

The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space

The ARTS: Medicine for the Soul



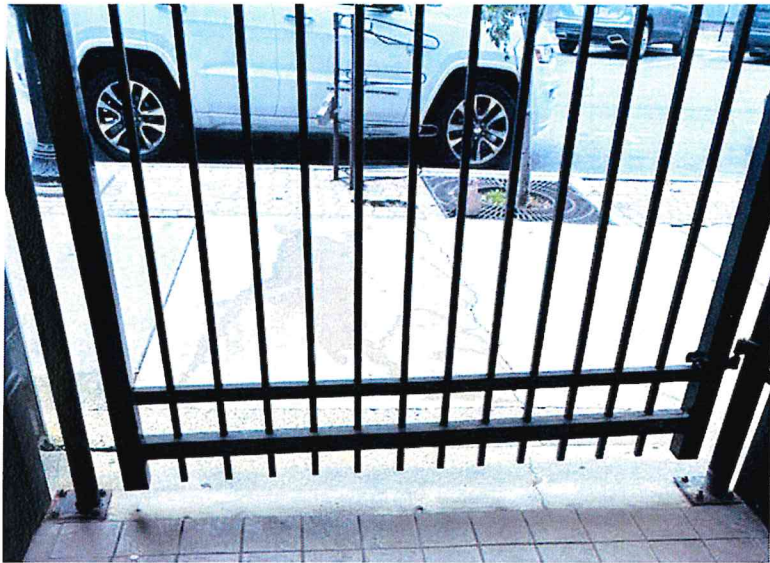
If you believe the arts are important, and enrich people's lives, please keep reading.

We are a different gallery. Twenty-two artists **volunteer their times** at our Pharmacy Gallery co-op to coordinate and curate our quarterly shows, pop-up events, to help promote and sponsor our monthly art of Jazz, to mentor emerging artist, to educate and promote cultural exchanges and awareness through our art, which we believe is medicine for the soul. Now that we own our building our artist monthly dues will now pay for utility and our operating cost.

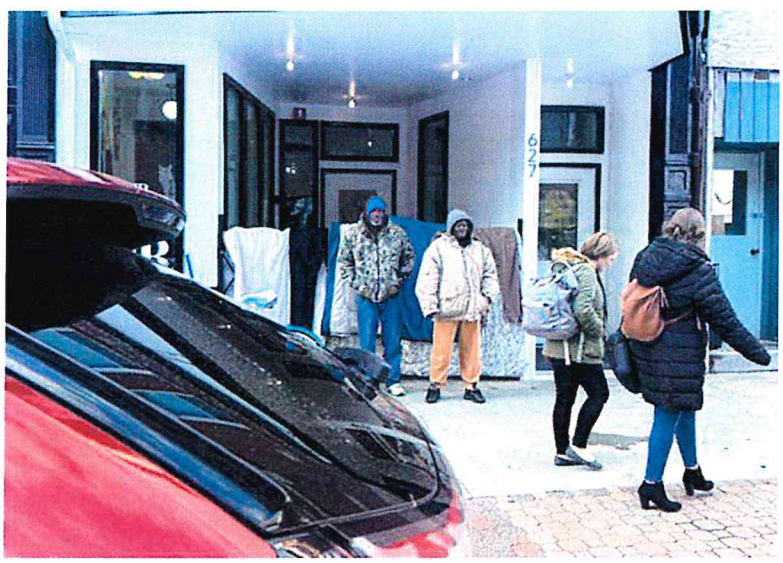
Our goals are to expand and create a community arts center and art therapy practice. We are concerned that this will not happen if the homeless issues continue at 600 E Adams St. We know they have rights, and we feel for them but as it stands now, it is hurting our business. We need your help to make this a vital community arts center.



We got targeted from the homeless they dumped a bucket of feces and vomit at our back gate along with special messages.



We got targeted and the homeless urinated in front of the gallery the stench was awful.



How is it ok to hang personal property on businesses' property?



Propane tanks around people under the influence of drugs and alcohol.



Lots of graffiti behind and on the side of the gallery.



The bolted down bike rack ripped up. Public Works promptly fixed it. / A corner bag with white residue blew in the sidewalk into our gallery. / Newlv planted trees have branches ripped off. there are fewer branches today.



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Homeless Concerns

We know the homeless have rights and they shouldn't be harassed. Though it seems there is a blind eye for the behavior that goes on the streets. We have observed the following:

- a. violent behavior,
- b. aggressive shouting and screaming
- c. pot smoking,
- d. homeless hallucinating,
- e. someone on a bike goes around daily and collects???

How can we get homeless to stop from congregating in front of entrances of businesses during business hours?

Why are propane tanks allowed to be operated with people who are under and around the influence of drugs?

Will designated locker space for their possessions help?

Can another Port-a-potty be made available? There is more feces behind the gallery.

Can homeless be encouraged to stay on one side of a street, and not in front of businesses?

Can the homeless be told, yes you do have rights, but you don't have rights to these bad behaviors?

Action, we have taken

- a. Contacted Lakisha Purchase & Jim Donelan who pass on our concerns to Chief of Police.
- b. Filled out and turned in the paperwork for no trespassing given to the police.
- c. Contacted the other businesses to do the same.
- d. We've been in contact with Officer Michael Neuman
- e. Purchased the Ring and sensor lights for our front and back doors
- f. Discussed with our members to be respectful but not interact with the homeless.

THE PHARMACY GALLERY & ART SPACE PRESENTS

An evening with
Emmanuel di Villarosa
world renown tenor

December 8, 2023
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

623 East Adams St., Springfield, IL

*Famous Arias,
Christmas Favorites, and More!*



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THE PHARMACY

GALLERY AND ART SPACE

Formal attire encouraged.

Hors d'oeuvres, Wine and Beer Bar all inclusive

Recommended donation at the door \$25/person; \$40/couple
or reserve your seat at www.pharmacygallery.com/donate
(include number of seats and "tenor" in the notes).

Limited seating available.



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