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**What's Happening in West Town**  
***A Roundup of Exciting Neighborhood News, Events & Deals in April***

**CHICAGO (April 2018)** – The following is a sampling of neighborhood news, events and deals happening in West Town throughout the month of April 2018. For more neighborhood items, visit [www.facebook.com/WestTownChicago](https://www.facebook.com/WestTownChicago).

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Vertical Gallery**  
1016 N. Western Avenue  
[www.verticalgallery.com](http://www.verticalgallery.com)

**Vertical Gallery Celebrates 5-Year Anniversary**  
**Opening Reception: April 7, 6 - 10 P.M.**  
**Runs April 7 - 28**

Celebrate with Vertical Gallery on April 7 - 28, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 7th, 6:00- 10:00 p.m.

Vertical Gallery, Chicago's premier urban-contemporary art gallery, is proud to present a special exhibition celebrating their 5-year anniversary. The show will feature 23 artists from nine different countries with artistic styles that have shaped the gallery's programming over the years. Since opening its doors at 1016 N. Western Avenue in 2013, Vertical Gallery has presented ambitious exhibitions with work influenced by street art, urban environments, graffiti, pop culture, graphic design and illustration.

"We are very grateful for the support we have received from art collectors in Chicago and around the world," says Patrick Hull, owner of Vertical Gallery. "We are very excited about celebrating this milestone with many of the amazing artists we have worked with over the past five years, and a few showing with us for the first time."

For more information, visit <https://verticalgallery.com/pages/vertical-gallery-celebrates-5-year-anniversary>.





Chicago Truborn  
1741 W. Chicago  
[www.chicagotruborn.com](http://www.chicagotruborn.com)

**“Stacked”**  
April 14, 6 – 10 P.M.

A group show featuring 30 incredible artists. All pieces are being painted on Matryoshka dolls. The opening reception is from 6-10 pm. Free and open to the public



Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art  
756 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
[www.art.org](http://www.art.org)

**Closet Clearance Sale 2018**

**April 20 – 22**

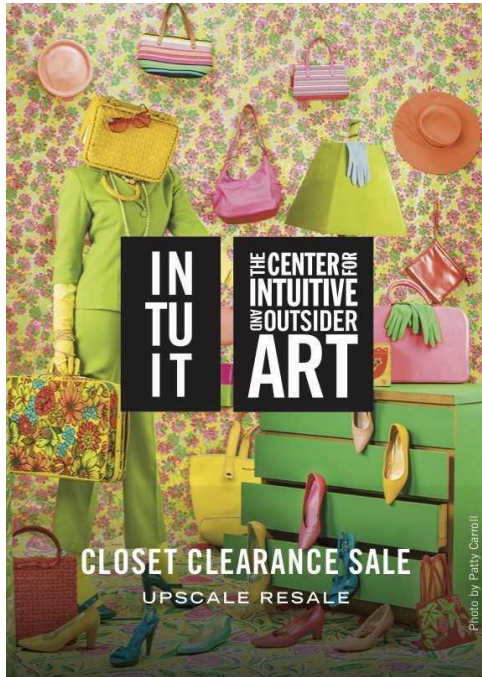
VIP First Dibs: Friday, April 20, 6 - 8 p.m. (Free for donors, \$20 for non-donors)  
Closet Clearance Sale: Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. (Free and open to the public)  
Half-Price Sale: Sunday, April 22, 12 - 3 p.m. (Free and open to the public)  
Intuit, 756 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

Intuit's annual Closet Clearance Sale includes thousands of new, vintage and gently-used women's clothing and accessory items donated from Chicago's best closets and designers.

The best part? 100% of the proceeds directly support Intuit's exhibitions, programming and educational events that celebrate outsider art.

Not only can you shop the Closet Clearance Sale, but you can also donate!

