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Dear 3rd Ward,

This summer has certainly brought us some very warm weather and lots of storms. As you can see from the service request list below, various city departments have been experiencing an increased workload as they deal with fallen trees/branches, power outages, and general clean up. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

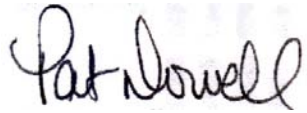
Please take note of the events listed in this month's newsletter. In particular, there is a lot of information regarding back to school and senior events such as my 5th Annual Back to School Extravaganza on August 20th at Fuller Park.

If your organization has an event around the Third Ward or offers

services to Third Ward constituents, please send us the details by e-mailing ward03@cityofchicago.org. Of course, you can contact my office via e-mail, person, or by phone (773) 373-9273 if you need anything or have any concerns.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay cool!

Sincerely,



Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

Third Ward Review



Legislation

Vacant and abandoned buildings are very problematic for several reasons. In addition to being an eyesore and reducing property values in the surrounding community, they drain public resources in order to keep the buildings secure and free of illegal activity. In 2010, the city spent over \$15 million in general upkeep, board-ups, and demolitions.

On July 6th, Alderman Pat Dowell introduced an ordinance to the City Council that expands the responsibilities of ownership of abandoned properties to anyone who is a mortgage holder or is an assignee or agent of the mortgagee. It was referred to the Joint Committee on Housing and Real Estate Development and Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards. After it passed out of that committee, it was voted upon and passed unanimously by the entire City Council on July 28th. This ordinance will make sure communities are not disrupted during the sometimes lengthy foreclosure process in which ownership and the responsibilities thereof were previously ambiguous.

Education

Track E Schools Start August 8th

Many schools in the Third Ward will be starting school on August 8th. Please be mindful as you are traveling past schools that there will be children present. The Track E schools for the Third Ward are: Beethoven, Burke, Mollison, National Teacher's Academy, Overton, Parkman, Phillips, Wells Prep, Williams Elementary, Williams Middle School, and Woodson South.

Infrastructure

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Work in the Ward

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has three projects in progress in the Third Ward. MWRD's contractor, Kenny/Shea is making every attempt to minimize the impact on the public. Alderman Dowell's office will keep Third Ward residents updated on the progress of these projects as the details emerge.

3823 S. Indiana:

The drop shaft construction will be completed entirely in the parking lot of Apostolic Faith Church. This will help divert water into the new tunnel being constructed along S. Indiana Ave. All preparatory, underground, and pre-cast shaft lining work has been completed. As stage one of the connecting structure is completed, traffic will be moved to the east lane of S. Indiana. The expected completion date for this work is late fall, 2011.

Southwest Corner of 39th and State:

The drop shaft portion and all underground work is complete. Kenny/Shea is about 2 weeks away from starting Stage I excavation of the entrance conduit/ connecting structure that will be constructed in the present traffic pattern. After the stage I excavation is complete, construction of the entrance conduit will take place. Then the stage I portion of the site will be restored. Upon completion of the restoration the stage II traffic pattern will be installed. The new stage II traffic pattern will subject northbound S. State Street to two-way traffic as per the original traffic pattern. At that point, the stage II excavation followed by the construction of the connecting structure will begin. The stage I portion will be completed this fall, with the stage II traffic pattern installed shortly thereafter. Work on the stage II construction will be completed in the winter of 2012 with final restoration in early spring 2012.

311 W. Pershing Rd.:

The drop shaft, entrance conduit, and back flow structure construction will be completed almost entirely within the easement of 321 West Pershing. There will also be a connecting structure constructed under S. Princeton Ave. Construction is expected to be completed by spring, 2012.

New Water Main on 54th St.

The Department of Water Management's crews will soon be installing 1,327 feet of 8-inch water main in W. 54th Street, from S. Morgan Street to S. Halsted Street. The old main dates back to 1891 and needs to be replaced. They are coordinating with Alderman Dowell's office, and she has made clear they are to put great importance on resident convenience and the quality of life in this neighborhood through the whole term of this project. Good communication is the key. The Department of Water Management will do everything possible to minimize the disruption to residents in that area.

Peoples Gas Pipe Replacement at 47th and Wentworth

Peoples Gas is currently undertaking a significant program to meet the needs of the City of Chicago. For the next 20 years, Peoples Gas will be replacing approximately 1,900 miles of cast/ductile iron pipes with modern piping materials. With the new system, there will be fewer leaks, no need for inside safety inspections, and less interruption in service.

