Effect of Chicago cell phone ban uncertain for neighbors

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The ban, which goes into force July 8, makes it illegal to talk on a hand-held cellular phone in the city of Chicago while driving.

It is still acceptable, however, for drivers to use either earpieces or speakerphones, prompting criticism by some who say that it's the call that's distracting, not holding the phone.

Proponents of the ban hope to make the ban state-wide in the near future.

Opponents of the ban, enacted last week by the city council, argued that some of Chicago's northwestern areas, where it borders Park Ridge and Niles will be places in which police can enforce the ban in a predatory manner, since drivers cross jurisdiction with little or no warning.

Niles Mayor Nick Blase said that he thought a ban made sense for the city of Chicago, but that a similar ban would probably not make sense for Niles.

"I believe in what Chicago's doing," said Blase. "I don't think it's a problem that people talk on their cell phones, it's a problem when they're balancing a cup of coffee in one hand, a cell phone in the other and trying to turn."

Blase said that, while he thinks it's a problem, he doesn't think that Chicago's law is particularly enforceable.

"I think someone should be fined if they get in an accident and you can prove they were on a cell phone," he said. "But I don't see how Chicago police are going to enforce this law."

Blase's sentiments were echoed by Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier and Park Ridge Mayor Howard Frimark.

"This is definitely something that deserves attention," Frimark said. "I am concerned about people driving with their cell phones."

Krier said that he hasn't heard many people in Morton Grove clamoring for a cell phone ban.

"Government shouldn't babysit people," Krier said. "I think it's important to try to keep government out of things."

None of the local mayors thought that a local ban would be enforceable.

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Much ado over Morton Grove Osco outlot

Freshman Trustee Kogstad calls for independent investigation of allegations against village attorney

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Morton Grove Trustee Roy Kogstad called this week for an independent investigation of allegations against Corporate Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston because of her attempts to purchase the eastern Osco outlot located on Dempster just east of Austin. The property in question is currently a parking lot. Several village residents who supported the Caucus Party in the last election took aim at Liston, one of the few remaining Action Party officials at the Apr. 25 village board meeting and the Apr. 28 town hall meeting, alleging that she used her office improperly in order to have an advantage over others interested in purchasing the property.

Liston herself said this week that she had made an offer on the property but that it was not yet under contract. She said that the Osco outlot was the second in which she had expressed interest and that she was working through a broker.

"For all I know, Osco is taking tons of offers on the buildings," she said. "To my knowledge, the village has never expressed an interest in the parcel."

She said she wants to construct a three-story office/retail building.

"I love Morton Grove," she said. "I want to make something nice for the village. I wouldn't want to do anything that would harm it."

Kogstad said that the matter needs to be investigated because of the sensitivity of the corporate counsel's position.

"For someone in her sensitive position, we can't have doubts," he said.

Liston said that she would be happy to answer any questions.

"I want to understand his concerns," she said. "I'd be happy to answer any questions he may have."

Complicating matters is a rede-
Maine Township to Offer Hazardous Waste Disposal

On Saturday, June 1, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Maine Township will offer household hazardous waste collection and disposal. The new service is free to residents of unincorporated Maine Township. Collection will be at a Maine Township Town Hall, 1500 Halton Road. For those living in the township but in a municipality, there will be a flat fee of $20 per car with possible adjustments for special circumstances. "There is no limit on the amount of items collected," says Supervisor Bob Dalback who spearheaded this new service. "However, no regular recycling materials will be accepted." The items that can be collected include electronic equipment such as TVs, VCRs, computers, calculators, and most household hazardous wastes including: Batteries, Cleaners/Paints, Insecticides, Tile, and 100% Colombian coffee, I OtterGOotflRuatRIuIaUrafltSUStød. Not ValId WlthAoyOtherOffer. Not ValId WlthAoyOtherOffer. Not ValId WlthAoyOtherOffer.

Village of Niles not ‘delinquent’ on taxes

Readers may have noticed in last week’s list of Delinquent Property Taxes, a list that belongs to the village of Niles. Niles Officials said Friday that the parcels appeared there by mistake. The four parcels in question are currently occupied by either the Police Station or the Public Works Building. Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said that they were incorrectly listed by the Cook County Treasurer’s Office and that the village did not owe any taxes on them. "Sometimes PIN numbers drop off the exempt list," Annunzio said. "We don’t know about it until we get the bill." Annunzio said that there are certain properties that are owned by the village that have always been a problem. "We don’t pay taxes on those parcels because they’re municipal property," he said. The delinquent tax list was issued last year in advance of a tax sale where individuals can "buy" the debt from Cook County. The sale of the taxes can eventually lead to a foreclosure of property in extreme cases. Annunzio said that back taxes that the County says are owed by the Village could not be sold. Annunzio also said that, if the Village of Niles appears more regularly on the tax lists, it might be because Niles buys and sells property with more frequency than other municipalities.

