

ASCO Report to PTCA Board November 2021

Association of Sheridan Condominium/Co-op Owners (ASCO)

Berger Park Shoreline Stabilization Project

The project to stabilize and protect the shoreline at Berger Park, by the Chicago Park District and Chicago Department of Transportation is expected to be completed this Friday, November 12, at which time Berger Park will reopen.

Sheridan Road Resurfacing Project

Bus pads are being installed on the west side of Sheridan Rd (southbound) starting this week. The east side (northbound) was completed last week.

Bus pads provide reinforcement for the frequent heavy loads at bus stops, which prevents 'waves' in the street that lead to flooding.

Plan for lane closures / traffic back-ups to continue until all concrete bus pads are installed.

CTA Moves Bus Stop at Sheridan & Ardmere southbound

The southbound bus stop in front of 5800 Sheridan was moved south of the traffic light by the CTA. Residents in the area have the following concern:

When a bus is at the new stop, cars turning right from Ardmere onto Sheridan southbound have to turn into the left lane of traffic. In order to continue southbound at Hollywood towards Bryn Mawr, or turn right at Hollywood towards Broadway, cars have to merge into the right lane cutting in front of any bus at, or moving away, from the stop. Merging around buses into the right hand lane within the space of less than a city block is problematic.

Residents intend to convey their concern to the CTA with the hope of getting the bus stop returned to its previous location in front of the Shermore Apartments.

Delivery Trucks Stopping and Standing on Sheridan Road

Amazon, UPS, & Fed Ex trucks continue to park illegally on Sheridan both north and southbound to deliver packages. Some residents in the area between Hollywood and Devon are requesting more 'no parking or standing' signage. However, the discussion between ASCO members concluded that more signage is not going to change the situation.

Unity Church rents space at Emmanuel Congregation

There will be signage at Emmanuel Congregation at Sheridan & Thorndale for Unity Church. The church will be at Emmanuel Congregation mainly on Sundays and some weekdays. You might notice the new signage and more cars using the parking lot.

Community Policing

The president of ASCO recently attended a 'conversation with police' via zoom and reported the following:

- There is concern about the increase of people living in tents in the park.
- Cyclists on Sheridan Road sidewalks continue to ignore signs that prohibit riding bikes on the sidewalks. One ASCO rep saw a cyclist on an electric bicycle speeding

- along on Sheridan Road, veering off onto the sidewalk, then returning to the street all at a very high rate of speed.
- Some residents in Edgewater have asked for the return of police “foot patrols.” Foot patrols were eliminated at some point in the recent past.
 - The Chicago Police department says that Edgewater is still “the lowest crime district in the city.”

Flood Insurance for Buildings

Our neighbors to the north living in buildings that are “right on the lake” are dealing with high water levels and the threat of water damage, especially during severe storms. Residents have recently received letters from their mortgage companies saying they must purchase flood insurance.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The Boards of Directors and residents in the affected buildings are greatly concerned about what to do next as the information in the letters about flood insurance is confusing. Additionally, high water levels are expected to continue / the problem is not going away.

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