



Third Ward Newsletter

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Dear 3rd Ward Resident,

It is hard to believe that another year has passed. So much has happened and together we have achieved some significant accomplishments that have brought jobs, housing, improved safety, better education, responsible development, and increased government accessibility to the Third Ward and its residents.

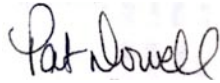
As we move into 2011, I hope we can reflect on all that we have accomplished, but still be aware of the needs many of our residents continue to have. Please consider volunteering for your church, local food pantry, homeless shelter, or a non-profit organization. Its a great way to promote community while helping those who live in it. I would also like to remind everyone that we have a new recycling bin in the Third Ward located at the old Crispus Attucks School (3813 S. Dearborn - enter on State). If the bin is not used on a regular basis, the City will locate it elsewhere.

Its not too early to think spring. You may want to read the section in this newsletter about starting a community garden. I also hope this year, more Third Ward residents will participate in

the ward's Clean and Green events. These are also great ways to beautify a neighborhood while getting involved with your community. If you have any infrastructure-related requests such as street resurfacing, alley repaving, street lights, etc., please contact Audrey Wade at (773) 373-9273 or e-mail your request to ward03@cityofchicago.org, so we can get the requests on our 2011 menu and work can begin as soon as the weather permits.

Here's to a great new year. I look forward to continuing the great work we have accomplished together.

Sincerely,



Pat Dowell

Alderman, 3rd Ward

The Year In Review

Education

Since taking office, Alderman Dowell has brought over \$30 million in capital repairs to Third Ward schools. In 2010, she continued bringing resources and funding to Third Ward Schools. There are currently several projects worth an additional \$30 million slated for CPS' 2011 budget. Through several community meetings, she also actively solicited input from the communities that would have been affected by various proposals regarding school closings, consolidations, and reconstitutions.

South Loop Elementary School/National Teacher's Academy

Early last year, a proposal was made to alleviate the SLES's overcrowding problem by moving some of the grades into the NTA building. Upon learning that nobody from the NTA community had been involved in the process, Alderman Dowell took steps to ensure any future proposals involving NTA would also involve parents, teachers, and administrators from NTA.

Mollison Elementary School



Mollison was scheduled for closure due to low academic performance. Alderman Dowell worked with members of Mollison's LSC and Principal Keenan to successfully demonstrate the the school's needs had not been adequately met. As a result, Mollison was spared and promises for greater investment were made by CPS officials.

McCorkle

Also part of last year's school closings, McCorkle was closed due to structural concerns. Although the school did not remain open, Alderman Dowell facilitated meetings between parents and CPS officials to ensure all McCorkle students would be given the proper level of academic and social supports at their new school. She also made sure that Beethoven, which was the receiving school, had the resources to deal with the influx of new students.

Phillips High School

In 2009, Phillips was designated a turnaround school that would be managed by the Academy of Urban School Leadership beginning in the 2010-11 school year. In February, Alderman Dowell

hosted a public meeting at Apostolic Faith Church to get input from the community and give residents an opportunity to meet representatives from AUSL. She also set forth conditions prior to their being awarded the turnaround contract. These including a diversification of AUSL's Board of Directors, a commitment to work with Phillip's Alumni Association to retain the African-American heritage at the school, a contract that was shortened from 5 years to 3, and the creation of the Phillips Oversight Committee, which is made up of parents, alumni, and several members from the community.

Williams Multiplex

When CPS proposed moving an Air Force Academy into the Williams Multiplex building, Alderman Dowell held a series of meetings with the community, the schools inside the building, and with various agencies to determine whether this would benefit the community. There were too many safety and other issues to support this proposal and the Air Force Academy was relocated.

John Hope High School

In addition to getting a commitment from CPS to make \$6 million in HVAC repair work for the school, Alderman Dowell also initiated a Community Benefits Agreement with Norfolk Southern as they expanded into the Third Ward near the high school. The CBA resulted in Norfolk Southern making a \$15,000 donation and a commitment to additional donations of \$5,000 a year for the next three years. Norfolk Southern is also working with John Hope High School to create a math, science, and career development skills program.

