



Aldermanic Office of the Third Ward Newsletter

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Dear 3rd Ward,

In addition to flowers, leaves, and slightly warmer weather, spring has certainly brought about a lot of other changes in Chicago. We have a new Mayor and consequently, new commissioners and heads of various city departments. All of these changes will certainly take time to get used to, but as your Alderman, I will continue working with you to ensure the Third Ward residents have access to safe neighborhoods, quality schools, clean streets, social services, jobs, and other vital resources.

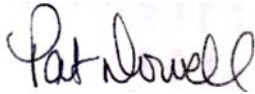
As part of these changes I am pleased to announce I was elected Vice Chairman of the Committee on Housing and Real Estate by my colleagues in the City Council after being recommended by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. This will be in addition to my other memberships on the committees Aviation, Budget and Government

Operations, Rules and Ethics, Education and Child Development, Finance, Health and Environmental Protection, and Transportation and Public Way.

As a member of these important committees, I will be able to contribute to positive changes that benefit both the Third Ward and the entire City of Chicago. I take these responsibilities seriously and want to hear from you if you have any concerns relative to any of these committees. As always, feel free to contact my office at (773) 373-9273.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our Third Ward graduates. These young adults are positive examples of how teenagers can persevere in the face of challenging circumstances. I am proud of all of our graduates because this is an important step towards fulfilling their potential to contribute to our community, city, and world.

Sincerely,



Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward



Third Ward Update

New Metra Station

On May 6th, Alderman Dowell joined Congressman Bobby Rush, Rev. Dr. Leon Finney, IIT President John Anderson, Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford and other officials and community leaders to dedicate the brand new Metra Lovanna "Lou" Jones/Bronzeville Station. The station was named after former 26th District State Representative Lovanna "Lou" Jones who was also a lifelong activist, and civil rights leader. The late Lovanna Jones was a strong advocate for the disenfranchised, the poor, and indigent children.

The new station was funded with \$6.8 million in stimulus money and a \$4.9 million federal grant and involved a partnership between Congressman Bobby Rush, Metra, IIT, and Alderman Dowell. Special thanks to Congressman Rush for securing the funding to complete the project. It is fully accessible and features eight car platforms, two heated platform shelters, bike racks, benches, Metra's audio and visual information system, landscaping, and ADA compliant heated ramps. It is the first new Metra station since 2006 and the first to be built in the Third Ward. The station is served by 26 inbound trains and 21

outbound trains on weekdays and all trains on weekends with extra service for White Sox games.

Menu and TIF Sidewalk Projects to be Completed

The installation of new sidewalks at 2730 and 2901 S. State St. are being funded by Aldermanic Menu Money. The sidewalk projects on 41st St. from Calumet to MLK Drive, 49th St. from Indiana to Prairie, 328 W. 43rd Pl. from Shields to the dead end, and Halsted St. from 54th St. to 54th Pl. will be funded by TIF money. Construction on all of these sidewalk projects is expected to begin June 6th and to be completed this summer.

New Bollards at 45th and Laflin

Ten 6" diameter bollards were recently installed at 45th and Laflin to prevent cars from driving over the newly installed cul-de-sac.

Street Resurfacing

22nd Street from King Drive to Clark Street will be resurfaced this summer.

Education

Track E and Summer School locations The Third Ward and the surrounding areas are home to several Track E (year round) schools and/or are sites for summer school. For more information on Track E schools, please visit <http://cps.edu/Results.aspx?k=track%20e>. Please be mindful that even though it is summer vacation for most schools, we will have students coming and going to various schools in the Third Ward and surrounding areas throughout the summer.

Currently on Track E: Beethoven (25 W. 47th St.), Burke (5356 S. King), Doolittle East (535 E. 35th), Drake (2722 S. King), National Teacher's Academy (55 W. Cermak), and Williams Middle School and Williams Elementary School (2710 S. Dearborn).

New Track E Schools for 2010-11: Mollison (4415 S. King), Overton (221 E. 48th), Parkman (245 W. 51st), Tilden H.S. (4747 S. Halsted), and Woodson South (4414 S. Evans).

Summer School: Attucks (5055 S. State), Beethoven (25 W. 47th), Hendricks (4316 S. Princeton), Overton (4935 S. Indiana), and Woodson (4414 S. Evans).