Learn more at: <http://www.art.org/closet-clearance-2018/>



## DONATE YOUR ITEMS TODAY!

- Donors receive free tickets to the VIP "First Dibs" Pre-Sale
- All donations tax-deductible (receipts provided)
- 100% of the proceeds directly support Intuit's exhibitions, programming and educational efforts
- Donate through April 15, 2018

## LOOKING FOR...

New, vintage or gently used women's clothing and accessories. (This is an upscale sale, please no blue jeans or ripped t-shirts.)

## DROPOFF LOCATION

756 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642 | 312.243.9008

Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday until 7 p.m.

Sunday noon-5 p.m.

For pick up details, please call 312.399.8843

## SALE HOURS

VIP First Dibs: Friday, April 20th, 6-8 p.m. (\$20/free for donors)

Closet Clearance Sale: Saturday, April 21st, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Half Price Sale: Sunday, April 22nd, 12-3 p.m.

Free and open to the public Saturday and Sunday

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

### Forbidden Root

1746 West Chicago Avenue

<http://forbiddenroot.com/>

### Forbidden Root Beer Dinner Series

**April 11, 5 - 10 P.M.**

Forbidden Root Brewery, an innovator in craft brewing with its restaurant and brewery located at 1746 W. Chicago Ave., is hosting the second of its new monthly beer dinners on April 11. Executive chef Dan Weiland and head brewer Nick Williams will showcase Forbidden Root's knack for food and beer pairings with its monthly beer dinner series.

Once per month, Forbidden Root will host a five beer, four course prix fixe dinner, specially curated by its chef and brewer. Guests will have the opportunity to experience a new menu with different pairings each month. The beer pairing dinner will cost \$45 and is available on a first come, first served basis.

The next dinner in Forbidden Root's Beer Dinner Series will be held on May 9.

For more information, visit the Facebook event page.

#### WHEN:

Wednesday, April 11

5-10 p.m.

#### COST:

\$45

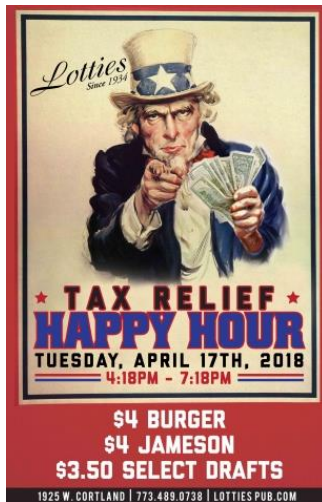
The price includes a 5 beer/4 course curated dinner.



**Lottie's Pub**  
1925 W. Cortland St.  
[www.lottiespub.com](http://www.lottiespub.com)

**Tax Day Specials & Happy Hour**  
**April 17, 4:17 - 7:17 P.M.**

Lottie's Pub will celebrate Tax Day on Tuesday, April 17 with a "Tax Relief Happy Hour" from 4:17 - 7:17pm. Specials include \$4 Burgers, \$4 Jameson drinks and shots, and \$3.50 drafts.



**On Tour Brewing**  
1725 W Hubbard St.  
<https://ontourbrewing.com/>

**BrewTube Comedy Show**  
**April 17, 8 P.M.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brewtube-comedy-at-on-tour-brewing-tickets-44149341870>

On Tour Brewing and Brewtube Comedy are teaming up for a night of laughter featuring some of Chicago's best stand-up comedians. Our tasting room menu will be available, including favorites such as Lightning Will, Gold of Sunshine, Typical Daydream and more.



### The Lineup

Mickey Housley - Showtime At The Apollo

Shannon Noll - We Still Like You

And More TBA!

Advanced tickets required; \$10 per person. 21+ event. Get yours before we sell out!



### Frontier

1072 N. Milwaukee Ave.

[www.thefrontierchicago.com](http://www.thefrontierchicago.com)

### Jazzfest Crawfish Boil

April 29, 12 P.M. & 4 P.M.