Hendricks Elementary

After meeting with the school's new principal, Julianna Perisin, Alderman Dowell worked with CPS officials to have the front doors and security cameras replaced and repairs made to the playground and sidewalks.

Dewey Elementary

While serving as Principal for a Day, Alderman Dowell became aware of some heating and cooling issues at Dewey. She has since worked with CPS and other officials to resolve the problem. Additionally, she is working with the school on the creation of their school/community garden in the spring.



Princeton Building

Last year, a proposal was made by CPS to move the Robeson Achievement Academy to the vacant Princeton building next door to Parkman Elementary. Alderman Dowell initiated a series of meetings with the school, the community, and the police to determine if this would be a safe and beneficial move. After these meetings, it was concluded that there would be too many safety issues and the proposal was taken off the table.

Columbia College's New Media Production Center

Columbia College's brand new state-of-the-art 35,500 square foot Media Production Center located at 1327 S. Wabash opened last year and will provide increased access to a quality education for Third Ward students.

Principal Breakfast Meetings



Last March and October, Alderman Dowell held Third Ward School Principal Breakfast Meetings. These meetings allow her to hear about the needs of each of our Third Ward Schools and are an opportunity to introduce them to resources from the community and the city that could benefit their schools and students.

4th Annual Back to School Extravaganza

Last August, Alderman Dowell hosted her 4th Annual Back to School Extravaganza at Fuller Park. In addition to over 1300 backpacks filled with school supplies, other resources and information was provided to the parents



and children who attended.



Resolution to Stop School Closings

Last February, Alderman Dowell introduced a resolution calling for a moratorium on school closings until the Chicago Facilities Task Force could publish their findings and CPS had developed a better community engagement plan. Along with a resolution from Alderman Fredrenna Lyle (6th Ward), this forced CPS officials to testify in front of the Education Committee about their plans to improve community engagement and brought about significant improvements.

The Bronzeville Community Action Council

One of the results from Alderman Dowell and Alderman Lyle's resolutions was the formation of four Community Action Councils in areas like Bronzeville that typically experience a high number of school closings and/or reconstitutions. The CACs are made up of various parents and community members. They meet once a month to review progress of schools within the community and mobilize ideas and resources to help make improvements to schools before serious actions are taken by the Board of Education.

Legislation

Adjacent Lot Ordinance

Last July, Alderman Dowell was the chief sponsor of an ordinance that makes it easier for homeowners to acquire city-owned vacant lots that are next door to their residence.

Abandoned Property Ordinance

Alderman Dowell introduced an ordinance that increases the accountability and responsibilities of banks who own or service vacant buildings. The ordinance includes a requirement for banks to post a \$10,000 bond for every vacant building they service.

Sweet Home Chicago

Alderman Dowell co-sponsored the Sweet Home Chicago ordinance in which Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds would become available to developers who would rehab vacant properties into affordable housing units.

TIF/NIP/SBIF Ordinances

Alderman Dowell successfully passed ordinances that set aside money from three Third Ward TIF districts to be used for a Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). The ordinances provided an opportunity for residents within the 47th/Halsted, Pershing/King, and 47th/King TIF districts to access money to be used for home repairs. Additionally, Alderman Dowell opened up a Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) from the 47th/King TIF to support locally-owned businesses.

Infrastructure

Each year, Alderman Dowell receives \$1,320,000 in menu money to handle infrastructure requests from Third Ward residents. Below is a breakdown of the requests received from constituents. Most of the work has been completed. However, some of the construction will not be finished until this year. If you have a menu item request for 2011, please contact our office at (773) 373-9273.



Sidewalks

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| 44-400 W. 43rd Pl. | 352-358 E. 41st St. |
| 5401-5419 S. Halsted | 1-50 W. 26th St. |
| 5655-5663 S. Normal | 400-414 W. 56th St. |
| 212-258 E. 49th St. | State-Wabash on E. 41 st St. |
| Corner of S. Michigan/27th Pl | 42nd-42rd on S. Michigan |

Corner of S. Michigan/57th Pl.
Princeton-Shields on W. 42nd Pl.
Halsted-Green on W. 52nd St.
42nd-43rd on S. Wabash Ave.
49th-50th on King Dr.

