proposed placing plastic-bag dispensers for dog waste throughout the ward, a suggestion Moreno initially supported.

Parkway landscaping, storm damage, debris removal, rat control and street sweeping are also likely topics for discussion. Last summer the ward started offering street-sweeping text alerts, reminding residents by cell phone to move their cars and avoid tickets.

Rob Levitt, owner (and butcher) of The Butcher and Larder, 1026 N. Milwaukee, will open the meeting.

The East Village Association's educational and civic role is exercised during our monthly general meetings, where we learn and talk about what's going on in our neighborhood. This forum is invaluable for understanding the important and sometimes controversial issues the community faces. EVA is committed to ensuring that our meetings are a place where these discussions can occur in an honest and respectful manner.

# Last rites for St. Boniface rectory

*Planning, Preservation & Development committee report by Scott A. Rappe*

Despite 11 years of effort to preserve all of St. Boniface, the rectory will be demolished by the end of the month.

The church at 921 N. Noble St. is being converted into senior housing by Institutional Property Management through a convoluted scheme structured by several city departments and agencies. Among other things, the redevelopment agreement required money to be set aside in two escrow accounts, one for the demolition of the rectory, the other for the demolition of the church.

If the developer found no use for the rectory, the agreement required a demolition permit be issued by Dec. 31, and demolition to be completed by Jan. 30. A market study was commissioned by IPM to determine how many living units the current market would support.

It was hoped that the review would show economic conditions would support more than the 75 units needed to make the project feasible. Unfortunately this was not the case. Efforts were made to preserve the portion of the rectory fronting on Noble, but due to the financing arrangement, no money was available to cover the increased costs of saving the facade.

## Bleeding Heart Bakery Cafe

As reported here, the East Village Association voted to support Bleeding Heart's request for a zoning special use for a roof deck. We continue to believe that the property (1916 W. Chicago Ave.) also requires a zoning change to convert the north third of the lot from RT-4 to B3-2. However, the owners of the property declined our offer to vote on this issue.

## Roots Handmade Pizza

Members of the Board met with Ald. Proco Joe Moreno to



discuss concerns regarding Roots (1924 W. Chicago Ave.).

The group specifically requested that the alderman do two things in exchange for his support for the business's incidental liquor license and sidewalk cafe permit: eliminate the proposed pick-up window and include conditions on the liquor license to restrict the size, location and operating hours of the cafe and adjacent bar windows.

Ald. Moreno committed to meeting with Roots and promised that EVA would be "very satisfied" with the outcome.

**At [facebook.com/eastvillagechiago](https://www.facebook.com/eastvillagechiago) Alan Shannon said:** This is unfortunate. As we continue to lose our landmarks, we lose our sense of place and uniqueness. And when we don't have special places and much that's unique, people stop caring about the place they inhabit. Chicago doesn't have mountains, desired climate or natural beauty--it has architecture and neighborhoods. The best and most unique characteristic we have, we continue to destroy. Crazy.



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# Sardinian deli thinks both global & local

Longtime East Village resident Malika Peterson provided this grocery and restaurant proposal. For the business to sell liquor at the Ashland Avenue address, the city would have to end a license moratorium. The East Village Association board will review the proposal at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Leona's, 1936 W. Augusta Blvd.

By Malika Peterson

Buon Gusto, LLC is a new business with a proposed location at 845 N. Ashland in Chicago's West Town. The store will be an upscale international grocery, delicatessen and cafe with a distinct menu. The facility will include a 16-person-capacity eating area, deli/kitchen with counter and checkout area. and grocery/gift area.

The mission of Buon Gusto, LLC is to provide Chicago, West Town residents and visitors with quality, authentic Sardinian grocery items and prepared foods combined with good service and an atmosphere reminiscent of Old World Sardegna. Our store motto is, "Good Flavor."

The gourmet and specialty food market is booming across the country. Consumers are looking for quality food and a quality shopping experience. Many cities have entire sections dedicated to ethnic foods and culture. West Town's residents and many visitors have expressed the desire for a local gourmet food store.

At the turn of the 21st century, Chicago's West Town was changing again. An influx of artists, students and other younger "bohemian" populations drew more affluent residents, particularly in the Bucktown, Wicker Park, East Village sections, raising the area's real-estate values. These new populations are starved for fine ingredients and unique experiences.