Frontier will celebrate New Orleans Jazzfest on Sunday, April 29, with one of their famous NOLA-style Crawfish Boils. For just \$35/person, guests will enjoy all-you-can-eat crawfish, corn and potatoes. Additional authentic Jazzfest specials include \$10 Crawfish Monica, \$8 Crawfish Pie, \$8 Frozen Daiquiris, and \$5 Abitas. The boil will take place in two seatings, 12pm and 4pm. Live music will take place throughout the day, beginning with the first seating at 12 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in-advance at [thefrontierchicago.com/events/](http://thefrontierchicago.com/events/).





**RETAIL & COMMUNITY**  
**Alderman Hopkins**  
 1400 N. Ashland Avenue.  
[www.aldermanhopkins.com](http://www.aldermanhopkins.com)

**Earth Day Shredding, Recycling and Electronics**  
**April 21, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

Join Alderman Hopkins on Earth Day for free paper shredding, electronics recycling, prescription drug take-back, and used bicycle drop off at 1254 N. State Parkway for FREE Paper Shredding, Electronics Recycling, Prescription Drug Take-Back and Used Bicycle Donations.


The event starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 12:00 PM. Staff will be in the State Street Parking Lot (1254 N. State Parkway). Limit 3 boxes of paper shredding per household.

**Brian Hopkins**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman

Join Alderman Hopkins on Earth Day for  
**FREE Paper Shredding, Electronics Recycling,**  
**Prescription Drug Take-Back and More**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 1254 N. State Parkway  
 State Street Parking Lot  
**(Limit 3 boxes of paper shredding per household)**


**Electronics Recycling**




NewTech accepts flat screen TVs & monitors, Cell Phones, Computers, Printers, CPUs, Small Kitchen Appliances, & more. Visit [www.newtechrecycling.com](http://www.newtechrecycling.com) for a full list of recyclable items. **NewTech** will accept old tube TVs and CRT monitors but charges a recycling fee (up to \$20).

**Prescription Drug Take-Back**

The Cook County Sheriff's Office will be on-site to collect and properly dispose of, expired and unwanted prescription drugs. They DO NOT accept needles or liquids.




**Working Bikes**



Working Bikes is a non-profit bike shop that collects and fixes up old bicycles for sale or to be donated to global communities. For more information, visit [www.workingbikes.org](http://www.workingbikes.org).

**Toys and Children's Clothes**

Cradles to Crayons accepts a wide range of donations of new and like-new items for children of all ages, from newborn to age 12. For more information, visit [www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/)



For more information, contact Alderman Hopkins 2nd Ward Service Office at (312) 643-2299 or email [ward02@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward02@cityofchicago.org).

**Christy Webber Farm & Garden**  
 2833 W. Chicago Ave.  
[www.cwfng.com](http://www.cwfng.com)

**Christy Webber Farm & Garden Spring Fling**  
**April 21**  
**12:00 - 6:00 P.M.**



Join the Farm & Garden and kick off the growing season at Spring Fling. The event is free and open to the public, featuring kids activities, plant promotions and a 'Dress as Your Favorite Flower' contest.



**Imagine Create Apps**  
802 N. Bishop St.

[www.imaginecreateapps.com](http://www.imaginecreateapps.com)

**Mobile App Development Special**  
**Through April 30**

Imagine Create Apps develops apps that help small to mid-size businesses grow by increasing revenue, improving communications and strengthening customer retention. We're running a special promotion for all West Town, Wicker Park and Bucktown Chamber Members! If you sign a Mobile App Development Agreement during the month of April, you will automatically receive 20% off your Development/Set-up cost. This is an average savings of \$500 on your mobile app investment. Email us a [info@imaginecreateapps.com](mailto:info@imaginecreateapps.com) to learn more about the capabilities and get your quote today.

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**About West Town:**

The West Town Chamber of Commerce fosters community and economic development by empowering businesses with information, networking opportunities, marketing, and other programming. The chamber extensively promotes the unique elements of the West Town neighborhoods and strives to engage the public through the organization of special events that highlight existing businesses and attract consumers and new businesses to the West Town area. The chamber serves as a channel through which members can cultivate a diverse, symbiotic, and growth-oriented community.