Capital Improvements

There are approximately \$40 million in capital improvement projects underway in Third Ward schools. Most are nearing completion, but there are a few projects that are scheduled to start this summer that include:

Beasley

The reconfiguration of the existing site parking, fencing, and landscape, the replacement of Beasley's HVAC system and roof, major facade renovations, and a 15% ADA upgrade are underway at Beasley Elementary School located at 5255 S. State St. .

John Hope

John Hope College Preparatory will receive much needed repairs to their HVAC system, new asphalt, and and landscaped parking lot.

Beethoven Elementary

Exterior work, upgrades to ADA, electrical, fire alarm, and HVAC systems along with a new parking lot and landscaping are scheduled for construction at Beethoven.

DuSable Campus

Roof and window replacement and full masonry renovations including tuck pointing and brick/limestone repair as well as minor interior repairs will take place this summer at the DuSable campus.

Other Education News

Retiring Principals

After several years of dedicated service to our public schools, there are a few principals from Third Ward schools who are retiring. Dr. Philistine Tweedle of Beasley and Nadine Dillanado from Mayo Elementary will be retiring this year. They have been great leaders for our schools and communities and we wish them the best as they enjoy their retirement.

Urban Prep Academy

Just days before the Board of Education's vote, the Third Ward community and Alderman Dowell were surprised with Chicago Public Schools' proposal to move the South Shore Urban Prep campus into the Williams Multiplex building located at 27th and Dearborn. Upon learning of this proposal, Alderman Dowell forced CPS and Urban Prep to hold a community meeting on May 24th. Unfortunately, this was only one day prior to the Board of Education's vote, which clearly does not give residents enough time to evaluate the situation. Along with Alderman Dowell, many of the attendees were angered by the disrespect that was once again shown to our community in regards to CPS decisions that affect us. Alderman Dowell requested the Board of Education delay their vote until more community input could be garnered.

Specifically, residents were concerned about the addition of a 14th high school in an area that is less than 3 square miles and is already experiencing challenges in regards to school safety. Although Urban Prep has some significant accomplishments in regards to their graduates being accepted to college, some residents were concerned about their overall academic performance. Since it is a charter high school with a city-wide lottery-based attendance policy, others were concerned about accessibility to the community.

Alderman Dowell met with and also wrote a letter to new CPS CEO, Jean-Claude Brizard, which will be available to read at www.dowellfor3rdward.com relaying the comments from the community meeting, highlighting CPS' history of disenfranchising our community, and imploring him to support the important work the Community Action Councils and Local School Councils are doing. Specifically, support for the Bronzeville Community Action Council, which meets monthly is chaired by Reverend Chris Harris and consists of several parents, CPS representatives, elected officials, and other community stakeholders. Alderman

Dowell will also be meeting with CPS and Urban Prep officials to develop a plan for safe passage and the implementation of a proximity preference boundary. A proximity preference boundary would give priority for available seats to students who live within that area. Finally, a proposal to change the name of Urban Prep South Shore to Urban Prep Bronzeville will go before the Board of Education at their July meeting.

Streets and Sanitation

In April, there were 770 requests for service of which 626 had been completed as of May 3, 2011. These requests were received from individual constituents, at community meetings like CAPS Meetings and Alderman Dowell's Town Hall Meetings, requests from Alderman Dowell's office, and from proactive searches by our Ward Superintendent, Anthony Johnson. A big thanks to Anthony and his crew for working hard to keep the ward clean. Below is a summary of service calls.

S.W.A.P. (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program that cleans streets and vacant lots) = 112

Street OP's Hand Clean Up = 77

Immediate Tow = 62

Graffiti Removal = 61

Vacant Lot Cleaning = 46

Vehicle Impoundment = 38

Rodent Baiting = 25

Tree Debris = 25

Sanitation Code Violations = 21

Street Cleaning = 19

New Third Ward Business

Nu Mecca Restaurant located at 235 E. 51st St. opened in May. They serve breakfast featuring organic coffee, sandwiches and wraps, and combo meals. All meals are made with Halal-Zabiha ingredients. Every Thursday from 5-12 they host a jazz showcase with some of Chicago's best jazz musicians. To find out more, visit www.nu-mecca.com, call (773) 285-9221, or stop by the restaurant.