By making alliances with local farmers and restaurants, as well as international distributors, Buon Gusto, LLC will give Chicago's West Town customers a combination of "shopping local" and wide gourmet selections from Sardinia, Italy, previously unavailable in this highly visited area. For residents, Buon Gusto offers a more convenient and appealing option than lugging fancy groceries back from infrequent trips to the suburbs, especially in winter.

Buon Gusto is a family business that began in Milan more than 5 years ago, after the Pibiri family began to import Sardinian products to mainland Italy. Reports suggested that the Sardinian daily diet of a small piece of meat, soup, pasta and a glass and a half of red wine were the secret ingredients to long life. The family business thrived.

With a portion of the Pibiri family having lived in Chicago's West Town since 1998, it was decided upon research that this would be a great market for expansion into the U.S.

Buon Gusto will offer the following products and services:

## Groceries

We will offer high-quality groceries from Sardinia. Groceries will include items that represent the best known and desired foods from this area. Items will include but will not be limited to: sauces, oils, spices, spreads, cheese, meats, pasta, rice, wine and liquors, chocolates, and unique hard-to-find Sardinian desserts and candies.

## Gifts

We will work with customers to create custom gift packages for any occasion. Customers will be able to choose from an eclectic assortment of Sardinia-inspired items in a range of sizes and designs. Our small but impressive Sardinia paraphernalia collection will include kitchenware, cookbooks, specialty coffee pots, decorative linens and various small, seasonal, food-related items. Gift packages will also be available in the store and over the Internet.

## Delicatessen

To complement our market and showcase our product, Buon Gusto will offer a small selection of freshly prepared items for takeout. All menu items will be prepared fresh each day and the rotating menu will feature sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts and bread from local bakeries and restaurants.

Our alliance with local businesses allows us to offer high-quality fresh-baked breads in exchange for co-advertising. These items are not intended as a staple of our overall profit structure, but help us to create a whole-service feeling, without investing in bakers or kitchen equipment.

Based on market research, we believe that up to half our clientele will order soup, a sandwich, salad or pastries with their market selections. Not offering such treats could lose us customers.

We will offer cheese, meats, and olives by the pound as well as fresh squeezed juice available by the cup or quart, coffee and tea.

## Events

An alternative to the traditional event venue, Buon Gusto's unique space will be a perfect place to hold an event. Designed for tranquility and harmony the unique space will be perfect for specialty events. We will also offer the opportunity to taste our product at our specialty event dinners in which all food is prepared using the ingredients and product in the store.

## Catering

Buon Gusto will provide catering options. A selection of vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals will be available for customers to pick and choose.

## Something extra

As a take-home gift, our customers will enjoy weekly recipes highlighting ingredients and products in the store.

**Web comment:** *TheLetterAHyphenTheNumberOne said; I like it. Right by Ruxbin.*



# LaSalle II adds 65 pupils

By Tom Tomek

For the 2010-11 school year, LaSalle II magnet school admitted 65 new students and will take on an additional staff/teacher position.

Student performance is projected to be above the state standard, according to the roadmap for improvement presented to the local school council Jan. 12.

In Northwest Evaluation Association reports for the school, 1148 N. Honore St., 69.8% of reading and 82.8% of math scores were above proficiency. The results were cited in LaSalle II's biennial School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement report, which can be downloaded here.

Points of interest from the LaSalle II SIPAAA report:

- All of the faculty are judged highly qualified and are dedicated to the students and school community, the report said. According to parent surveys, most parents are satisfied with the academic rigor and quality of instruction.

Transfers to and from the school are low, making for more stable classrooms.

- All teachers went through Kagan Professional Development and Highly Effective Teaching workshops. "These frameworks are used to create nurturing classroom environments where students feel safe, welcomed, encouraged, and challenged," the report said.

- Students participate in the role-playing exercises to learn positive social interactions and conflict resolution, and attend enrichment programs funded by the LaSalle II Parent-Teacher Organization.

- In describing challenges to student performance, the report cites "barriers that keep some families from participating in school activities, adhering to school policies, and supporting their children at home." The report pledges to raise parents' expectations "so that we can work together to increase student achievement."



The LaSalle II local school council website is being refined in conjunction with a new LaSalle II school website. Consistency of school name and identity is being considered. The LSC approved fundraising for a touch-screen computer to aid special-needs students.

The next meeting is at 6 p.m. Feb. 8.

## Make your mark on East Village

Last year started with East Village on the National Register of Historic Places, and ended with a high-profile neighborhood vote at hand.

In between, a new alderman was appointed, an endangered church was preserved and two neighborhood groups merged in a spirit of mutual respect.