42nd-43rd on S. Michigan
Princeton-Shields on W. 48th Pl.
King-Vincennes on Oakwood Blvd.
Ashland-McDowell on W. 45th St.

Street Resurfacing

Normal - State on 47th St.
King-Clark on E. Cermak
King-Calumet on E. 38th St.
King-Federal on 39th St.
State-Indiana on 31st St.
Vincennes-St. Lawrence on 44th Pl.
44th-45th on Calumet
42nd-43rd on Michigan
Wentworth-Princeton on W. 37th
43rd-45th on S. Wells

Congress-18th on S. State St.
McDowell-Ashland on W. 45th St.
37th-39th on S. Giles
37th-39th on S. Indiana
State-Federal on E. 43rd St.
State-Wabash on e. 48th
37th-Pershing on Michigan
55th-57th on S. Union
47th-49th on Wabash

New Water Mains

45th-46th on S. Laflin
59th-60th on W. Parnell
34th-35th on S. Indiana
38th-Pershing on S. Calumet
Ashland-Loomis on W. 46th St.

Laflin-Loomis on W. 45th St.
Parnell-Normal on W. 59th St.
Michigan-Indiana on 34th St.
State-Michigan on E. Cullerton

Alley Resurfacing

16th-17th Streets/State-Dearborn
38th-39th/Wabash-State
50th-51st/Princeton-Shields
50th-51st/Princeton-Wells

35th-35th Streets/State-Federal
47th-48th Streets/Forestville-Vincennes
50th-51st/Princeton-Shields
53rd-54th/Union-Lowe

Speed Humps

4 on S. Vincennes from 45th-47th
1 on E. inner Drive of S. King Blvd./E.
Oakwood Blvd.

2 on S. Calumet from 42nd-43rd

Traffic Signal Upgrades

Pershing Rd. at Indiana, LaSalle, State,
Wabash, King, and Wentworth

S. Michigan at 33rd, 35th, 37th, 41st,
43rd, 45th, 47th, 49th, 51st, 53rd,
Garfield, and Pershing

Street Lights

Princeton-Shields on 42nd Pl.

53rd-54th on S. Emerald

New halide alley lights between 43rd-

55th and State-St. Lawrence

45th-47th on St. Lawrence

45th-47th on St. Lawrence

51st-55th on S. Union

Calumet-Prairie on E. 43rd St.

New Businesses

and Organizations in 2010

Honey's Soul Food (5401 S. Wentworth)

Dylan's Steak and Hoagies (5433 S. Wabash)

Cuisine of the Diaspora (300-314 E. 51st)

Millers Pizza (17 W. 35th St.)

Transitions School of Music (4920 S. King)

Lighthouse Youth Center (4338 S. Prairie)

Bronzeville Barber Salon (122 E. 35th St.)

McCain, Webb, & Alexander Attorneys at Law (4655 S. King)

Le Fleur De Lis (301 E. 43rd)

Super Mas Market (1420 W. 47th)

The Plant Vertical Farm (1400 W. 46th St.)

Posh Tutoring and Recreation Center (209 E. 31st St.)

Teazzz (125 E. 37th)

L26 Restaurant (S. Loop Hotel)

Mother Butter's Popcorn (17 W. 35th St., B)

Tapas Valencia (1530 S. State)

Community Engagement



In addition to holding community meetings in areas impacted by school-related proposals and attending various CAPS meetings and events throughout the Third Ward, Alderman Dowell held her Annual Back to School Extravaganza, Annual Senior Update, Third Ward School Principal Breakfast Meetings, Town Hall Meetings covering a variety of topics, 39th and Giles Community Smoke Out with Jody Weis and the Chicago Police, Bronzeville Safety and Security Meeting, TIF/NIP Meetings, a TIF/SBIF meeting, Clean and Green Events, and a Third Ward Resource Fair.

Troubled Buildings

Alderman Dowell worked with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to identify abandoned buildings that could be renovated into affordable rate housing. However, when abandoned buildings are beyond rehabilitation and cause serious problems for a neighborhood, they must be demolished. Alderman Dowell worked with the Chicago Police, Local residents, and the Department of Buildings to identify and demolish over 30 of the most problematic vacant buildings in 2010.