Work will begin this month at 47th and Wentworth where 1 mile of pipe will be replaced that service 10 homes and businesses. The boundaries are North- 47th Street, South - 48th Place, East - State Street, and West - Normal Avenue. Peoples Gas will do everything they can to minimize any service disruption. This project will increase the reliability of service, improve safety, and lower maintenance costs. For questions about this project, please call 866-556-6001.

U-Turns at 27th and State

The Chicago Department of Transportation will be installing signs to allow u-turns on State Street at 27th Street. The signs were requested by residents of Dearborn Homes to allow u-turns because the medians that were constructed in 2008, restrict left turns from State at 28th Street. Because of the limited width of the street, trucks will not be permitted to turn around at this location.

Engine 16 and DuSable High School Renovation Community Hires

Alderman Dowell has been an advocate in regards to contractors hiring people from the ward when they do work in the ward. At the Engine 16 site located at 39th and Wabash, there are four community hires from the 3rd Ward and two from the 4th Ward. At DuSable High School located at 48th and Wabash, there are three community hires from the 3rd Ward. Both projects are in their early stages and we anticipate more opportunities for community hires in the future.

New Housing Development in the 3rd Ward

Stateway Associates IIA recently broke ground on a new \$40 million 128 unit housing development at 36th and State Streets as part of the Chicago Housing Authority's Plan for Transformation. 80 units will be constructed in one building, 36 units in a second building and 12 units in 2 six flats. Of the 128 units, 29 will offer market rate rents, 53 affordable rents and the remaining 46 are replacement housing for public housing residents who previously lived in Stateway Gardens. The buildings were designed by award winning firms Johnson and Lee and VOA and will complement the successful housing and commercial development at 35th and State Streets. Construction on this new neighborhood should be complete in fall of 2012.

Calls for Service

In June, there were 1229 calls to 311 for city services from the Third Ward. Of those, 999 calls for city services were generated. The call volume statistics only reflect calls made to 311 from land lines as the city does not have the ability to track the origin of cell phone call requests. Once again, our Third Ward Office of Streets and Sanitation received and responded to the most calls. With 311 calls and requests made through community meetings and Alderman Dowell's office, they received a total of 2430 requests in June. Of those, 1533 requests for weed removal, 124 for S.W.A.P., 39 for immediate tow, 36 for sanitation code violations, 35 for vehicle impoundment, 34 for graffiti removal, 32 for delivering wire baskets, 32 for tree emergencies, 31 for neighborhood improvement, and 29 for tree trimming. All of our city departments do a good job, but a special thanks to our Third Ward Streets and Sanitation crew.

Group	Total Requests	Completed Requests
311 City Services	79	78
Animal Care and Control	79	70
Budget and Management	1	1

Buildings	68	40
Business Affairs and Consumer Protection	20	11
Department of Community Development	3	3
Environment	1	1
Family and Support Services	112	108
Extreme Weather Notification	1	1
Fire	1	1
Health	4	0
Police	9	2
Streets and Sanitation	328	249
Transportation	171	107
Water Management	111	78
Zoning and Land Use Planning	1	1
CHA	1	0
Park District	6	2
CPS	1	0
JC Decaux (bus shelters)	2	2

Problem Businesses

Food and More

246 West 43rd Street

Fined on June 24, 2011 \$2,040.00 for deceptive practices and selling loose cigarettes

Jimmy's

3700 South Indiana

Violation: Selling outdated merchandise and failure to display tobacco products or accessories sale to minor warning sign

Court Date: August 30, 2011 at 1pm

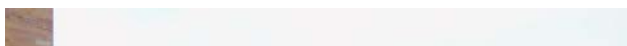
400 West Superior

September 20, 2011 at 3pm

400 West Superior

Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church Car Wash

Last month, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church located at 5141 S. State held a car wash to provide food for the needy. GHMBC strives to serve humanity through outreach, and their advocacy and health program that includes: HIV/AIDS education, re-entry for recently released offenders, and senior programs.





Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Block Party

Last month, Pastor Elijah Childs and Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church hosted a block party at 56 E. 46th St. This is an annual event with games and entertainment that is fun for the entire community.



Events in and Around the Ward

National Night Out Events

The "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW).

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2010.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to

criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Liberty Baptist Church

Liberty Baptist Church invites all to come out for a community "Street Sweep and Sing-A-Long" to brush away crime. Come and join the Liberty Baptist Church family for an evening of music and community fellowship. For more information, please call (773) 268-6757.

Where: Liberty Baptist Church (4849 S. King Dr.)

