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Dear Resident,

So far this summer has brought us some pretty crazy weather. As you can tell from the Third Ward Update, the last two storms to hit the area were particularly damaging and have kept utility and tree crews very busy. There are still over 300 work orders for tree and tree debris removal, so please be patient as they answer service calls as fast as they can.

Fortunately, the summer also brings many great events, several of which are free. Fireworks displays, the Taste of Chicago, Blues Festival, and Jazz Festival are just a few examples. However, there are many exciting events right here in the Third Ward including Movies in the Park, which will be held at Metcalfe Park and will show the movie *Blindside* on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at dusk. You can learn more about these types of events by reading through our newsletters or by stopping by our ward office at 5046 S. State St.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

Third Ward Update

Infrastructure

Recent Storm Damage

On June 18th and 23rd, Chicago was hit with two of the most damaging storms in the last 12 years. The storms produced a combined total of 80,000 recorded lightning strikes. Nearly one million people throughout Northern Illinois and Indiana whose electric service was affected have had their power restored. ComEd sent 450 field crews made up of 3,300 employees to replace over 550 poles and 75 miles of power lines. If you are still having issues with your electrical service, please call (800) EDISON-1.



Similarly, the Department of Streets and Sanitation has been overwhelmed by tree emergency requests. Since the June 18th storm, they have completed 10,067 of 10,341 requests. If you have a storm-related tree issue, you should call 311 or our office at (773) 373-9273.

ComEd and the Department of Streets and Sanitation have done a great job responding to the damage caused by the two storms. Please be patient as they finish repairing services and picking up damaged trees.

New Solar Bus Stop at 38th and MLK



The seniors at Pioneer Village and Pioneer Gardens asked Alderman Dowell if they could have a bus shelter at 38th and King Dr. to make it safer and more comfortable for them to wait for the bus. The bus shelter operates on solar power, which is used to light the shelter at

night, providing additional safety.

Construction Workers on Strike

The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 130 and The Laborer's District Council of Chicago and Vicinity are on strike, which effects construction sites throughout the city. In the Third Ward, the concrete alley project at 47th-48th and Forrestville Rd. and the road reconstruction project at 48th between Racine and Morgan are impacted by the strike.

Town Hall Meeting

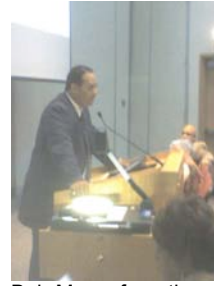
On June 17th, Alderman Dowell hosted another Town Hall meeting. Representatives from Chicago Departments of Streets and Sanitation, Transportation, and Sewer and Water Management, as well as representatives from the Bureaus of Forestry and Electricity were on hand to provide updates on projects they have underway in the Third Ward. Thank you to all the officials who came out to provide updates to our ward and to the constituents who came to learn more about their community.



Alderman Dowell
Addresses Constituents



Tom LaPorte from
Water and Sewer
Management



Bob Myers from the
Bureau of
Electricity



Luann Hamilton
from CDOT



Malcolm Whiteside
from the Bureau of
Forestry



Anthony Johnson
from the 3rd Ward
Streets and
Sanitation Office

Legislation

"Sweet Home Chicago" Ordinance

Alderman Dowell co-sponsored the "Sweet Home Chicago" Ordinance under which Tax Increment Finance (TIF) funds could be used by housing developers to purchase and rehab properties in communities hit hard by the foreclosure crisis. Building and rehabbing housing will help stimulate the local economy by providing new jobs, new local taxes, and access to affordable housing so residents can spend more on other needs and goods. The ordinance would designate 40% of all new permanent, affordable housing units built each year across the city for people earning less than \$22,600. On July 7, 2010 at 10am in the Council Chambers, the Committee on Housing and Real Estate will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Education

New Principal at Phillips High School

As many of you know, Wendell Phillips High School is in the "turnaround" process managed by the Academy of Urban School Leaders (AUSL). The oversight committee that Alderman Dowell established has been working with AUSL, Chicago Public Schools (CPS), and the new administrators to ensure the success of this important endeavor. The Phillips Oversight Committee has had the pleasure of meeting a few of the new administrators, including Terrance Little, Phillip's new principal. Mr. Little was previously the principal at the Morton School of Excellence. Along with creating academic improvement, Mr. Little is dedicated to celebrating the rich cultural history of the school and the community by bringing back music and arts programs along with a variety of other extra-curricular activities.