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Maine Democrat Peter Ryan Breaks into ‘Uncharted Territory’

BY JEFF BORGARDT

Information technology expert Peter Ryan was said to be planning to run for state treasurer in 2010, but the announcement was made that the Democrat was joining the House of Representatives, and he in turn revealed that he was eyeing a seat on the legislative Republican Caucus Committee. The general consensus among lawmakers was that Ryan, who came from a family of state legislators, was a rising star in politics.

Ryan was shown to be a bit of a maverick, however, as he continued to work on his campaign for state treasurer. His goal was to run on a platform of fiscal responsibility and economic growth, and he was determined to make his mark on the state government.

Ryan was known for his deep knowledge of public policy and his ability to think creatively about solutions to complex problems. He was a strong advocate for reducing the state’s budget deficit and for implementing innovative programs to support the state’s economy. His leadership style was characterized by transparency and accountability, and he was committed to engaging with the public and holding himself and his colleagues accountable for their actions.

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A man, 20, went to his friend's patio at 7:00 p.m. to get a beer. When the officer approached, the suspect told the officer “I’m going to grab a beer at McDonald’s and get out of here.” The officer pointed an attorney in the village. The incident occurred around midnight, Saturday May 14.

Leaving Accident Scene
A man, 33, was arrested May 5 at 1:00 a.m. for leaving the scene of an accident with driving while under the influence or an uninsured vehicle. The man was arrested on the same block as the accident.

Attended Burglary
A 13-year-old boy walked into a bicycle and rode away.

Fixed Yde (9100 Niles Terrace)
A man, 55, reported someone took his roof-water heater on the evening of May 13. This caused his basement to flood with 3/4 inch of water in the basement.

Police Guard Crushed (9100 Niles Terrace)
Someone drove a vehicle through a police station parking gate Friday May 13 at 11:00 a.m. Damaging the gate. The parking lot gate was down but the vehicle drove through it anyway causing damage to the police station.
Aldermen didn't make 'power grab'

Dear Editor,

As a special meeting on Tuesday, May 3, the City Council voted to approve a block of interest law over opposition from Homeowners Party members and supporters of Mayor Frisina or the four aldermen aligned with him, to refer to the legal authority of the Council and provide direction to the city's permitted plan, the Dempster Street corridor plans, to discuss the committee structure of the Council majority by the mayor's claims that he had won the support of the city's young people. No matter how many times our City government can create a "shadow committee" in the midst of a time when the House of Representatives sold to us $650,000 to build the Dempster Street corridor to provide the city with a "friendly" crooked executive director Joe Baldi (5th) speaks via phone in the chamber.

Our Mayor has capitalized on the public's fear of losing their homes and their jobs, and has promised to bring jobs here to Morton Grove. As in Chicago, we see the same old names moving from one board to another, and the same pattern of "the same old names" peddling through the appointment process. The local government can create a "shadow committee" in the midst of a time when the House of Representatives sold to us $650,000 to build the Dempster Street corridor to provide the city with a "friendly" crooked executive director Joe Baldi (5th) speaks via phone in the chamber.

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Gardens Brighten Seniors’ Lives

Rebecca’s Garden stars with local partners to make gardening fun again for older adults

Rebecca Kolls, one of the popular reality television show “Rebecca’s Garden,” is partnering with the wellness service Star of the North to launch a new city campaign to make gardening fun again for senior residents.

The public education campaign is designed to bring back the joy of gardening to seniors who have difficulty maintaining gardens or who gave up gardening altogether because of illness or the condition of aging.

As part of the campaign, Kolls and Home Instead Senior Care Chicago have launched a four-flower gardening guide complete with gardening tips, facts and simple gardening projects for seniors to do alone with their family or caregivers. The guide is available free of charge from the Home Instead Senior Care office serving the north side of Chicago and the North Shore by calling (847) 647-6400.

The guide, specifically designed for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, offers a great way of taking some time to capture the beauty and serenity of gardening. Beyond the obvious health benefits, places, times and considerations of enjoyment, there are the emotional and hunts benefits that can boost mood. They include structure, added programming that can be a service, personal care services, and activities that all appreciate and stimulating.

Norwood Park Home resident Betty Glynn received award

Betty Glynn, a longtime Cubs fan and a former resident of Norwood Park Home, was awarded the Lars Andrew Dolan Award from the General Electric Family of Companies for her contribution to improving the quality of life at the home. Glynn was honored at the Saturday night celebration. At 84, Glynn was awarded with the award at the home and the following Saturday, she was honored at the Norwood Park Home’s annual Senior News Day. Most recently, Glynn was honored at the Annual Local Spelling Bee on May 25th.