When: Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 from 6:30-8pm

1st District Night Out

Join the 1st District police for an evening of raffles, food, t-shirts, and family friendly entertainment. You will also have the opportunity to meet your neighbors, local business owners, and representatives from community groups. Please call (312) 745-4381.

Where: True Rock Parking Lot (57 E. 16th St.)

When: Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 from 5-8pm

2nd District Night Out

Join the 2nd District for a night of food, fun, games, a jumping jack for the children, and more! For more information, please call the 2nd District Community Policing Office at (312) 747-5109.

Where: 4044 S. Prairie

When: August 4th, 2011 from 3-7pm

9th District Night Out

Enjoy refreshments, music, games, face painting, dancing and much more. For more information, please contact Officer Cheryl Clark or Officer Tony Mejia at (312) 747-3501.

Where: 9th District Police Station (3120 S. Halsted)

When: Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 from 5:30-8pm

B.I.G. 3rd Annual Youth Wooden Bat League

Best Instruction Guaranteed (B.I.G.) is running their 3rd Annual Youth Wooden Bat League. Boys and girls ages 3-5 can register for t-ball and ages 6-10 can register for pee wee baseball. The cost of participating in this program is \$100. Financial assistance is available by contacting Micah at (708) 990-8299. Players will receive a jersey, pants, a hat, and socks. For more information, please call (773) 206-9363 or visit www.bigbaseballacademy.com.

Where: Stateway Park (37th and State)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 2nd through September 2nd

Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program and National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program

Genesis Housing Development Corporation (GHDC) announces the expansion of its HUD/FHA certified home ownership and foreclosure prevention programs.

GHDC is a not-for-profit housing counseling agency with 13 years of community development experience. We are assisting homeowners by helping them get loan modifications, get a court mediation session and understand the foreclosure process. There is no charge for HUD certified housing counseling.

Where: 7735 S. Vernon

When: August 4th and August 8th from 6pm to 7:30pm

Bronzeville FamilyFest

Pastor Chris Harris of Bright Star Church of God in Christ and Bright Star Community Outreach presents it's annual Bronzeville Family Fest. The festival will include free food, entertainment, school supplies, rides, health screenings, laptop raffles, and more! The entertainment will include: Dexter Walker & Zion Movement, Kenny Lewis & One Vocie, Perfection, Joshua's Troop, Jonathan McReynolds, New Direction, The Victory Travelers, The Church Boyz, The James', Just Friends, Kevon Carter, LaVarnga Hubbard, Kristin Smith, Dwayne Jones and Just Company, Tony Tidwell & Uncommon Favor, Malcolm Little, SSP Project, and the Bright Star Music Ministry. Pre-registertoday at www.brightstarcommunityoutreach.com. You can also get more information at www.facebook.com/BSCOinc and Twitter-@BSCO_.

Where: Armstrong Park (4433 S. St. Lawrence)

When: August 6th from noon to 5pm

State Senator Mattie Hunter's 3rd Annual Fitness Fair/Institute for Positive Living's Off the Page Reading Fest

State Senator Mattie Hunter (3rd) and the Institute for Positive Living are teaming up to host a free event to promote better health and literacy. The fitness fair will feature health screenings, eye exams, HIV/Aids information, and holistic health information. At the Off the Page Reading Fest, attendees can meet famous authors and storytellers. The event will also feature free prizes, food, and school supplies as well as entertainment from the South Shore Drill Team, Youth and Young Adult Blues bands, Chi-Town Line Dancers, and Tim Branch and his Jazz Band. For more information, please call (708) 533-6558.

Where: IIT at 33rd and State (Field north of Crown Hall)

When: August 6th from 10am to 2pm

Holy Angels Community Day

Holy Angels is a Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic elementary school. Come out and meet the teachers and staff at Holy Angels and tour their facilities at their community day event.

Where: Holy Angels Catholic School (615 E. Oakwood Blvd.)

When: August 6th from 11am to 5pm

Congressman Bobby Rush's Transportation Jobs Fair

Congressman Bobby L. Rush will host a Transportation Jobs Fair to help people obtain positions in the transportation sector. If you want to work for the railroads, airlines, truckers, Port Authority, public transit, and other transportation companies this is the place for you. This event will allow you to meet employers that are ready to hire so bring your résumé, positive attitude and be prepared to enter the transportation workforce. There will be a \$5.00 parking fee at Chicago State University. Please feel free to utilize public transportation. Please visit www.rush.house.gov to RSVP for this event.

