The kitchen staff at Hair of the Dog almost supplied the city with well-stocked and fresh beer and wine, but the city would not buy it. The city also did not fully implement the teacher's contract that had been awarded an improvement.

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THE TAX DIVIDE

Tribune findings lead to scrutiny

Cook officials agree to let outside party pick up into assessments system

Following a Tribune investigation that exposed a pattern ofunder- and inaccurate assessments, the Cook County assessor’s office is coming under increased scrutiny.

New to the Tribune has learned this recently formed group is searching about issues raised in previous. The Taxpayers and County President Tom Pecnikak- ed says the and Assessors Joseph Berusto have agreed to an evaluation of the current property tax system by an outside party.

Among the problems the Trib- une found was that inaccurate assessments, burned the poor and underpaid.

The assessor also did not fully imple- ment the teacher’s contract that had been awarded an improvement.

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Upcoming soda tax counts by the ounce

What you need to know about Cook County’s new beverage fee

By Gregg Tresner | Chicago Tribune

That 2-liter pop you’re picking up for the Fourth of July picnic might be a little lighter this year as Cook County rolls out a new penny-per-ounce tax on a wide variety of sugar- and artificially sweetened beverages.

As one example, a 2-liter bottle, which usually costs about $1, will now cost 2-cent India.

The county’s sweetened beverage tax, which takes effect July 1, is one of many so-called soda taxes popping up across the country as elected officials spot the opportunity to raise revenue while attempting to improve public health. Conditions such as obesity, type 2 diabetes and heart disease are closely tied to consumption of sugary and artificially sweetened beverages.

As a result, Cook County officials are relying on the new tax to curb consumption.

This policy trend has pitted public health experts and local leaders against beverage industry and small-business owners.

Pastry chef rises above tough start

Born into long odds on South Side, he found way with guiding hands


It wasn’t always like that for him. There were many moments of chaos. Too much moti- vation. "There’s an inappropri- ation about when his next meal might come first — and I had to work for it."

So the kitchen became his sanctuary. It was the place where everything made sense, where he could rise above his station and create something beautiful.

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Bacteria-filled water still flushed into Chicago River

In 2016, sewage and runoff flowed into long-abused waterway once every 6 days

By Michael Hartshorne | Chicago Tribune

The thunderstorms that swept across the city on a sultry July evening last year weren’t unusual for a typical Chicago summer.

But rain quickly saturated the city’s aging sewers, choking off sorry, pooling in and roofs into an underground labyrinth that also carries sewage from households and factories. Within minutes, the recede blend of liquid waste began swirling out of more than three dozen overflow pipes that empty into the Chicago River.

River, the long-blah waterway Mayor Rahm Emanuel promotes as a showcase for urban revitalization,

24 billion gallons

This decades, the diet in 2012, the street year in Chicago since 2005. The city’s press of water and debris into the river, enough to cover the Loop in syrupy water 4 foot deep.

By now, moving the river as a dumping ground for Chicago’s waste was supposed to be a sad memory. Instead, a new Tribune analysis found, sewage and runoff flowed into the waterway about once every six days.

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Women on the Recovery Water team lift a shed out of the water after a practice on the South Branch of the Chicago River in early June.
**Bacteria surge in rain after storms**

**Rain, From Page 1**

...but year, and even more frequently during the late autumn to early autumn season.

While the July 23 storm was the most pronounced to hit the county, an estimated 7.6 billion gallons of water from 2013 storms and other rain on five other days during 2013 reports submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency show the average amount dumped into the river during and after rainfall amounts 30 billion gallons. 

But the millions of gallons of water you see on the street when it rains are a major route the bacteria causing bacteria in the river remain stagnated despite years of efforts to introduce natural systems. Currently, only 10 percent of rainwater runoff prevents treated pollutants, including nutrients, and poor water quality remain a problem in a small catchment in the river's South Branch near on-street sewerage system that was constructed by the city using a water quality and stormwater management plan.

The byproduct of this system is a ability to handle more than one billion gallons of water each year, or about 4.5 billion gallons of rainwater. The city is currently working with the Illinois Department of Commerce to reduce the amount of water it diverts from sewerage systems.

**Discharges into Chicago River system**

Bacteria, which can cause household waste and storm runoff, are forced to flow into the Chicago River when rainfall fills the reservoir to capacity. A total of 122.5 billion gallons of untreated sewage and runoff are dumped directly into the river upon directly into the river, driving up the amount of bacteria and pathogen levels. The city has had to respond to the federal mandate to clean up the river. The city still has not made the transition to a system that emits excess nutrients into the river. The city has been working with state and federal agencies to provide the best solutions to the problems.

**Maps showing a buildup in Bubbly Creek discharge of billions of gallons of raw sewage and stormwater runoff.**

The system's shortcoming is that it is a facility near Racine Avenue and Pelican Road that pumps sewage from the South to a treatment plant in southeast suburban

Racine. On 60 days with rainfall, the city couldn't handle sewage and stormwater runoff and released a total of more than 1 billion gallons into RIb- bly Creek, a fork of the river once used as a dump for the then-defunct Drain Stock Yards. 

Gases from decomposing breathe-in, and other stormwater and sewerage systems.

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