Affordable Housing

Savoy Square - located on State Street between 43rd and 45th Streets is a \$44.9 million, 138 unit rental complex developed by the Brinshore-Michaels team is the fourth phase of Legends South, the

mixed-income redevelopment of the former Robert Taylor Homes. Built on portions of the former CHA owned site and on infill sites in the adjacent neighborhood to the east of State Street, the three prior, phases Mahalia Place, Hansberry Square, and Coleman Place have brought a total of 409 fully occupied units of new mixed-income rental housing to the Bronzeville community.

Senior Village I - A 71 unit \$5 million senior housing village located at 346 E. 53rd St. with modified apartments was developed by The Renaissance Collaborative. Seniors are only required to pay up to 30% of their income for rent.

Dearborn Homes - Located at State Street between 27th and 30th Streets, this public housing development received extensive rehabilitation work this year. The total cost for the redevelopment of Dearborn Homes is \$165.6 million.

Teen Living Program, Belfort Home - A new construction of a living facility for homeless teens located at 3745 S. Indiana.

New Construction Condo Buildings: Southwest corner of 31st and Indiana and the northeast corner of 19th and Michigan

Crime

Cracking Down on Irresponsible Liquor Licensees

Alderman Dowell has made use of the Deleterious Impact/Public Nuisance Ordinance to hold liquor licensees in the Third Ward more accountable. The idea is not to shut down responsible businesses, but to make the irresponsible ones more responsive to community concerns. If a liquor establishment is having an adverse affect on a community, Alderman Dowell organizes a community meeting. If that meeting fails to produce the desired result, a formal hearing can be arranged by collecting the signatures of at least 1/2 of the registered voters who live within 500 feet of the establishment. If the problem persists after the hearing, the Department of Business Affairs and Licensing may fine, suspend to establishment or revoke their liquor license.

Alderman Dowell also held a community meeting in which all of the liquor licensees were invited and asked to voluntarily sign a pledge drafted by Alderman Dowell. The pledge, which included a promise to stop selling fortified wines and high gravity malt liquors, improve outdoor lighting, install exterior cameras, attend CAPS meetings, have employees attend alcohol training classes, improve garbage disposal, and increase participation in the community was signed by four licensees and verbally agreed upon by another three, with two that have not responded. Our office continues to work with all of the establishments who have not signed the agreement.

New Commander for the 2nd District

Last November, Commander Fred Waller assumed the leadership position at the 2nd District. Commander Waller was previously a Lt. in the 4th District. Prior to that, he worked as an officer in the CHA developments along State Street in the Third Ward.

Third Ward Stars

Every month, Alderman Dowell tries to recognize exceptional Third Ward residents who have made contributions to their communities or have other significant accomplishments worthy of note. Last year; Cierra Johnson, Candace Smith, Adele M. Bradley, Shawanda Jackson, and Keith McCoty were all recognized for their academic accomplishments; Ronn Pitts and Wilhelmina Kenan were honored for their contributions as educators; Hallie Amey, Otha Jones, and Olivia White were recognized for being outstanding seniors; Pasha Hunt-Galliday, M. Grace Sielaff, and Yvonne White-Morey were recognized for their environmental work; Brian Fairley was recognized for having a successful film career; and Sylvia Taylor was recognized for using her creativity to support community-based work. If you know of an individual or organization that is making a difference in their community or has tremendous accomplishments, please contact the Third Ward Office at (773) 373-9273 and let us know.

Third Ward Update



Infrastructure

Residential Permit Parking

Residential Parking Permit signs have been installed from 35th to 36th and Federal to Dearborn to help ensure residents and their guests have ample parking. Annual residential permit parking stickers and visitor guest passes are available from the Chicago City Clerk's Residential Parking Permit Division. You can contact them by calling (312) 744-7848 or (312) 744-5346 or by visiting www.chicityclerk.com. Additionally, the permit parking at 5500-5600 S. Princeton is being revisited.