Where: Chicago State University at the Jones Convocation Center (9501 S. King Drive) When: August 9th from 10am to 4pm (No lines permitted to form on the campus before 7:00am)

82nd Annual Bud Billiken Day Parade

The Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic is an annual event in Chicago and the oldest and largest African American parade in the United States. Since 1929, it has always been held on the second Saturday in August. The idea for the parade came from Robert S. Abbott, the founder of the Chicago Defender. It is now the second largest annual parade in the United States.

The parade has categorized contests for participants such as best float, and best marching band. It takes place in the Third Ward, starting near 39th Street and South Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and continues south to 55th Street at Washington Park. This route covers approximately 2 miles (3.2 km) and takes the parade through the Third Ward's Grand Boulevard and Washington Park community areas.

The Third Ward office has worked hard to prepare for the event by trimming trees and marking streets along the parade route. Alderman Dowell will have a float and Mayor Emanuel will also be marching in this year's parade.

Where: King Drive between 39th and 51st

When: August 13th, 2011, 10am

It's All About Love

The Chicago Baptist Institute presents a musical extravaganza written and directed by Jackie Taylor and starring Rick Stone and the Black Ensemble Theater. Come on out for an uplifting, inspiring, and entertaining experience. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Chicago Baptist Institute and through Ticketmaster. Call (773) 268-2815 or visit www.facebook.com/chicagobaptistinstitute for more information.

Where: Christ Universal Temple (11901 S. Ashland)

When: August 20th at 2pm and 7pm

Alderman Dowell's 5th Annual Back to School Extravaganza

Every year, Alderman Dowell hosts a back to school event at Fuller Park to help ensure our students are getting off to the right start. In addition to backpacks filled with school supplies, there will also be great music, food, and a jumping jack for the children. Come out for a day of family-oriented fun.

Where: Fuller Park (331 W. 45th St.)

When: August 20th from 10am to 1pm

Men Who Cook

All are invited to join Metropolitan Community Church for Men Who Cook Outreach and Fellowship. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers out for this fun-filled event. The donation is only \$10 per person and the reservation deadline is August 14th. Carry out is also available. For more information, please call Gregory Franklin at (312) 914-7298 or Raymond Walker at (773) 726-3017.

Where: 4610 S. Prairie

When: August 20th from noon to 2:30pm

Genesis Housing Development Corporation's Community Health & Housing Fair

Genesis Housing Development Corporation (GHDC) is hosting this free event that will feature topics including money management, knowing and understanding credit, becoming a homeowner, mortgage options, and post-purchase care. Seats are limited so register by August 18th at www.genesishdc.org. For more information, click [here](#).

Where: King High School (4445 S. Drexel)

When: August 20th from 10am to 3pm

Daystar School Open House

Daystar School is a private pre-k through 8th grade elementary school located at 1550 S. State St. They will be hosting an open house where you can meet faculty and learn about their programs and costs. For more information, please visit www.daystarcenter.org or call (312) 674-0001.

Where: Daystar School (1550 S. State)

When: August 20th from 10am to 1pm

Money Management Workshop

Don't have a checking account? Tired of using check cashing services and money orders? Genesis Housing Development Corporation (GHDC) is hosting a free event to help residents gain better control of their finances. For more information, please call 773-994-6670 or visit www.genesishdc.org.

Where: Centers for New Horizons James Pitts Center (226 E. 43rd St.)

When: August 25th from 5:30 to 7:30

Free Events for Seniors

RULES OF THE ROAD

Secretary of State Jesse White's office is providing a Rules of the Road class, which will provide information to assist you with taking your driving test and also provide information on highway safety. Bring your driver's license or state I.D. to attend. Handouts will be available, but please sign up at the center to make sure there are enough handouts for everyone.

Where: Southwest Regional Senior Center (6117 S. Kedzie)

When: Friday, August 26th from 10am to 11am

HARVEST FEST

This is an event featuring the display, judging and awarding of prizes to the winners of the home grown fruit and vegetable contest. This will be followed by a dance party. Refreshments will be served.

Where: Southwest Regional Senior Center (6117 S. Kedzie)

When: Friday, August 26th, 1:00-3:00 pm

The Four Star Bike Tour

The Four Star Bike Tour (formerly the Boulevard Lakefront Tour) is one of Chicago's longest running bicycling events. Four Star highlights the city's boulevards, architecture, and parks. Proceeds from this event benefit the Active Transportation Alliance's work to improve bicycling, walking, and transit in Chicago. There are four routes ranging from 12 to 65 miles passing through various neighborhoods from which to choose. To register and to get more information about the event, including a map of the routes, please visit www.fourstarbiketour.org.