He plans to institute a "zero-tolerance" discipline model and all teachers will be required to engage their students in service learning projects. Alderman Dowell and the Phillips Oversight Committee will continue to work with Mr. Little and AUSL to ensure the success of the turnaround while providing additional accountability and transparency to the community.

New Interns at the Third Ward Office

Alderman Dowell's Aldermanic Office recently received four interns from the [Put Illinois to Work Program](#) and one from the [Mikva Challenge](#). Chassity Betts received her degree in Biology from Clark University and is currently taking professional development classes to become a pharmacist. Brandon Burton is studying Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and wants to eventually become a U.S. Marshall. Mia Becton is planning on attending either Malcolm X College or Triton to study nursing or physical therapy. Kasandra Kent is studying Criminal Justice at Lewis University in Romeoville and wants to be a Parole Officer upon graduation. Finally, Justin Ross is our Mikva Challenge intern and will be enrolled at Eastern Illinois next year to study Political Science. We certainly appreciate all of their help and are grateful for programs that are helping people get back to work.

New Third Ward Businesses

Teazzz



Last month, Alderman Dowell joined owner, Adrian Wright in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Located at 125 E. 37th St., TEAzzz, A Jazzy Tea Bar, offers gourmet teas from around the world in an engaging atmosphere. For more information, visit

<http://blog.teazzz.info> or stop by for a

delicious cup of tea.

L26 Restaurant

On July 1, 2010 L26 Restaurant, located in the South Loop Hotel (11 W. 26th St.), celebrated its grand opening. L26 provides a sophisticated ambiance, upscale dining, a full bar with an extensive wine selection, and a variety of reasonably-priced steaks, seafood dishes, salads, appetizers, and more. Alderman Dowell's personal favorite appetizer is the lobster martini.

The Plant

The Plant promotes the reuse of buildings and materials in urban areas for sustainable food production through research, development, and training of community members. In Chicago's historic Stockyards, Peer Foods' former meatpacking plant will be rebuilt as an indoor vertical farm and food business incubator. In partnership with Professor Blake Davis from IIT, they are designing an efficient aquaponics system to raise organic produce and several varieties of fish year round. The goal is to demonstrate that urban farming can be practical, profitable, and common. The Plant will be located at the old Peer Food's building at 1400 W. 46th St. Find out more by visiting their website at <http://www.plantchicago.com>.

Other News

Lowe Park

Alderman Dowell worked with the new Lowe Park Advisory

Committee and their President, Laressa Williams to bring needed improvements to Lowe Park. These include bathroom renovations, tables and chairs, one computer, basketball court repair, a Park Supervisor, as well as materials and supplies for Lowe Park's Summer Camp Program. Additionally, the Chicago Park District gave scholarships to 30 kids to attend their Summer Camp Program free of charge.

Metcalfe Park

Alderman Dowell worked with the Chicago Park District to get repairs made to the picnic tables, benches and basketball courts at Metcalfe Park located at 43rd and State.

Big Daddy's

After Alderman Dowell spoke with residents and worked with 1st District Commander, Christopher Kennedy, Big Daddy's located at 2441 S. State St., was denied a packaged goods liquor license by the Local Liquor Control Commission. The basis of the denial was that the issuance of this license would create a law enforcement problem. Alderman Dowell continues to work with residents and police to challenge packaged goods liquor stores throughout the Third Ward.

Events in and Around the Ward

Princeton Village Community Organization's Steppin' for our Youth

Come out for a night of fun, music, food, and dancing while helping to raise money for a great cause. All proceeds will benefit Princeton Village Community Organization's Annual Back to School Fair. Advanced tickets are \$12 or \$15 at the door. To order tickets or to get more information, please contact Ms. Jones at (773) 268-2069.

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

When: Friday, July 9, 2010 from 8pm to 12am

2010 Small Business Expo

City Treasurer Stephanie Neely and Alderman Pat Dowell invite you to the 2010 Small Business Expo at the UIC Forum. Network with other entrepreneurs and gain insight from representatives from small businesses, banking and financial institutions, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. Call (312) 744-3356, (312) 744-6920 TTY/TDD or visit www.chicagocitytreasurer.com for more information.

Where: UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt Rd.)

When: July 16, 2010 8:30am to 3:30pm

Third Ward Senior Update

Every year, Alderman Dowell hosts her Annual Third Ward Senior Update to provide important information about services and resources that can benefit senior citizens. It is also an afternoon of socializing, fun, and games. Last year, gift cards were awarded to bingo winners and line dancing was a big hit. Transportation to and from senior buildings will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Where: Dawson Technical institute (3901 S. State St.)

