## ASCO February 2nd, 2021 Report to the BOD

- Cars continue to park illegally on Sheridan across from Park Tower and south of 5440 construction site. ASCO encourages residents continue to send email, include photos and call Alderman Osterman, Dan Luna, and Tania Rodriguez. This past Friday, Feb 5, orange warning stickers were attached to driver side windows. Cars should be ticketed then towed to discourage this problem.
  - Dan Luna "chief of staff" <u>dan@48ward.org</u> 773-784-5277
  - Taina Rodriguez <u>taina.rodriguez@mail.house.gov</u>
- A resident of 5555 Sheridan AKA "the pink building" complained about cars parking illegally in front of the building on "inner" Bryn Mawr preventing necessary service vehicles from accessing their loading dock.
- State Senator Heather Steans, 7<sup>th</sup> District, has resigned after 12 years. Mike Simmons was chosen by a group of Cook County Democratic Party committee people to serve out the remainder of Senator Steans' seat. Mike is a lifelong resident of the district, a former policy director under Mayor Rahm Emanuel and deputy commissioner in the city's department of planning and development.
- Problems with US Mail delivery have improved overall in the area according to residents.
- The mailbox at Sheridan & Ardmore was robbed. An ASCO rep knows of a resident who was contacted by her bank about a check. The check had been changed from \$40 to \$4000. The Post Office apparently "knows" who committed the robbery.
- More armed carjackings and armed robberies in Edgewater and Andersonville. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Bike riders on Sheridan Road sidewalks continue to be problematic especially given the uptick in bike riding since the Pandemic began. Signs are posted but ignored. Police cannot possibly enforce the policy and give out tickets/fines given the more serious nature of crime in the area. Advise: pay attention and step aside. It's not going away.
- The escalator to the Bryn Mawr Red Line Station was closed on Feb. 1, and will be removed, as part of the rebuilding of the station with three other Red Line stations included in the Red & Purple Modernization Phase One Project.

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