Where: The event begins and ends at Morgan and Taylor streets on the University of Illinois-Chicago campus.

When: Sunday, August 28th 12 and 20 mile route starts at 8:30am, 35 mile route starts at 7am, and the 65 mile route starts at 6:30am

Important Announcements

Violence Stops Here

Sponsored by the 51st Street Business Association, all CPS students between the ages of 13 to 19 can submit a video of themselves performing a rap song or spoken word about how to stop the violence or what their community would look like without violence. The top ten entries will compete live for a chance to win a \$2000 cash scholarship. Students are encouraged to participate and get their friends and family to vote for them. You can pre-register at www.youaspire.com. For more information about contest rules and details, visit www.violencestopshere.com.

Save 50% on Your Water Bills

MeterSave customers are on average saving over 50% on their water & sewer bills and provides a 7 year guarantee that your water and sewer bill will go no higher than what it would have been had it not been metered. They also offer you a choice of FREE water conservation incentives such as: an indoor conservation kit, an outdoor conservation kit, a water meter monitor, or a rain barrel. If you volunteer for MeterSave, you can receive a free water meter. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.metersave.org or call 311 or (312) 744-4220.

Ida B. Wells Preparatory Academy Now Accepting Applications

Ida B. Wells Preparatory Academy is a k-8th grade elementary school located at 244 E. Pershing Road. You can learn more about this school by finding them on www.cps.edu. They are currently accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year. You can call the school's main office at 773-535-1204 to make an appointment for enrollment.

Chicago Career Tech Free Employment Training Program

One of the contributors to Chicago's high unemployment rate is a "skills mismatch" where employers in Chicago are looking for skills that many residents do not have, particularly in the technology fields. Chicago Career Tech is now accepting applications for their fourth class. To date, Chicago Career Tech has served more than 700 Chicagoans, maintains a 90% graduation rate, and works with over 100 businesses. The Third Ward know at least one resident from the Third Ward who has completed the course and is now employed. To be considered for the Chicago Career Tech Program, applicants must: be a resident of Chicago, have a high school diploma or GED, have been unemployed after Jan. 1, 2008 with a previous income of between \$25,000 and \$80,000, and eligible to collect or have exhausted unemployment benefits in Illinois. You may apply online at www.chicagocareertech.com by **Friday, September 2nd**.

Ongoing Events and Activities for Seniors

The City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services has several Life Enrichment Programs for Chicagoans who are 60 years or better. To view a complete list of programs and activities for seniors, please call (312) 744-4016 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/fss. The two locations closest to the Third Ward are the Englewood Satellite Location at 653 W. 63rd St. and the Southwest Regional Senior Center at 6117 S. Kedzie. Contact (312) 745-3328 for more information about programs offered at the Englewood site and (312) 747-0440 for more information about the programs at the Southwest Regional Senior Center.

Englewood:

Event:	Date:	Time:	Class:
Group Exercise Classes	Every Monday	10:00am	SFP
	Every Tuesday	9:30 am	SFP
	Every Tuesday	1:00pm	Arthritis
	Every Wednesday	10:00am	SFP
	Every Thursday	9:30am	SFP
	Every Thursday	1:00pm	Arthritis
	Every Friday	9:45am	Limbercise
Personal Trainer Hours	Every Monday	9:30-10am/11am-1:30pm	
	Every Tuesday	1:30-4:30pm	
	Every Wednesday	9:30-10am/11am-1:30pm	
	Every Thursday	1:30-4:30pm	
	Every Friday	11am-12:45pm	

Southwest Regional Senior Center:

Event:	Date:	Time:	Class (if applicable):
Can Your Diet Affect Thyroid Function?	August 4 th	10:00am - 11:00am	
Thyroid Disorders: Management and Treatment	August 18 th	10:15am - 11:15am	
Group Exercise Classes	Every Monday	9:00am	SFP
	Every Monday	1:00pm	Arthritis
	Every Tuesday	1:00pm	SFP
	Every Wednesday	9:00pm	SFP
	Every Thursday	1:00pm	Weights
	Every Friday	9:00am	SFP
	Every Friday	10:30am	Yoga
	Every Saturday	11:00am	Arthritis
Personal Trainer Hours	Every Monday	10am-1pm/ 2-3:30pm	
	Every Tuesday	11am-1pm	
	Every Wednesday	10am-2pm/ 2-4:30pm	
	Every Thursday	11am-1pm/ 2-4:30pm	
	Every Friday	10am-2pm	
	Every Saturday	9:00-11:00am	
Ceramics	Every Saturday	9:30-11:30am	