When: Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 10am to 1pm

Movies in the Parks

The Chicago Park District and the Parkways Foundation have teamed up to bring you this summer's Movies in the Parks. Several parks throughout Chicago will be showing different classic movies on various evenings throughout the summer. All movies begin at dusk. Visit

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com for a complete list of movies, park locations, and dates. The movie *Blindside*, starring Sandra Bullock will be showing at Metcalfe Park.

Where: Metcalfe Park (43rd and State St.)
When: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at dusk

Concert in the Park

From salsa and reggae, to gospel, jazz and classical, the Park District's Concerts in the Parks series offers Chicago families a fun, affordable way to spend an evening in their own community. Throughout the year, indoor concerts are held in parks across the city. In the summer, bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the outdoor concerts. Regardless of the time of year, prepare to dance and sway the night away at a concert in the parks. For a complete list of bands, locations, and dates, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com. In the Third Ward, there will be an R&B/Jazz concert at Lowe Park.

Where: Lowe Park (5203 S. Lowe)
When: Friday, July 23, 2010 at 4pm

Washington Park Chamber of Commerce Jazzin' at the Shedd

Join the Washington Park Chamber of Commerce at the Shedd Aquarium for an evening of music, fireworks, sea creatures, and networking. Enjoy some of Chicago's best musicians as they perform music ranging from jazz to funk and enjoy a beautiful fireworks display. This event also gives you an opportunity to visit the aquarium during their extended hours and network with other residents and entrepreneurs from the Washington Park area. The terraces will remain open until the fireworks display has concluded. The cost is \$14 (not including cash bar and food). For more information or to RSVP please call (773) 955-0199 or e-mail washingtonparkcc@comcast.net.

Where: Shedd Aquarium (1200 S. Lake Shore Dr.)
When: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 from 5:30pm to 10pm

Important Announcements

Scholarship Opportunity

If you are enrolled in an Illinois college, university, or vocational training school by September 15, 2010, you may be eligible to receive a 2010 CSBG Scholarship. To be eligible, you must be a resident of Chicago who is enrolled full time at an Illinois institution and who meets the CSBG income guidelines. Applications and supplemental documentation must be received on or before July 12, 2010 no later than 5:00 P.M. at:

Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
2010 CSBG Scholarship Program

ATTN: Jenny Schuler
1615 W. Chicago Avenue - 3rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60622
Call 312.746.7291 with any questions

For more information and to download the application, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/fss and click on CSBG Scholarship. You may also call (312) 746-7291.

CHA Waitlist Still Open Until July 9, 2010

The Chicago Housing Authority's waitlist for section 8 subsidized housing will remain open until July 9, 2010. If you are in need of subsidized housing, call 311, (866) 7-thecha, or visit www.chawaitlist.org to get signed up.

Ruling on Handgun Ban

The Supreme Court recently ruled that the 2nd Amendment applies to city governments, which will render Chicago's Handgun ban unenforceable. It is important to know that the Supreme Court remanded the case to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, which means the ban technically remains in effect until the 7th Circuit invalidates it. It also remains illegal to carry a concealed weapon in the State of Illinois, possess an unregistered gun in the City of Chicago, to possess a gun without having a Firearm Owner's ID card from the State, to transport any kind of gun in a vehicle if the gun is not broken down into an unusable state, and to possess a semi-automatic or automatic assault weapon, laser sight accessories, and silencers.

Attorney General Madigan Files Discrimination Lawsuit Against Countrywide

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed a lawsuit against Countrywide, a subsidiary of Bank of America, for unlawfully discriminating against African American and Latino borrowers in home mortgage sales, in violation of the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Illinois Fairness in Lending Act. Madigan's complaint alleges that the former mortgage giant encouraged African American and Latino borrowers to take out risky subprime mortgages more often than their Caucasian counterpart borrowers. She is also charging that minority borrowers paid more for mortgages through Countrywide. Illinois homeowners who believe they may be victims of Countrywide's discriminatory lending practices should contact the Attorney General's office via a special e-mail address at CountrywideDiscrimination@atg.state.il.us or by calling the Attorney General's Homeowners Helpline at 1-866-544-7151. You can read the entire press release by visiting http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2010_06/20100629b.html.

Free State ID Cards for People Experiencing Homelessness

In accordance with a law passed last year, the Illinois Secretary of State will start waiving the \$20 fee to obtain a state ID for people experiencing homelessness on Thursday, July 1. This is great news for people who are struggling to get identification in order to apply for benefits or employment. Proper documentation is still required to get an ID, but service providers can now sign a Homeless Status Certification for qualified clients to get the fee waived. The Homeless Status Certification, a list of proper documentation required, and more information about the program can be found by visiting the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/idcards.html>. Questions can also be directed to the information line at 1-800-252-8980.

