



Marijuana Alert - February 11, 2020



Chicago POT giants team up in joint venture

Andy Seeger, a cannabis consultant who previously worked as an industry analyst, said these types of arrangements are attractive because they require less investment and still allow both companies to prioritize selling weed products from their own cultivation sites. State law was designed to require dispensaries to buy from a variety of growers. But under the partnership, the inventory at the stores owned by GTI and Verano could largely come from those companies. [Read more](#)

Global accounting firm's haul for grading pot applications jumps to \$14M despite criticism over botched licensing rollout

KPMG, a global network with offices in Illinois and nearly \$30 billion in revenue last year, has seen its two state contracts nearly triple in value amid a series of licensing delays, some of which have been directly or indirectly tied to the firm. [Read](#)

Wilmette still undecided on recreational marijuana sales

At a special meeting last week, trustees on the village's Land Use Committee agreed to further explore zoning issues that would need to be in place if the board were to approve recreational marijuana sales, Assistant Village Manager Erik Hallgren said Tuesday.

Local residents can join in a virtual Land Use Committee meeting tentatively slated for 7 p.m., Feb. 24, Hallgren said. [Read](#)

Recreational marijuana debate comes to Elk Grove Village

Trustee Pat Feichter cautioned that the referendum was merely advisory, and village

trustees don't have to follow that direction. While saying he hasn't made a final decision, Feichter sought additional research about health and addiction problems that could result from recreational marijuana use. He also wants experts to testify before the three-member committee, which is a subset of the larger seven-member village board.

"We had a trustee that passed away that used to say **a statesman is not one that votes for what is popular -- that's a politician,**" said Feichter, quoting a favorite refrain of recently deceased Trustee Jim Petri. **"A statesman votes for what they think is best for the community."** *The Daily Herald, 2/10/2021*

Pot garden and dispensary proposed for former cinema

There is a time crunch. Under state law, Maribis, which began as a medical marijuana company before Illinois legalized recreational pot, has until March 31 to open a new dispensary for recreational marijuana under its state license. Work began this week at the closed theater, and the **process is being fast-tracked by the [Springfield] mayor's office, which, according to Stone, issued a demolition permit Tuesday directly instead of requiring the developer to apply for a permit through usual processes within the city's public works department.** [Read](#)

Study: Marijuana abuse by youth with mood disorders linked to suicide attempts

Heavy use of marijuana by teens and young adults with mood disorders, such as depression and bipolar disorder, is linked to an increased risk of self-harm, suicide attempts and death, a study found. **Unintentional overdoses, suicide and homicide were the three most frequent causes of death,** according to the study published in JAMA Pediatrics. [Read](#)

CO Marijuana DUI Arrests Up 48%

Ed Wood helped change a law that now requires DUI data specify the drug involved. Wood's son Brian was killed by two women sharing the wheel of car while high. Devastated, he dedicated his life to getting marijuana impaired drivers off the road.

While alcohol is still the drug of choice, the **Colorado Bureau of Investigation says 47% of drivers are testing positive for marijuana,** followed by amphetamines and cocaine. The Colorado State Patrol says DUI arrests involving marijuana are **up 48% in the last year.**

According to the Colorado Department of Transportation, **the number of marijuana impaired drivers involved in deadly crashes has risen every year between 2017 and 2019,** the most recent years for which data is available. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Keep in contact with local officials to find out if and when marijuana will be on the agenda for city council and zoning meetings. Share information about the harm of marijuana and let your aldermen/trustees know you are opposed to marijuana businesses in your community.
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