What's in store this year? That depends on you.

The East Village Association needs new volunteers every year to help improve the neighborhood, solve community problems and spread the word about local resources. In the next few weeks we'll be looking for candidates for a new board of

directors to start serving in April.

The current board will meet Feb. 15 to slate four prospective officers for a March 7 membership vote:

- The president leads meetings and speak for the association. He also names up to four of the new board members.

- The vice president aids the president and fills in at meetings.

- The secretary records the group's actions.

- The treasurer is in charge of EVA's finances.

The newsletter editor and webmaster round out EVA's board – recruits are welcome here too. Political candidates

are not eligible to be officers, but the city has a Feb. 22 election to keep them busy.

The only requirements to run as an East Village officer are membership in EVA and interest in improving the neighborhood. If you've attended neighborhood events, left comments on the website thought about East Village's direction or just wanted to meet a few of your neighbors, you're potential officer material.

To learn more, contact Greg Nagel or any of the officers listed in the lower-left corner of this page. The slating meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Leona's restaurant, 1936 W. Augusta. Nominations also will be taken from the floor before the election, 7 p.m. March 7 in the Happy Village game room at 1059 N. Wolcott.





Candidates at Wicker Park Committee forum (posted by Ald. Joe Moreno)

# No TIF dispute at ward forum

By Tom Tomek

Candidates for alderman agree that tax-increment financing should be used more in prioritized areas for well-needed projects such as schools, not a tool for developers to profit.

Hopefuls from the 1st and 32nd wards addressed parking, crime

and other issues in a forum Wednesday. All candidates in the Feb. 22 primary had a great opportunity to voice their positions and concerns to a packed Fellowship Hall at the Wicker Park Lutheran Church, 1502 N. Hoyne at LeMoyné. An e-mail from the sponsoring Wicker Park Committee claimed 180 people in attendance.

On Chicago parking meters, the consensus was that any future plan to take city services or facilities private must be reviewed more thoroughly.

Asked about the city's community policing program, candidates said neighborhood safety is imperative and officers should not be lost from the ward precincts.

Other topics were bike lanes and the parking garage on Milwaukee Avenue.

Appearing from the 1st Ward were Ald. Joe Moreno and challenger Deborah Lopez. The 32nd Ward was represented by Ald. Scott Waguespack, David Pavlik, Brian Gorman and Bryan Lynch.

Moderator Ed Tamminga, president of the Wicker Park Committee, let each candidate give a short introduction and political statement, then posed prepared questions that each candidate answered within 5 minutes.

Incumbents Moreno & Waguespack were able to state their accomplishments in office while the challenging candidates proposed how they would improve the wards.

A few audience questions were taken on the possibility of reversing the Chicago parking-meter contract, neighborhood landmark issues and Polish Triangle development.

# Bleeding Heart gets OK for outdoor café on Chicago Avenue

East Village Association members recommended that Ald. Joe Moreno approve rooftop seating for the Bleeding Heart Bakery restaurant under construction at 1916 W. Chicago.

Committeeman Jesse Ruben Juarez told a packed house Monday that the 1st Ward Democratic Organization wanted to encourage new jobs from the bakery and an adjoining pizzeria. "Our office will keep them accountable," Juarez told members before the vote.

The EVA vote was advisory to Moreno. The City Council must approve the rooftop cafe's special-use permit.

The meeting adjourned before results were announced, because eligibility of all voters could not immediately be confirmed. However, secretary Dana Palmer told EVA board members in a late-night e-mail that the undisputed ballots were enough to carry the day. President Greg Nagel declared Tuesday that the motion had passed.

About 75 people filled the Happy Village party room at 1059 N. Wolcott, and 57 cast paper ballots with their name and a yes or no vote. Palmer said 29 yes voters, a majority, were confirmed onsite as members in good standing.

One-third the ballots were provisional, from people who said they had paid dues online or in person but were not on the member rolls, and 15 of those 19 votes favored the rooftop exception for Bleeding Heart Bakery Cafe.

The EVA board's Planning, Preservation & Development committee recommended unanimously that EVA members reject the proposal, co-chair Scott Rappe said before the vote. Directors cited noise concerns and the lack of an agreement to limit hours, Rappe said. The city allows outdoor cafes to operate till midnight.

The restaurants are taking over space rezoned for a restaurant development that failed to open. Both bakery and pizza restaurants would serve liquor. Rappe said it was unclear whether other operators could use the rooftop exemption.