Wire Baskets for the Third Ward

Alderman Dowell has requested wire baskets be placed at the following locations: 39th & King Dr. (NW and SW corners); 41st & King Dr. @ bus stop; 44th & King Dr. @ bus stop; 45th & King Dr. @ bus stop; 44th & King Dr. side street @ Irvin Mollison Elem. School; 46th & King Dr. @ bus stop; 48th & King Dr. @ bus stop; 51st & King Dr. @ bus shelter; 365 E. 51st St. @ bus stop; 312 e. 47th St. @ Greenline El station; 47th & Indiana (SE and NW corners); 47th & Michigan (NW and NE corners); 47th & Michigan (SW and SE corners); 47th & State @ bus stop; 1 W. 47th St. @ bus shelter; 4301 S. Michigan; 43rd & Indiana @ bus stops; 43rd & Prairie; 43rd & Calumet @ bus stop; 400 E. 43rd St. @ bus stop; 51st & Halsted @ bus stops; 51st & Halsted @ bus stop; 54th & Halsted (SW corner); 54th & Halsted Pl. (NE, SE and SW corners); 759 W. Garfield Blvd. @ bus shelter. We are consistently replacing many of the wire baskets around the ward as they are often stolen. Please help us keep an eye on them and if you see someone tampering with one of these baskets, call the police.

June Street Sweeping Schedule

You may also find complete street sweeping schedules and maps for the entire summer at

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/san/svcs/street_sweeping.html

**DEPARTMENT OF STREETS SANITATION
2011 Street Sweeping Schedule**

3rd Ward

June				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3
		Sec 4	Sec 4	Sec 5
		East / West Boundaries Lasalle (140 West) To State (0)	East / West Boundaries Lasalle (140 West) To State (0)	East / West Boundaries Clark (100 West) To Michigan (100 East)
		North / South Boundaries Cermak (2200 South) To 31st St. (3100 South)	North / South Boundaries Cermak (2200 South) To 31st St. (3100 South)	North / South Boundaries 15th St. (1500 South) To Cermak (2200 South)
6	7	8	9	10
Sec 5	Sec 6	Sec 6	Sec 7	Sec 7
East / West Boundaries Clark (100 West) To Michigan (100 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)
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Sec 8	Sec 8	Sec 9	Sec 9	Sec 10
East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries State (0) To M.L. King Dr. (344 East)	East / West Boundaries Stewart (400 West) To State (0)
North / South Boundaries 47th St. (4700 South) To 51st St. (5100 South)	North / South Boundaries 47th St. (4700 South) To 51st St. (5100 South)	North / South Boundaries 51st St. (5100 South) To 55th St. (5500 South)	North / South Boundaries 51st St. (5100 South) To 55th St. (5500 South)	
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Sec 10	Sec 11	Sec 11	Sec 12	Sec 12
East / West Boundaries Stewart (400 West) To State (0)	East / West Boundaries Stewart (400 West) To State (0)	East / West Boundaries Stewart (400 West) To State (0)	East / West Boundaries Stewart (400 West) To State (0)	East / West Boundaries Stewart (400 West) To State (0)
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Events in and Around the Ward

Bronzeville Youth Summit

Centers for New Horizons is hosting their 5th Annual Bronzeville Youth Summit. Educational workshops will include: Youth and The Criminal Justice System, Violence Prevention & Mental Health, the Basics of Youth Organizing, and the Campaign to Open a Trauma Center on the Southside. The keynote speaker will be Che "Rhymefest" Smith and there will be performances by the Stick & Move Dance Crew and from a youth led talent show. Lunch will be served and students can earn service learning hours. For more information, please visit www.cnh.org or call 773-373-5700.

Where: Dawson Technical Institute (3901 S. State)

When: Saturday, June 4th from 11am to 4pm

URBAANE Conference 2011

Sponsored by the U.S Forest Service, Eden Place Nature Center, Fuller Park Community Development, Chicago State University, and Openlands, the URBAANE conference 2011 will be an historical event with a mission to develop a forum to discuss the perspectives, research and solutions related to five environmental themes; environmental justice, environmental education, green jobs, green development/industry & urban agriculture. This annual conference will continue connecting work being done across the region as it relates to communities of color. Registration includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch (\$25 Regular, \$15 Senior & Student). Register at www.fullerpark.com. For more information, please call (773) 624-8686.

Where: Chicago State University

When: June 04, 2011 from 8:00 am-5:00pm

World Environment Day

The Chicago Botanic Garden will host its fourth annual celebration of World Environment Day. Activities throughout the Garden will explore how people of all ages can protect the earth through awareness and action. Two keynote lectures highlight the 2011 program. National Geographic Live speaker and renowned forest ecologist, Nalini Nadkarni, Ph.D., will share, "Between Earth and Sky: Our Intimate Connection with Trees" at 10:30 a.m. Michael Potts, President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Institute will discuss changing from a fossil-fuel economy to one fueled by efficiency and renewable energy during his 2:00 p.m. talk, "Reinventing Fire." Each lecture is \$12 (\$10 for Chicago Botanic Garden members); the fee to attend both lectures is \$17 (\$15 for members).

