

# Johnson to delay shelter limits

Mayor acknowledges pause on opening new sites for migrants

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Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson will delay enforcing his 60-day migrant shelter limit policy for the first group of asylum-seekers due to leave the system next week, his administration announced Friday as heavy snowfall and low wind chills pummeled the city.

The group of about 50 migrant shelter residents who have been in the system since 2022 and had been required to leave by Tuesday will now get to stay through “at least” Jan. 22, said Brandie Knazze, commissioner of the Department of Family and Support Services.

The same goes for another 600 residents who entered the shelter system after the 60-day limit was instituted in November and were supposed to leave between Tuesday and Jan. 21.

“To be clear, we’re not kicking new arrivals out in the cold this winter,” the mayor said at a news conference at the city’s emergency communications headquarters. “Our mission is to continue to live up to our values. As we welcome new arrivals, we will continue to meet this challenge.”

The announcement comes as the city braced for its harshest winter storm yet this season, which had previously seen bursts of snowfall and freezing temperatures here and there but stayed relatively mild. Early next week will be rougher, with wind chills that could reach minus 20 degrees, weather officials said.

The threat of more extreme Chicago winter weather will pose one of the mayor’s biggest challenges in the near future as

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Rebecca Zimmerman moves along Harlem Avenue on her way to work in Oak Park from Forest Park as a winter storm hits the Chicago area with heavy snow on Friday. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE


# Winter storm warning in place as frigid cold awaits

Overnight snow expected after Friday’s wet, heavy blanketing disrupts travel

By Alysa Guffey, Kate Armanini, Sarah Macaraeg and Caroline Kubzansky  
Chicago Tribune

Gusty wind and sleet cut through the air Friday as 8-year-old Stella Dmytrenko-Hreczuch stood with her plastic snowboard next to a hill in Humboldt Park. Though as much as 8 inches of snow fell in some parts of the Chicago area, around her the grass was covered with only a light dusting of snow.

But Stella was not deterred. With a toothy grin, she carried her sled to

| UPCOMING FORECAST   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Saturday  | Sunday           | Monday           | Tuesday          |
|  | <b>COLD</b>      | <b>COLD</b>      | <b>COLD</b>      |
| High 26<br>Low -3   | High 2<br>Low -9 | High 0<br>Low -7 | High 1<br>Low -3 |

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the top of the hill, strapped in her feet and shuffled through the inch of snow before speeding down the slope.

“It kind of feels like you’re flying,” Stella said. “The snow’s really good today for throwing snowballs and making snowmen.”

Her parents, Martin Hreczuch and Julie Dmytrenko, watched nearby with smiles, bundled in layers. The family comes to the park almost every time it snows, they said. “This is our go-to sledding hill,”

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Houthi rebels protest Friday in Sanaa after U.S. and U.K. forces attacked the militia in Yemen. MOHAMMED HUWAIS/GETTY-APF

# US Navy warns vessels to stay clear of waters near Yemen

Airstrikes on Houthi rebels may add risk to ships via reprisals

By Jon Gambrell and Aamer Madhani  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. Navy on Friday warned American-flagged vessels to steer clear of areas around Yemen in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden for the next 72 hours after the U.S. and Britain launched multiple airstrikes targeting Houthi rebels.

The warning in a notice

to shippers came as Yemen’s Houthis vowed fierce retaliation for the U.S.-led strikes, further raising the prospect of a wider conflict in a region already beset by Israel’s war in Gaza.

U.S. military and White House officials said they expected the Houthis to try to strike back. And President Joe Biden warned on Friday that the group could face further strikes.

The U.S.-led bombardment — launched in response to a recent campaign of drone and missile attacks on commercial ships in the vital Red Sea — killed at least five people and wounded six, the Houthis said. The U.S. said the

strikes, in two waves, took aim at targets in 28 different locations across Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen.

“We will make sure that we respond to the Houthis if they continue this outrageous behavior along with our allies,” Biden told reporters during a stop in Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

Asked if he believes the Houthis are a terrorist group, Biden responded, “I think they are.”

The White House said in November that it was considering redesignating the Houthis as

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# Dean’s Dugout in Naperville sees overwhelming support in wake of armed robbery

By Tess Kenny  
Naperville Sun

Last week, Cameron Chrenka walked into Dean’s Dugout in Naperville — his favorite collector card shop — with a \$50 bill burning a hole in his pocket.

An avid connoisseur of football trading cards, the 10-year-old snagged a couple cheap packs from the store’s \$1 bin and approached the cashier.

He laid his crisp Christmas gift on the counter. The total came out to \$1.97. But Cameron didn’t want any change.

It was the least he could do.

On New Year’s Eve, Dean’s Dugout was the victim of an armed robbery. According to store owners Marilyn and Dean Bapes and Naperville police, a man walked into the business near closing time Dec. 31 and stole a bag’s worth of merchandise under the threat that he had a gun in his pocket.

No one was hurt, but the Bapes, who started Dean’s Dugout together 32 years ago, were left

shaken. The incident remains under investigation.

Cameron heard about the robbery from his parents on New Year’s Day, he said. He wanted to go in and see Marilyn and Dean as soon as he could, but the business was closed for the holiday. He settled for the next afternoon.

Cameron walked into the store at 2035 S. Washington St. knowing he wanted to give away his Christmas money.

“It all started when I found out that they got robbed,” he said. “I was so sad because they’re one of my favorite card shops to go to and I felt really bad.”

At first, when he slid forward \$48 more than he owed, Marilyn — on the receiving end of Cameron’s donation — didn’t know what to do.

“I said, ‘Let me get you some change,’” Marilyn said.

Cameron stopped her, adamant to get Marilyn to accept. They haggled for a while, Marilyn refusing to let Cameron give up his own

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## Judge seeks to ban new prosecutor

A judge is seeking to ban a Cook County prosecutor from his courtroom, alleging a business-related conflict of interest, according to a court order filed Thursday. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## Celebrating greatest team in Bulls history

The Chicago Bulls Ring of Honor celebration this week was a missed opportunity for Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen to settle a yearslong feud. **Chicago Sports**