The Gardening Memory Care Program

Norwood Park Home resident Betty Glynn, an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a former resident of Norwood Park Home, performed a triple play when she received these honors within one week. At the Annual Conference of Lifeservice Networks (LSN) in Chicago, she was awarded the Outstanding Star Volunteer Service Award. The following Saturday, she was presented with the Lars Andrew Dolan Award from Norwood Life Care Networks. Two days later, she was honored at a special Celebration Day for the residents and staff of Norwood Park Home.

The Gardening Memory Care Program was launched last year to provide opportunities for residents to improve their well-being. "Heavy’s garden is simple but beautiful. In addition, there is the option to grow vegetables in the garden, which can be a fun and rewarding way to get exercise," says The Garden Director, Call (847) 647-6400.

The Garden is a specialized unit with resources and equipment specifically designed for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia.

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Senior Events at Niles Library, Abingdon of Glenview

### Avoiding Nursing Home/Medicaid Financial Disasters

Attorneys Choose Poppy Day will explain how to protect you or your loved ones. The program is at the Library, 8471 Old McHenry Rd., on Tuesday, May 24, 1-1:30 p.m. RSVP to 847.983.8115.

### Pet Therapy - A little love goes a long way

Frisco, the therapy dog, will be at the Library on Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m., to introduce the program for the Library, or call 847.983.8114 or online at www.nilespl.org.

### Miles Poppy Day this weekend

Niles residents, including Mayor Nick Blase and Trustees Kirn Biederman and Robert Senior Events at Niles Library, Pet Therapy A little love goes a long way

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The Abingdon of Glenview Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility will host its Annual Open House, 10:00am-1:30pm, May 24, 2005. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Addison, 847-729-4453. RSVP. This event is open to the public.

Niles residents are invited to make and accept donations to the Niles Memorial Post 771 1st Buddy Poppy Day

### United Methodist Homes Branch May 25

United Methodist Homes and Services and Bethesda Methodist Homes and Methodist Hospital cordially invite you to the CLERGY & SPIRITUAL CARINGTONE APRECIATION BRUNCH featuring a Round Table Discussion on "Advanced Directives & The Future". Presented by John Schumacher, Manager of Spiritual Care & Healing Arts Rainbow Hospital and Rev. Sarah J. Riga. Provider Relations Representative, Palliative Care Center & Hospice of the North Shore. Wednesday, May 25, 2005, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. At the Methodist Home, 1415 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640. PLEASE RSVP to 773-706-7550.

### Niles Seniors

For men ($45). The Fair will be open from 10:00 am-1:00 pm and is open to all ages. Advanced reservations are required. For more information about the Health Fair, please call the Senior Center at 847-588-8420.

MONDAY MONTHLY GETTING ACQUAINTED MEETING - 11:00AM

Mon.-Thurs. in the Community Room of the Library. Meet the others in your area. You'll have a chance to tour the Library and gadgets center.

Meet the Third Thursday of every month. The current meeting is Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 11:00AM, with an additional meeting on Thursday, August 18th. Please register in advance by calling 847-588-8420.

ATTENTION, ALL NILES SENIOR SPONORS! IT'S REGIONAL SPANNING RETIREMENT FAIR in Chicago, IL. May 14, 12 Noon - 5:00PM

Anyone who loves to spell is invited to join this fun filled competition! Thursday, July 14th at 10:00am. The top two winners of the Regional Spelling Bee will represent Niles Senior Center at the Regional Spelling Bee Sand Castle Challenge on Tuesday, August 2nd at 10:00am. Registration is invited! Prizes!

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE 2005

A $1,000 donation will be made to the Niles Senior Center

Niles Senior Center (must be 60+)

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In addition to the activities listed above, the Library offers a variety of programs and resources for seniors, including

- **Pet Therapy Program**
  - Hosted by Frisco, a certified therapy dog
  - Sessions are available by appointment
  - Call 847-983-8115 for more information

- **Community Meals**
  - Lunch is served daily at the Library
  - Contact the Library at 847-983-8115 for details

- **Mile Poppy Day Event**
  - May 21, 11:00am - 1:00pm
  - Honor our fallen heroes with a visit to the Library

- **Senior Center Club**
  - Meets the third Thursday of every month
  - Call 847-588-8420 for details

- **Senior Health Fair**
  - May 24, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
  - Visit local organizations to learn about health and wellness

- **Library Events**
  - Regularly scheduled events
  - Check the Library calendar for current programs

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Tips for Parents:
Coping with First-Time Camp Experiences

For thousands, the camp experience has been a long-standing family tradition. For others, the camp experience serves as an introduction to growing up and learning on a journey together to key to adequately preparing yourself and your child for any type of separation, including going to camp for the first time.