New Alley Projects

Two recently constructed alleys complete with new drainage have recently been finished in the Third Ward. The new alleys were constructed using green alley techniques, which include a trench engineered to provide ground percolating filtration and porous albedo concrete to provide solar reflectivity. The alleys are located at W. 16th St., W. 17th St. from S. State to Dearborn and at E. 47th St., E. 48th St. from S. Forestville to S. Vincennes.

New Sewer Lining Projects

The sewer structures on E. 47th St. from Vincennes to S. King Dr. and on W. 47th St. from Halsted to S. Wallace are being cleaned and lined with resin impregnated bags. This project will minimize if not eliminate, street cave-ins due to old sewer structures and will bring better drainage to the area. From now until the middle of January, residents in this area will need to move their cars between the hours of 6am and 7pm to avoid being towed. No Parking signs will be posted. To prevent odors in your home, you should pour two to three cups of water in your basement floor drains if you live in that area.

Dearborn Tower Condo Association Greenest Residential Building Award

The Alliance for a Greener South Loop celebrated the winners of the 2nd Annual Greener South Loop Awards this past week. South Loop buildings and businesses and one institution were recognized for their progress in charting the path for how all businesses and buildings will operate in years to come. Dearborn Condominium Association located at 1530 S. State won the Greenest Award for Residential Buildings. Upon hearing the news that they had relinquished their "greenest" title to Dearborn Tower, representatives from State Place vowed to up the ante with even greener practices, in order to reclaim the title next year. They have their work cut out for themselves. Dearborn Tower's application impressed the judges with the depth and breadth of the progress they documented. Congratulations Dearborn Towers and thank you Alliance for a Greener South Loop for the important work you do.

47th/King TIF/NIP Meeting and Drawing



A few of the winners who attended the meeting

Alderman Dowell has carved out over \$1 million from three separate Tax Incentive Finance (TIF) district to be used for the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). In December, Alderman Dowell hosted the 47th/King Dr. TIF/NIP meeting where residents from the 47th/King TIF who submitted applications to receive neighborhood improvement Funds to make repairs on their homes were entered into a lottery. Applicant's names were placed into a hat and then drawn by various people in the audience. Over 100 people attended and over half of them were either drawn for receipt of home improvement work or were placed on the waiting list.

Alderman Dowell's Glitter Gala

Last December, Alderman Dowell hosted her 2nd Annual Glitter Gala at the Marmon Grand Hall located at 2230 S. Michigan. It was a great night of fantastic food catered by P's Event Company and incredible music performed by jazz trumpeter, Corey Wilkes and MacArthur Genius Award winning pianist, Reginald Robinson. Thanks to all who came for this fun event!



Alderman Dowell with Corey Wilkes



Corey Wilkes Trio



Alderman Dowell with Reginald Robinson

Alderman Dowell Volunteers at Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church

On Christmas Eve, Alderman Dowell and several other volunteers donated their time at Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church's Christmas Basket event where baskets filled with holiday food as well as clothing and toys were distributed to those in need. A very special thanks to Pastor Eric Thomas and the entire congregation at Greater Harvest for organizing this wonderful event that helped make the holidays brighter for many in need.



Alderman Dowell worked the young girl's clothing section



The wonderful volunteers at Greater Harvest

Alderman Dowell's Holiday Food Basket Distribution

Every year, Alderman Dowell distributes turkeys and other holiday treats to Third Ward residents who are of limited means. This year, we were able to distribute turkeys, hams, and gift baskets to over 500 Third Ward residents! Special thanks to Super Mas Markets, CitySports, Simmons Entertainment, Fairplay Foods, Powers and Sons Construction, Brinshore-Michaels Development, Gaia, Chicago

Meat Authority, Walgreens, and Citizens for Pat Dowell for partnering with Alderman Dowell to make this year's event a huge success.



Residents who came into the ward office to receive a holiday food basket



Sylvia Manning receives a food basket from Super Mas Markets

Events in and Around the Third Ward

Dowell Report Dates on CAN TV

The latest edition of The Dowell Report focuses on education in the Third Ward. Her guests were Greg Washington, Executive Director of The Grand Boulevard Federation, Julianna Perisin, Principal of Hendricks Elementary School, Wilhelmina Kenan, Principal of Mollison Elementary School, and Akil Khalfani, Operations Manager from John Hope College Prep High School. This edition will air on channel 21 at 11pm on January 2nd and 10pm on January 7th and 14th, 2011.