2010 AccessChicago Exhibition

Join the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities for a family-oriented day of fun and interactive experiences including arts, crafts, gardening, sports, entertainment, and more. AccessChicago brings together over 100 exhibitors to showcase top disability-related service providers, product merchandisers, assistive technology suppliers, and recreational activities. There will also be employment resources available at the event. For more information, please call 311 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities.

Where: Navy Pier Festival Hall A

When: Thursday, July 15, 2010 from 10am to 6pm

2010 Summer Food Service Program

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services is providing free healthy meals to children in Chicago who are ages 18 and younger. Meals vary by location and may include two of the following: breakfast, lunch, dinner, or a snack. The program runs from June 21 to September 3, 2010. For more information, please call 311 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/fss for a list of sites.

Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic

Dogs, cats, and ferrets that are three months or older can receive affordable rabies vaccinations and microchips from Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control. Pet owners must be residents of Cook County and must have ID. Rabies vaccinations are \$7 for 1 year, \$21 for three years and microchips are \$10. Cash and checks only.

Where: Jewel on the Dan Ryan (101 W. 87th St.)

When: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 from 10am to 2:45pm

Fix Your Mortgage

As part of the Chicago Department of Community Development's ongoing efforts to assist homeowners who are at risk of or are already facing foreclosure, they continue to sponsor a series of Borrower Outreach Days. The goal of these events is to connect residents with resources designed to help prevent foreclosure. Services include loan workout sessions with lenders and counseling agencies, access to free legal assistance, information about refinancing options, and information on financial literacy resources. Homeowners can also get assistance with loan modifications offered by the federal Making Home Affordable Program.

Where: Little Village High School (3120 S. Kostner Ave.)

When: Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 9:30am to 2pm

Third Ward Star



Alderman Dowell, Krystal Bragg, and her proud mother, Ms. Bragg

Krystal Bragg

Ms. Bragg won a scholarship from Comcast to attend Purdue University. She graduated from Bronzeville Military Academy and wants to be an engineer. Special thanks to Yafawn Smith who is the Government and Community Affairs Manager for Comcast.

Ronn Pitts



Columbia teacher, mentor, and veteran filmmaker. Ronn Pitts broke the all-white film industry barrier more than 40 years ago and helped to document, through his films, aspects of the civil rights movement. There is currently a scholarship to Columbia College under his name in which students must demonstrate contributions to their community. Last month, Mr. Pitts received an achievement award at the Bronzeville Cultural Festival held at Columbia College. Congratulations Mr. Pitts! Your students are surely learning more than what can be taught in a classroom.

Third Ward CAPS Schedule



Chicago's Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) is the community policing program of the Chicago Police Department and is very successful. At monthly CAPS meetings, residents work together with police to take measures to prevent and deter crime. Visit www.chicagopolice.org to learn more about CAPS and click on each District number to learn more about that particular police district. Click [here](#) to find your district.

1st District

Beat 132 CAPS
July 20th @ 7pm
1st District Police Station
(1718 S. State)

Beat 134 CAPS
July 21st @ 6:30pm
Michigan Ave. Condos
(2101 S. Michigan)

2nd District

Beat 211 CAPS
July 13th @ 6:30pm
Indiana Davis Apartments
(3632 S. Indiana)

Beat 214/221 CAPS
July 14th @ 6:30pm
St. Elizabeth Church
(4058 S. Michigan)

Beat 232/233 CAPS
July 8th @ 6:30pm
Coppin Church
(5627 S. Michigan)

Beat 223 CAPS
July 19th @ 6:30pm
5049 S King Dr.
(On East side of Street)

Beat 222 CAPS
July 20th @ 6:30pm
King Center
(4312 S. Cottage Grove)

Beat 213 CAPS
July 27th @ 6:30pm
Monumental Baptist
(729 E. Oakwood)

Beat 224/231 CAPS
July 22nd @ 6:30pm
Hall Branch Library
(4801 S. Michigan)

7th District
Beat 711 CAPS
July 21st @ 6:30pm
Sherwood Park
(5705 S. Shields)

9th District

Beat 935E CAPS
July 3rd @ 10am
Fuller Park

21st District
Beat 2112 CAPS
July 12 @ 6:30pm
Dunbar Park

(331 W. 45th St.)

(301 E. 29th St.)

Beat 934 CAPS
July 8th @ 6pm
Westhaven Homes
(850 W. Garfield)

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