Wedding-cake designer Michelle Garcia, Bleeding Heart's co-founder, told EVA members that the cafe would be host to evening rooftop receptions. However, managing partner Scott Weiner would not rule out that his adjoining Roots Handmade Pizza restaurant would lease the Bleeding Heart space.



## Statement by Alderman Moreno on EVA meeting

Over this past weekend, I was informed that at the last meeting of the East Village Association (EVA), Jesse Juarez spoke and informed the body that he was representing me, the 1st Ward Alderman. I wanted to state strongly and unequivocally that I did not, and do not, empower Jesse Juarez to speak for me or my office on ANY issue, let alone the issue that was at hand at the last EVA meeting. I have spoken to Jesse regarding his behavior and let him know, emphatically, that he does not represent me in any way or fashion.

I realize the passion that exists within EVA regarding neighborhood issues and respect (both personally and in policy) that passion and the official decisions of EVA. As I have promised, I will continue to seek out EVA's opinion on ANY zoning change, liquor moratorium issue, and general development opportunities on EVERY legitimate proposal that crosses my desk.

I truly appreciate your time and dedication to our neighborhood and am proud to represent you as your Alderman.



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## A Bleeding Heart recipe

By Scott A. Rappe



Some East Village Association members were disappointed after the Jan. 3 vote on Bleeding Heart Bakery Cafe. Most were thrilled. Regardless of which side you fall on, the vote holds important lessons on civic engagement.

To those who supported the cafe's proposed rooftop deck: Don't take your victory for granted. Whether it was a friend's encouragement or a passion for Quad Cities pizza and organic baked goods, you felt the issue was important enough to come out, let your opinion be known and maybe join EVA and vote. Next month's meeting probably will lack the fireworks, but your attendance is no less important.

To those of you who opposed the roof deck: Let this defeat be a wake-up call. Having a positive influence on your community will take more than showing up to a meeting and voting against something. Your opposition probably stemmed from bad experiences with other liquor-serving businesses in the neighborhood. You must attend meetings regularly, listen to your neighbors and share your own experiences early, before opinions are set.

Community groups require the commitment of volunteers to run the organization and more importantly, the dedication of residents to attend meetings regularly. This means not only participating when the issue is in your front yard,

but also listening when it's on the other side of the community.

Active participation in a community organization can lead to a better, more nuanced understanding of the issues we face. It can also lead to a more unified community that is in a stronger position to influence the businesses in and around it. Rather than voting reflexively based on their own opinions, active members take into account how something might impact their neighbors. And when an issue affects them directly, they can be confident that their neighbors will do the same.

In my 21 years in East Village, I have seen EVA's focus shift from gangs to trash to overdevelopment to demolitions, and now to livability and demographic shifts. I think many longtime members would agree that one of the most valuable aspects of consistent participation in EVA is the perspective you gain on these issues, and the moderating influence that your neighbors have on your own opinions.

Where you stood on the Bleeding Heart vote is not important. It is next month's meeting, not the last, that will have the greater impact on the future of East Village. Nothing of consequence will be voted on, but attendance will reflect our interest in learning about each other and pulling together to act as a community.



# Bleeding Heart final vote: 37-11

*Board meeting minutes for Jan. 11, 2011  
Submitted by Dana Palmer*

Attendance: Board Members: Greg Nagel, Neal McKnight, Nicole Ellise, Dana Palmer, Scott Rappe, Aaron Bilton and Tom Tomek; Non-Board Members: Margorie Issacson, Rich Anselmo and Kok Keng Gow. Meeting Commenced at 6:40 p.m.

## **Followup regarding vote for Bleeding Heart Bakery and the request for a special use permit to allow a second floor outdoor deck/patio**

After reconfirming with PayPal and updating the membership list, the final vote of confirmed EVA members was 37 yes and 11 no in support of granting a special use permit. There were also 8 votes cast by individuals that were not confirmed members of EVA 7 of which voted yes and only 1 no vote. Therefore, the non confirmed votes do not sway or have any influence over the final decision to support the special use permit. Scott Rappe agreed to issue a formal letter to Alderman Moreno about the vote.