Following are helpful tips to consider as you ask yourself, “Who’s going through separation anxiety, me or my child?”

- Separation is a part of growing up. Find opportunities to give your child independence in safe, structured surroundings with caring adults. Understanding that he or she is being prepared to be a confident, productive adult, sometimes makes the process more successful.

- Understand that separation is natural and necessary; remember that your baby’s first crawl, the first time you step aboard a school bus, and the overnight at a friend’s or relative’s - these memories are among the most important developmental phases you and your child successfully encountered.

- Each successful separation gives your child confidence for the next challenge. Recognize and accept successes.

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A Greener View
Window Boxes Should be a Portrait of Color

Jeff Raggo
Copley News Service

Q: My mother plants her window boxes that look small and beautiful, but mine always look awful. Can you give me some tips to make them look better?

A: Isn’t it wonderful to be inspired by our mothers? My mother’s green thumb is so good; she could probably get persimmon wood to come back to life. There is no substitute for a mother’s love.

First, imagine taking a picture of a pretty window box in black and white and just looking at the plant shapes. There should be an accord that it tall, coming out of the top like a fountain. Then there will be something filling the top of the container and something cascading over the sides. Each of these areas will be created from different plants, while still looking at it in black and white, look at the colors.

In other words, some of the leaves will be big and blocky, like coarse textured sandpaper and other leaves will be tiny and close together like fine sandpaper. Finally, look at the picture in color.

In the beginning, try using colors that are similar to your home exterior. There should be some continuity.

A red flowering plant could be next to a plant with red in it. The colors of the red are red, orange, yellow, and green. and always be pleasant and cheerful.

Don’t call the last two colors. Try doing several window boxes and lining them up with the other box in a color scheme. Pick a color as the main color and only use it in the top color scheme and the top color next to it in the scheme.

If you pick orange, you would use red and yellow. Red can use yellow and purple and so on.

You could pick your window box colors that look similar to anything used in the fabric on your couch or on the trim of your house to give them all the same colors. Next year, you can pick a main color and use the color opposite it on the rainbow or the color wheel.

These combinations of plants and colors in your window box can be very visually stimulating. Using white flowers and silver-leaved plants in each container can also help tie all the containers together visually.

Choose plants that fill all these criteria before you plant them. Before you plant them, look to see that they are all growing well in the same container with a plant that needs. Don’t make it too complex. Choose one tall kind, one or two fillers, and one cas- cading kind for each planter.

Next year, try a few new combinations in additional pots while repeating the best combinations from this year. You can’t expect a plant that likes to live in dry sandy conditions to grow well in the same container with a plant that needs. Don’t forget to use vegeta- bles and herbs in the container.

Cascades of small tomatoes, light-colored basil leaves, and any other plant that can all add new colors and textures to standard flowers in your window boxes.

Window boxes are much easier to grow than free standing shrubs as long as they are not too tall and not too wide. You need to have at least half-inch of water at the top of the box. So, the water should be deep and hold water.

Next year, switch the water box that is full of soil, not enough water sinks into the soil and the roots. If you have enough water, look main flowers in full sun or in a windy location. They may need to be watered more often if they are in a windy location.

A drip irrigation line can be set up to slowly water the box at a steady rate that is better for plant growth and dry cycles that some- times develop in an area very visually stimulating.

Don’t forget to add water when the soil is dry. Other window coverings that are often considered to be seasonal, but they don’t have to be. Evergreens, perennials, and annuals can all be planted in them and saved until the next year.

If your plant is that a tender annual up north may be a perennial or a hardy perennial for another year. If you want to overwinter pots in a northern window, you will probably have to move it to a more sheltered location so the soil doesn’t dry out too much and keep the roots cool, and saved until the next year.

Window boxes don’t have to be hung in windows. The long skinny shapes could be next to a plant with red in it. The colors of the red are red, orange, yellow, and green.

The long skinny shapes can be used on top of deck railings if they are wide enough to hang. They can also be used on any window treatment such as draperies in large window spaces to make them non-dominant in scale.

Use the boxes to make a fast and easy focal point around a couple of deck chairs or coffee tables with taller pots to blend with the other plants. Don’t forget to add other color and sculptural elements to the containers for color to maintain visual interest.

Contact Jeff Raggo at info@copleynews.com.
Check out these areas and see for yourself:

**Roof.** Replace any loose or missing shingles to avoid costly leaks.

**Gutters & Downspouts.** Clean out any debris that may have collected over the winter.

**Air Conditioning System.** Have it inspected by a professional and change the filter as needed to keep it running efficiently.

**Deck.** Replace any loose nails and warped and rotting boards.

**Screens & Windows.** Fix any torn screens and replace any loose caulking.

**Outside Pipes.** Repair any that might have been damaged by the cold weather.

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**MARCH 19, 2005**

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