Community Meeting Regarding Development at 39th/King

Come be a part of the discussion regarding the new development on the SouthEast corner of 39th and King Drive and see a presentation of a new business that may be located at 39th and Vincennes.

Where: Monumental Baptist Church (729 E. Oakwood Blvd.)

When: January 5, 2011 @ 6:30pm

Homeownership and Purchasing Affordable Homes Workshop

Partners In Community Building, Inc., Bank of America, and Chicago Community Land Trust present a Two-Day Homeownership and CCLT "Purchase Affordable Homes" Workshop. Participants must attend both sessions to obtain homeownership workshop credit. For more information call Margit at (312) 445-0521. RSVP is requested.

Where: Illinois College of Optometry (3240 South Indiana Avenue)

When: Saturday, January 8, 2010 and Saturday, January 15, 2010 from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Youth J.A.M. for Jesus

Ambassadors of the Word in conjunction with St. Elizabeth Church invites you to Youth J.A.M. (Jesus Anointed Missionary) for Jesus to commemorate the Christ light reflected in the lives and work of visionaries of African ancestry striving for peace and social justice. For More Information Please Contact Rev. Abelardo Gabriel (773) 493 - 5959 / Tiffany Swann-Covington (312) 534 - 8035 AOW National Programs Tel./Fax. (877) 320 - 5582 or gtmbft@aol.com

www.bowmanfrancismistry.com

Where: 50 East 45th Street

When: January 22, 2011, 2:30 PM

Neighborhoods Opposed to Weapons

N.O.W. (Neighborhoods Opposed To Weapons) is a not-for-profit organization that began its work in July of 2010 in the Grand Boulevard community in response to the shooting on 41st Street and Indiana. Since N.O.W.'s inception, it has been very successful in stopping at least 4 gang wars in the Grand Boulevard area. It has developed an outreach team of individuals who have been working in the Grand Boulevard community for over 20 years and have relationships with former and current gang members and young people in the community. The outreach team is able to go and engage these young people and gang members in conversations regarding alternatives to their current lifestyle.

N.O.W. has a upcoming event presenting a documentary that was filmed here in Chicago called **Frontline**. They are inviting the community and young people to come out for the viewing of this important documentary film. There will be a panel discussion after film. Also, On February, 6 2010 from 5pm to 11pm N.O.W. will be hosting a **Super Bowl Party** at St. Elizabeth's Hall. For information, call Tony Salaam at 312-493-8990 or Shaun Clemmons at 773-712-4645

Where: St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall (50 E. 41st St.)

When: Saturday, February, 5 2010 from 11am to 1pm

St. Elizabeth's Food Pantry

St. Elizabeth Church at 50 E. 41st St., hosts a food pantry for all who are in need the second Thursday of every month from 4pm-6pm. If you reside in the 60609, 60616, 60615, or 60653 zip codes and are in need of food supplies, you can visit St. Elizabeth Church's Food Pantry every Saturday from 11am to 1pm.

Important Announcements

GreenCorp Community Garden Applications Due February 1st

Community gardens are a great way to beautify a neighborhood while providing an opportunity for healthy recreation and a source of fresh food. The City of Chicago's Department of Environment's GreenCorp Program offers technical and planning assistance as well as free plants and seeds to individuals and organizations that participate in their program. The application deadline for assistance with a spring garden installation is February 1st. For more information and to complete an application, visit the [GreenCorps webpage](http://www.cityofchicago.org) at www.cityofchicago.org. You can also pick up an application at Alderman Dowell's Ward Office at 5046 S. State.

Free General Admission and Reduced Fees at the Shedd Aquarium

The Shedd Aquarium located at 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. is offering guests **FREE** general admission to the original galleries and discounts on all other exhibits during Community Discount/Free General Admission Week from Sunday, Jan. 16th through Friday, Jan. 21st. In addition to a week of savings, every Monday and Tuesday in January, beginning January 10th, are Community Discount/Free General Admission Days at Shedd. Also this January and February, members are invited to bring up to five additional guests beyond their membership for just \$5 each! Each additional guest will be admitted with a Shedd Pass. Advance tickets are recommended. Regular and discounted passes can be purchased through www.sheddaquarium.org or by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-982-2787. For more information, please visit Shedd's website at www.sheddaquarium.org or call (312) 939-2438.

