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McKinley Park News Welcomes Kevin O'Neil as Neighborhood News Correspondent

CHICAGO – Veteran local journalist Kevin O'Neil has joined the reporting team of the *McKinley Park News*, bringing his experience as an award-winning newsman and municipal civic leader to bear on the news and events of the McKinley Park neighborhood of Chicago.

O'Neil has logged newsroom stints at the *Chicago Sun-Times* and served as a longtime editor at the *American Medical News* of the American Medical Association. His Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Penn State preceded his MBA in Marketing from Roosevelt University; his news team work led to a Peter Lisagor Award in Journalism for Public Service from the Chicago Headline Club/Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

"We're profoundly excited to have Kevin working with us to report the neighborhood news of McKinley Park," said *McKinley Park News* Publisher Justin Kerr. "Kevin's long career in journalism and communications focuses a huge amount of practical expertise toward connecting with and telling the stories of our community."

In addition to O'Neil's experience in journalism, he's worked extensively in Chicago municipal development and governance, including serving as chief of staff for former 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore and board president for a non-profit economic development corporation.

O'Neil's work in the Rogers Park neighborhood on the far North Side of Chicago also included chairing a zoning advisory committee and leading the neighborhood CAPS group as beat leader for 18 years.

O'Neil has been a resident of the McKinley Park neighborhood since March 2020, moving from Rogers Park just before the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. "We still are looking forward to learning and seeing all that McKinley Park has to offer," O'Neil said.

ABOUT THE MCKINLEY PARK NEWS

The *McKinley Park News* is a micro-local online publication covering the McKinley Park Community Area and Central Manufacturing District of Chicago from its website at <https://mckinleypark.news>. Its features include original news reporting, a comprehensive calendar of neighborhood events and an interactive membership and subscription system. Online as a neighborhood resource since 2012, the *McKinley Park News* launched its commercial operations in 2019 as a publication of Local News LLC.

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