## **Membership**

Dana Palmer has confirmed and reconfirmed with PayPal regarding dues that have been paid and has finished updating the membership list. She has also confirmed with Treasurer Nicole Semple about dues paid by mail and in person. A copy of the membership list will be sent by Dana to Greg Nagel. The Board also discussed the need for a person to be appointed membership chair to maintain the accuracy of the membership list. Kok Keng Gow expressed interest and an email blast will be sent out to all members asking if anyone else is interested. Nicole Semple will obtain a receipt book for the treasurer to have that will give each person paying their dues by mail or in person a copy of their payment and EVA a copy of payment as well.

## **Roots follow up**

Many neighbors have expressed concern with Roots plan to have a pizza pickup window on the side of Winchester Ave. open until 2 a.m. Rich Anselmo stated that he and his wife Gladys have done some research and have come up with no legal reasons or zoning issues with the pickup window.

However, there is still much concern about this issue. Scott Rappe has set up a meeting with Alderman Moreno for the Board to meet regarding this issue. The Board plans to express with Alderman Moreno the lack of concessions made by Roots and the request of eliminating the pick up window.

## **Division-Ashland development**

Greg Nagel reported a proposal that was brought to his attention regarding the old Pizza Hut location at Division and Ashland. According to Nagel, Shorewood Development has a proposal for a one-story bank with a drive-through. Nagel stated that he spoke with the representative about the interest of the neighborhood to have a more residential and pedestrian-friendly use for that location.

The representative then came back with an proposal to have a residential building above a bank with one drive-through lane if the parking requirement could be reduced. Nagel discussed this

with the alderman, who stated he had the ability to reduce the parking requirement for a residential building. However, the board was unsupportive of the proposal due to the effect it would have on the pedestrian designation and foot traffic issues with the drive through lane.

## **1st Ward liaison**

At last general meeting on 1/3/11, the alderman was wrongly represented regarding his position with the Bleeding Heart Bakery. Alderman Moreno wrote a letter to EVA Board about this issue apologizing for the misrepresentation. According to Rich Anselmo, Rhonda Locke may be asked to attend EVA meetings in the future to more accurately show aldermanic representation.

## **Possible bylaw changes to avoid abuse with membership**

Concerns have been raised about the possibility that a spike in membership may have been due to stacking votes in favor of or against a recent proposal. Therefore, the board discussed various alternatives or changes that could be made to prevent this in the future. Rich Anselmo reported that he did some brief research of the various surrounding neighborhood organizations and took a look at their membership rules.

Suggestions were made for longer wait times before eligibility to vote, multi-tiered membership and proof of residency. After much debate, it was decided that proof of residency or ownership in residence or a business along with current payment of dues after a 30 day wait period would grant voting rights. Aaron Bilton agreed to draft this proposed bylaw change and present it to the board for further debate. The final proposal to change bylaws will then be posted in the newsletter 30 days prior to membership vote.

## **March elections**

Elections for board members is in March. Greg Nagel suggested the board could be the nominating committee but that an email blast should be sent out asking if any members are interested in pursuing a board position.

Greg Nagel, Neal McKnight and Dana Palmer expressed a desire to remain in their current positions, but Nicole Simple stated she would prefer to step down if a new treasurer could be appointed.

## **Speakers**

February: Manny Gonzalez with Streets and Sanitation will be the guest speaker. However, a business minute is still needed. Scott Rappe suggested Bucktown Music, Nicole Semple suggested a new butcher in the neighborhood and Rich Anselmo suggested Clear Sublime a new hair salon in the neighborhood. They will each check with the businesses and get back to the Board. March: Greg Nagel suggested having a presentation on taxes and reductions.

## **Schools**

Greg Nagel brought up the issue that EVA would like to be more active in the schools in our neighborhood but does not quite know where to fit in. He stated he would ask other members about what can be done to improve upon our schools and how EVA can be a part of that.

# Web comments at eastvillagechicago.org

ay5678 said..

So the P P & D committee unanimously recommended to reject this, but it passed anyway? The owners of the establishment even refused to make any real consolidations. EVA seems completely irrelevant if all it is going to do is rubber stamp the next party spot (the city will do it without intervention). The monstrosity of a bar masquerading as a bowling alley is another good example (2am on weekdays for a bowling alley?!?) Perhaps the EVA should relegate itself to social functions only.

evresident said...

Actually, a more worrisome question is why the PP&D committee is making a recommendation that's completely opposite the clear desires of the overall East Village constituency.

The member vote was 29-9 in favor of the outdoor cafe and the provisional votes were 15-4 in favor. If we went door to door, it would probably be an even bigger landslide.

Chicago Ave needs development and we have business developers with track records of success that are converting vacant buildings to consumer businesses. This is a good thing....

srappe said...

