

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

TOP WEB STORIES

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1. Wilmette fitness center makes move to Kenilworth
2. Winnetka: Situation resolved safely after missing man is found with gun at beach
3. Police: Robbery suspect flees Bank of America in Wilmette
4. Dining Out: The Greenwood Restaurant offers breakfast, values friendly atmosphere
5. Winnetka: Library director on 'indefinite' leave after months of turmoil

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Wilmette Public Schools 39 posted this photo on Jan. 17 with the caption: "We held our District 39 Spelling Bee this afternoon and all of our grade level finalists did an amazing job! Congratulations to 8th grader Aaron C. (far left) who will advance to the regional round of competition on Feb. 4!"

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"Congrats to the New Trier Dance Team for their third-place finish in the Hip Hop category at the Palatine Invitational today! Go Trevs!"

@NewTrier203."

@NTHSActivities New Trier Student Activities posted on Jan. 11

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GO FIGURE

An intriguing number from this week's edition

15

Number of years Body Science PFT had been located in Wilmette, Page 8

FROM THE SPORTS EDITOR

War on the Shore celebrates 10th anniversary



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Last year, at this very same time of the year and in this very same editorial space, I did arguably one of the scariest things I've done and told all of you about growing up with epilepsy.

First, I'd like to thank all of you who reached out about the piece and your kind words, they were really appreciated because, to be honest, I was really worried about

what people might say or treat me differently once they knew.

But none of that happened, so thank you very much again.

This past weekend marked the 10th annual War on the Shore shootout, a basketball shootout featuring the boys basketball teams from Evanston, Loyola and New Trier (Page 36) against schools from all across Chicagoland.

Coincidentally, this year was more of a North Shore vs. South Suburbs event, as the three teams that traveled to play in the War on the Shore were Oak Lawn, Homewood-Flossmoor and Hillcrest.

The appearance in the shootout was the first for both Hillcrest and Oak Lawn and it was

great to see such a large number of fans from all the schools come out to support the Danny Did Foundation and its fight against epilepsy.

In my time here at 22nd Century Media — and as a member of the Danny Did Foundation's Young Professionals Board — I've seen around 10 different teams from the area come in to play in the one-day event. And it's been some big names as well, like all three schools this year and schools like Bolingbrook, St. Viator, Benet, Geneva and Jacobs, among multiple others come out to play.

"Being the charity partner to War on the Shore for the past 10 years has allowed us to reach 17 different school communities with Danny's story

and information about epilepsy and seizures," said Mike Stanton, Danny's dad and co-founder of the Danny Did Foundation. "Every year, as the teams compete and young fans run around in the bleachers, we really feel Danny's presence. We know this is an event he would love."

All three games were exceptional this year, with the Loyola and Evanston games coming down to the wire. Next year's slate isn't determined yet, but will be at Loyola in 2021, so be sure to keep an eye out. If the matchups are anything like the ones we just saw, we're in store for another great weekend of hoops.

To learn more about the Danny Did Foundation, visit dannydid.org.

LETTER

From Page 18

Board's purpose in creating a Tax Increment Financing District is to revitalize a business district that has been moribund and declining for decades. The Board has never said that Kenilworth's business corridor was "blighted." That is a term used by opponents of the TIF District but there is no denying that certain sections of it have been declining for decades.

The Board believes that a revitalized business district would result in lessening the tax burden residential property owners in Kenilworth now bear. (Currently, Kenilworth's business district represents only 4% to the Total As-

essed Value of our Village, leaving residential property owners to carry 96% of the load.) An additional benefit of a revitalized business district would be the creation of local amenities that are needed to attract new families to our community. These are the hoped for results of an investment in our business district.

The State of Illinois' Tax Increment Financing District statute is an economic development tool that any municipality may qualify for if it meets certain conditions. Kenilworth conducted an eligibility analysis and the board determined that our business district met the required criteria. I hope opponents to a TIF in Kenilworth are not suggesting that Village

Trustees should disregard an instrument for which our district qualifies and that would benefit our community because of a misplaced fear for its reputation. I have said multiple times that I recognize that change is difficult and uncertainty can be frightening. Development, when it comes, however, will be subject to a rigorous and thorough vetting process with multiple opportunities for public notification, comment and engagement. I would urge residents who would like more information to visit Kenilworth's web site www.vok.org and click on the link for details about the TIF District.

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