White House Fellowship Program

White House Fellows typically spend a year as full-time, paid assistants to senior White House Staff, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Their assignments demand a capacity for quick learning and a willingness to work hard, often on issues outside of their area of expertise. Responsibilities range from chairing interagency meetings and designing and implementing federal policies, to drafting speeches for cabinet secretaries to representing their agencies on Capitol Hill and in international treaty negotiations. Job assignments are made by the

Director of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships in consultation with agency officials on the basis of interviews conducted during "Placement Week".

Fellows receive a salary and benefits from the agency for which they work. Salary is paid uniformly at the federal pay grade GS-14, step 3. White House Fellows cannot receive compensation from any other source during their year of government service. The application and three letters of recommendation must be submitted no later than January 14, 2011 at 5:59 p.m. (EST), which can only be submitted through their online system, which is available by visiting www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows/applyForm-2011.

Employment Opportunities

Please stop by Alderman Dowell's Ward office at 5046 S. State Street to view a binder with several job postings. You may also want to obtain job placement and training assistance through one of the City of Chicago's Human Service Centers like the King Center (4314 S. Cottage Grove) or the Garfield Service Center (10 S. Kedzie). State Representative LaShawn Ford also has job postings available on his website at www.lashawnford.com. The [Safer Foundation](#) at (312) 922-2200, the [Educational Institute](#) at (773) 846-4058, and [Teamwork Englewood](#) at (773) 602-4513 offer assistance to ex-offenders. You can also receive information and services relative to unemployment benefits as well as information regarding upcoming job opportunities by visiting the [Illinois Department or Employment Security](#) at www.ides.state.il.us. Alderman Dowell's office will be hosting a job fair in February. Please check next month's newsletter for more information.

Snow and Ice Removal

Please consider being a good neighbor by helping the elderly and disabled in your community who are unable to remove snow in front of their residence. City ordinance requires building owners or tenants to remove the snow and ice from sidewalks in front of their buildings or vacant lots. The ordinance states that if the sidewalk is wider than five feet, only a five-foot path is necessary. Snow that accumulates before 4 p.m. must be removed within three hours after the snow has fallen. Snow that accumulates after 4 p.m. or during the night shall be removed before 10 a.m. Non-compliance can result in ticketing and fines. Click [here](#) for more information on snow removal requirements. Neglect of this duty may be reported to 311, (312) 744-5000, or to our office at (773) 373-9273.

Recycling Christmas Trees and Lights

How do you stuff a Christmas tree into a garbage can? You don't. Recycle it instead by dropping it off between January 1st and January 17th at participating locations. The trees will be turned into mulch that will be available to residents for pick up beginning January 7th. The locations closest to the Third Ward are: Marquette Park (6700 S. Kedzie), McKinley Park (2210 W. Pershing), and Lake Meadows Park (3117 S. Rhodes).

You can also recycle burned out, broken, or old holiday string lights until January 18th during business hours at the following locations: 2nd District Police Station (5101 S. Wentworth), Whole Foods South Loop (1101 S. Canal), and the lobby at the Chicago City Hall Building (121 N. LaSalle).

For a complete list of recycling sights for both trees and lights as well as more information about the recycling programs, please call 311 or visit www.chicagorecycles.org.

2011 Community Arts Assistance Program Grant Application

The City of Chicago's Community Arts Assistance Program (CAAP) is an annual grant opportunity designed to discover, nurture, and expand Chicago's diverse artists and non-profit organizations, and to foster new and emerging individual artists and art groups. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for individual artists and non-profit arts organizations for projects that promote professional, artistic, and organizational development. Grant application workshops will be held at the Hyde Park Art Center (5020 S. Cornell) on Jan. 5th from 6-8pm, Links Hall (3435 N. Sheffield, #207) on Jan. 10th from 5-7pm, and at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington) on Jan. 20th from 4-6pm. The grant application deadline is January 31, 2011. For more information, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/culturalgrants.