Jay5678, it is clear that you are disappointed in the outcome of the vote, me too! The difference is that many of us worked very hard to get these business owners to respect the concerns of our members. What did you do?

Community organizations require the commitment of volunteers to run the organization and more importantly, the dedication of residents to attend meetings regularly. This means showing up and participating, listening and contributing, not only when the issue is in YOUR front yard, but when it is on the other side of the community in your neighbor's.

Business owners and developers are highly motivated by financial gain to 'get out the vote', its much harder for individuals to come out in support of their neighbors...but that's what COMMUNITY is all about. Without it, we are at their mercy.

Roots/Bleeding Heart will not effect me in the least, even if it turns out to be as bad as we expect-but it will hurt our community, and more importantly it will hurt my neighbors, people who I have come to know over my twenty one years living in East Village, and my fourteen active in EVA. And when the next issue IS in my front yard, I know I can count on them to care, and back me up.

The problem is not that EVA is irrelevant, or even that

someone bought the vote, the problem is that poeple don't get involved until something threatens their interests personally...and then they quickly disappear

It should be no surprise to anyone attending the February EVA meeting when few of the passionate Roots supporters show up...the question is, Jay5678, will you be there?

Stephen Rynkiewicz said...

Who's ready to go door to door and talk about what kind of jobs or development this community needs? OK, jobs are a good thing. To recruit them requires a good fix on which businesses fit the neighborhood.

The results won't stop a restaurant from opening this spring at Chicago & Winchester. Neither would have an EVA vote either way on rooftop seating. But a consensus on future development will bring us closer to making it happen.

So, what's missing on your block? And how can the community bring it here? Adding your comments to this thread would be a start.

Neal McKnight said...

EVRresident you should come by in February and step up and make your voice heard. But I think you have to realize that the first letter of the PP&D committee stands for Planning. Businesses fail and close and we as a community are left to deal with the consequences. The proprietors of Bleeding Heart are going to be good neighbors and will take the steps to protect neighbors from the impact of rooftop events. But PP&D has to think more long term in the approach. What will the next business in that location do with that variance? It is a very sticky problem.

jay5678 said...

What Chicago Ave really needs is a road diet.  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/automotive/traffic/ct-met-getting-around-0110-20110109,0,377920.column>

It's not going to attract little shops and cafe's and boutiques being such a loud, fast, anti-pedestrian, ugly road. It will probably be relegated to being a dumping ground for big noisy bars like that "bowling alley" unless this changes.

MVD said...

While I like and support Chicago Bowl, the idea of putting Chicago between Ashland and Western on a "road diet" is intriguing. If we could expand sidewalks and slow down traffic, it would make Chicago a much more attractive avenue. I guess we'll see how the Lawrence experiment goes.

**At [facebook.com/eastvillagechicago](https://www.facebook.com/eastvillagechicago) Brad Beiter said:** Great news! Welcome to the neighborhood!



**Michelle Garcia**

## More on Bleeding Heart vote

*Minutes for January 3, 2011 membership meeting  
Submitted by Dana Palmer*

Scott Weiner did a presentation regarding Bleeding Heart Bakery and their request for a special use permit to allow a second floor patio/deck. Weiner stated that the deck would be used as often as possible to host various special events and would be used by the bakery and the adjacent Roots building. Michelle & Vinny Garcia, owners of Bleeding Heart Bakery, expressed their desire to have the patio for gardening and composting as well as hosting weddings.

Much debate on concern was raised regarding hours of operations, liquor usage and noise to the neighborhood. Much frustration was also expressed about Weiner's lack of concessions in regard to the Roots building adjacent to the bakery that he is also involved with. However, the final vote was regarding solely the Bleeding Heart Bakery and their desire for the special use permit to allow for the patio/deck.

Scott Rappe made a motion: "The East Village Association supports the Bleeding Heart Bakery receiving a special use allowing them to get a permit for a rooftop deck at 1916 W. Chicago Ave." The motion was seconded. There was much confusion about membership and what dues had been paid and up to date. Therefore, everyone present was asked to cast a vote on a post it with their name on it and the votes would be tallied and names would be checked against a final updated membership list after the meeting.

Those individuals who thought they were paid members through PayPal but were not on the PayPal list of paid members were asked to email their PayPal receipts to Dana Palmer so that the membership list could be accurately updated and so that their vote could be counted. Preliminarily, the motion passed 29 to 9 with 19 unconfirmed votes.



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