Garden scientists, conservationists and horticulturists will give on-going tours, talks and demonstrations about a range of topics from sustainable lawn care to the study of native pollinators. A farmers' market stand will offer seasonal produce from the Garden's Windy City Harvest program and visitors can recycle their plastic plant containers. Support for World Environment Day has been provided by Baxter, Illinois Tool Works, PwC and Underwriters Laboratories. World Environment Day programs (outside of the keynote lectures) are free; usual parking fees apply. See

www.chicagobotanic.org/wed for a complete schedule and more information.

Where: Chicago Botanic Garden (1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL)

When: June 4th, beginning at 9am

Free Expungement Seminar

The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County is presenting an Expungement Summit where volunteer attorneys will be on site to help adults and juveniles with their expungement application, preparation, and filing. Information on employment, job training, health care, and other services for ex-offenders will also be available. For more information, please call (312) 603-5200 or visit www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org.

Where: Apostolic Church of God (6320 S. Dorchester)

When: June 4, 2011 (registration is at 8:30 am and doors close at 6pm)

CTA Rapid Bus Transit Proposal

The Chicago Transit Authority invites the public to attend an open house to learn about and give feedback on plans to implement a bus rapid transit line on the Jeffery Corridor between the South Side and Downtown. The service will be operated on Jeffery Boulevard from 103rd Street and Stony Island Avenue to Jefferson Street and Washington Boulevard west of the Loop, with the goals of improving service reliability and travel times for customers served by the #14 Jeffery Express route. A project of this nature could potentially be implemented in the 3rd Ward on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive for the #3 Express route in the future (pending funding). Come learn about this innovative transportation initiative offered by the CTA in coordination with the City of Chicago Department of Transportation.

Where: Chicago Public Library Avalon Branch (8148 S. Stony Island)

When: June 8, 2011 from 4-6pm

Where: CTA Headquarters (567 W. Lake Street)

When: June 9, 2011 from 6-8pm

Empowering Parents for Students Success

Chicago Public Schools and the U.S. Department of Education are sponsoring the Second Annual 2011 Parent Forum: "Empowering Parents for Students Success". Workshop topics for parents will include: reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (also known as No Child Left Behind), Office for Civil Rights: Federal resources to protect students' rights, Federal Student Aid: understanding and completing the financial aid application, Special Education: understanding the Individualized Education Program (IEP), and preventing school violence and bullying. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact 312-730-1700 or greatlakes@ed.gov.

Where: The New South Shore High School (1959 East 75th Street)

When: Thursday, June 9, 2011 from 9:00 am to 2 pm (Registration starts at 8:00 am)

City of Chicago Vehicle/ Residential Parking Sticker Sales

Every year, Alderman Pat Dowell opens her office as a location to make it easier for Third Ward residents to purchase neighborhood vehicle/residential zone parking stickers. Over the last few years, the City Clerk's Office has been using a new electronic cashiering system to collect and process sticker sales. This new system allows for more accurate record keeping and provides an additional payment option of using credit cards. No cash is accepted. To purchase your stickers online and to view a complete list of sticker sale locations, please visit www.cityofchicago.org.

Where: Alderman Pat Dowell's Third Ward Office (5046 S. State)

When: June 11th, 2011 from 10am to 1pm

Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon at Hendricks

On June 11, 2011, thousands of volunteers will come together to serve Chicago schools as part of the annual Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon, the largest day of service in Chicago. Volunteers will paint rooms and hallways, create murals, build benches, and landscape outdoor areas as part of this extraordinary day-which focuses exclusively on improving our city's schools. Hendricks Community Academy has been selected as one of the schools that will partner with Chicago Cares on this great day of service. **They are asking for community participation, including neighbors, school administration, community leaders and parents.** Come join Alderman Dowell because your support of the Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon will send a powerful message advocating the importance of a healthy and positive learning environment and the value of community service. Any community members who would like to assist us in welcoming the Chicago Cares Volunteers will be embraced by the Hendricks Community. For more information, contact the school at (773) 535-1696

Where: Hendricks Community Academy (4316 S. Princeton)