Third Ward Financial Institution Receives Federal Grant

On July 18, 2011 Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan Association (ISF) received a \$1,500,000 financial assistance award of permanent capital from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Fund. Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan Association (ISF) is a certified CDFI established in 1934. ISF offers home mortgages and home improvement loans for first-time homebuyers, consumer and business loans, and other financial services to a target market in Cook County, Illinois. ISF will use its Financial Assistance award as loan loss reserves and secondary capital in order to increase homeownership and business lending in its target market.

The CDFI Fund received applications from 393 organizations requesting nearly \$466 million in Financial Assistance (FA) and Technical Assistance (TA), with 381 of the applications deemed eligible to advance to the review process. The CDFI Fund made 155 awards totaling over \$142 million to organizations located in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Of the awardees 125 loan funds, 25 credit unions, three venture capital funds received awards, and ISF was one of only two depository institutions/holding companies to receive an award. ISF was one of three Chicago based CDFIs to receive an award including IFF and the Chicago Community Loan Fund.

The award was announced at a ceremony on July 18 by CDFI Fund Director Donna Gambrell, along with U.S. Senator Richard Durbin and U.S. Representative Danny

Davis, at the Fulton-Carroll Center in Chicago. "Given the many economic hardships currently experienced in many low-income communities across the country, I am pleased to see this historic investment and commitments from the Obama administration in leading new investments in small business, especially in Chicago to rebuild our communities," said Representative Danny Davis.

ISF projects that the FA funds will leverage \$27 million in lending, including 120 first time home mortgages, 32 commercial real estate loans and 23 business loans resulting in almost 100 new jobs and almost 80,000 square feet of real estate development. They have been a key lending partner in the ward, providing mortgage and business loans to Third Ward residents.

Third Ward Stars

Harold Lucas



At the July City Council Meeting, Alderman Dowell introduced a Resolution honoring the work of Mr. Lucas. Mr. Lucas has been working for the last 35 years to protect and promote the cultural legacy of the Bronzeville community. He is also the CEO of the [Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council](#), which has worked to promote economic development in Bronzeville and

created the Bronzeville Visitor Information Center and Gift Shop. Upon introducing the Resolution Alderman Dowell and several of her colleagues including Aldermen Burns, Hairston, Cochran, Burnett, and Graham spoke about Mr. Lucas and his important contributions to our community. The Resolution was passed and will be a permanent part of the City of Chicago's Official Journal.

Pastor Charlie Dates



Last month, Pastor Charlie Dates from Progressive Missionary Baptist Church led an afternoon and evening prayer vigil in front of Vegas Liquors. Additionally, he took an ice cream truck around the neighborhood that served over 200 children from the community. Pastor Dates and Progressive MBC have always been great community partners and we thank you for your services.

August CAPS Schedule

Getting involved in CAPS is one of the best ways to help reduce crime in your community. To find out waht District and Beat you live in, please visit www.chicagopolice.org. For more information about each district, click on the links below.

[1st District](#)

Beat 132
August 16th @ 7pm
1st District Community
Rm.

Beat 134
August 17th @ 6:30pm
Hilliard Apts.
(30 W. Cermak)

(1718 S. State St.)

2nd District

Beat 211/212/213
August 23rd @ 6:30pm
Monumental Baptist
Church
(729 E. Oakwood Blvd.)

Beat 214/221
August 10th @ 6:30pm
St. Elizabeth Church
(4058 S. Michigan)

Beat 232/233/234
August 11th @ 6:30pm
Coppin AME Church
(5627 S. Michigan)

Beat 222/223
August 16th @ 6:30pm
King Center
(4314 S. Cottage Grove)

Beat 224/231
August 25th @ 6:30
Hall Branch Library
(4801 S. Michigan)

7th District
Beat 711/712
August 20th @ 6:30
Branch of Hope Apartments
(5630 S. Halsted)

9th District

Beat 935E
August 6th @ 10am
Fuller Park Field House
(331 W. 45th St.)

Beat 934
August 11th @ 6pm
Westhaven Homes
(850 W. Garfield)

Beat 925
August 2nd @6pm
Wentworth Gardens
(3770 S. Wentworth)

21st District

Beat 2112
August 8th @ 6:30pm
Illinois College of
Optometry
(3240 S. Indiana Ave.)

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