City Warming Centers

A warming center is a heated facility where Chicagoans can go to find safe refuge from extreme weather. The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services operates six warming centers from December 1- March 1 or when temperatures drop below 32 degrees. Call 311 to locate a warming center in your area. The locations closest to the Third Ward are: Englewood Community Service Center (845 W. 69th St.), the King Center (4314 S. Cottage Grove), and the Garfield Community Service Center (open 24 hours at 10 S. Kedzie).

Energy and Heating Assistance

If your gas and electricity have been disconnected or you are facing the possibility of being disconnected, you should contact CEDA today. You be eligible for reconnection, bill payment assistance, and other energy saving programs. There are several CEDA intake locations throughout the city where you can get started. For more information, visit www.cedaorg.net or call (800) 571-CEDA (2332).

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program offers sidewalk repairs for a cost significantly below what a private contractor would charge. Thousands of Chicagoans have been a part of this popular program, taking advantage of the low cost, exceptional value, and ease of participation. Senior citizens and those with disabilities may qualify for a discounted rate.

The program has reached capacity for 2010, but will open again for participation on January 1, 2011. Participation will proceed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that if you applied for the program in previous years you must apply again in 2011. Applications will only be accepted through the City's 311 system (phone or website). Owner information and the property address must be provided at the time of request. For more information visit www.cityofchicago.org/transportation or e-mail cdotnews@cityofchicago.org.

Parking Meter Rate Increases

On-street metered parking rates in the City of Chicago will be adjusted in early 2011 based on the rate schedule included as part of the parking meter concession agreement.

- In most areas of the city, representing 82% of the metered parking spaces, rates will be \$1.50 per hour.
- In the Central Business District outside the Loop (Area bounded by Lake Michigan to the East, North Avenue to the North, Halsted to the West, and Roosevelt Road to the South, exclusive of the Loop Area), representing approximately 16% of the metered parking spaces, rates will be \$3.00 per hour.
- Inside the Loop (Area bounded by Lake Michigan to the East, Wacker Drive to the North and West, and Congress Parkway to the South), representing less than 3% of the metered parking spaces, rates will be \$5.00 per hour from 8 AM- 9 PM, \$2.50 from 9 PM - 8 AM.

Except for Inside the Loop, payment is not required from 9 PM to 8 AM unless otherwise posted. The transition to the new rates will begin on January 2nd, starting with the Loop and moving outward into the neighborhoods. Weather conditions permitting, the goal is to complete the transition by January 16th. Most importantly, as the transition moves forward, motorists should be aware that they are only responsible for paying the posted rate on the meters. For more information, visit www.chicagometers.com.

Child Passenger Safety Seat Ordinance Goes into Effect January 1st, 2011

In an effort to ensure that parents and guardians of children are installing child seats properly, the Chicago City Council has amended the Child Toy Safety ordinance and added section 7-36-115 and went into effect on January 1st, 2011. The ordinance requires all retailers selling or leasing child passenger safety seats, and booster seats in the City of Chicago to post a referral to resource sign

that lists certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians that are available to assist consumers install car seats properly. The sign must be posted within 20 ft. of any child seat offered for sale or lease.

This ordinance does **NOT** apply to internet sales or occasional sales, as defined in section 10-8-401 of the municipal code, such as garage sales. However, under this ordinance it is unlawful for persons making occasional sales to offer for sale or lease any Child Passenger Seat or booster that is expired, damaged, missing any parts including the owners manual, or is otherwise unfit for use for the safe transport and restraint of children. To view this and other pieces of legislation from the Chicago City Council, visit www.chicityclerk.com.

Third Ward CAPS Schedule for January

CAPS meetings are a great way for the police to maintain positive relationships with the community while obtaining and distributing important information that will help improve safety and security. As some of you may already know, the Chicago Police are reorganizing and rescheduling CAPS meetings. At the time of this newsletter, the new dates and times were unavailable. Please visit www.chicagopolice.org or call your district office to find out when and where your next CAPS meeting is.

1st District (312) 745-4290	2nd District (312) 747-8366	7th District (312) 747-8223	9th District (312) 747-8227	21st District (312) 747-8340
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