When: June 11, 2011 from 10am to 3pm

Fiesta Back of the Yards

Fiesta Back of the Yards is an annual community celebration where area merchants, food vendors, artisans, and entertainers overtake 47th Street in between Ashland and Damen Avenues, the heart of Chicago's famous Back of the Yards community. Mega Passes to the carnival rides are now available for sale at the BYNC office located at 1751 W. 47th Street. This pass is valid for all three days. Tickets sold prior to the event are priced at \$40 and during the Fiesta at \$45. For more information, please contact Fabiola Flores at fflores@bync.org. Visit the Back of the Yards neighborhood council's website for more information <http://bync.org/?cat=38>

Where: 47th St. between Ashland and Damen

When: Friday, June 18, 2010 at 11:00am through Sunday, June 20, 2010 at 9:00pm

Health Fair

Reverend Clement Townsend is planning a health fair at New Haven Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, please call (773) 924-8002

Where: New Haven Baptist Church (4413 S. Indiana)

When: June 25, 2011

26th Annual Hunger Walk: Rally to End hunger

The annual 5K (3.1 miles) Hunger Walk directly benefits the Greater Chicago Food Depository's network of 650 pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in Cook County. For more information about the event and how you can get involved, please call (773) 247-FOOD or visit www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk.

Where: Soldier Field

When: June 25th (registration at 7am, walk begins at 8:15am)

Chicago Pedestrian Plan Public Meetings

This summer, the Chicago Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings to help inform the development of the Chicago Pedestrian Plan. This Plan is a citywide effort to identify strategies for making Chicago the most pedestrian-friendly city in the country.

There will be seven meetings throughout the summer and a final online meeting for those who cannot make it in-person. More information about all the dates and locations are available at www.chicagopedestrianplan.org. The efforts in the development of the Pedestrian Plan depend on the input, ideas, and experiences of residents and elected officials alike. The location closest to the Third Ward is Kennedy-King College.

Where: Kennedy-King College, Great Hall (740 W. 63rd)

When: June 29th from 6-8pm

Movies in the Park

Grab a blanket and a picnic basket, bring the family, and enjoy a free movie in the park. This month's movie is Shrek Forever After. After challenging an evil dragon, rescuing a beautiful princess, and saving your in-laws, what's left for an ogre to do? Well, if you are Shrek, you suddenly end up as a domesticated family man. Instead of scaring villagers away like he used to, the reluctant ogre agrees to autograph pitchforks. Shrek is tricked into signing a pact with the smooth talking dealmaker, Rumpelstiltskin. Shrek finds himself in an alternate version of Far Far Away, where ogres are hunted Rumpelstiltskin is king and Shrek and Fiona have never met. Now, it's up to Shrek to undo all of Rumpelstiltskin's mischief in the hopes of saving his friends, restoring his world, and reclaiming his one true love and family.

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

When: June 30th Begins at dusk (approx. 8pm)

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection Business Workshops

This month is packed with several workshops about contracts and new licensing requirements coming your way! Get your food business off the ground after you attend the workshop on the new Shared Kitchen license that goes into effect this August. If you are a kitchen owner or you rent space in a kitchen, you will not want to miss this workshop.

The FREE workshops are conducted by city officials, BACP's partner organizations or experts in the industry. Topics include everything from designing a website to

starting a non-profit. Workshops are located at BACP City Hall Office, 121 N. La Salle Street, Room 805. To register for a workshop or for more information call, 312-744-5344. Visit www.cityofchicago.org/bacp to download the full June calendar.

Important Announcements

Community Services Block Grant Scholarship Program

The CSBG Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for low-income students enrolled in post-secondary educational programs. Students who are enrolled full-time at an Illinois college, university, or vocational/certificate program by September 15, 2011, may qualify for a scholarship, which range from \$500 to \$3,000. Funds may be applied to tuition, books, uniforms, and fees related to course study. Applications must be received by the City of Chicago's Office of Family and Support Services by 5pm on June 8, 2011. For more information and application materials, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/fss. You may also contact Jenny Schuler, Project Administrator, at (312) 746-7291 with any questions.

Educare Early Childhood Center

Educare of Chicago is a state-of-the-art school that serves approximately 150 at-risk infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in Chicago's Grand Boulevard neighborhood. Launched by the Ounce of Prevention Fund in 2000, Educare works to narrow the achievement gap between at-risk children and their more advantaged peers by giving students the skills they need to succeed in school. The Educare model the Ounce developed at this Chicago school has inspired the creation of other Educare schools in the [Bounce Learning Network](#). In 2009, the Ounce partnered with the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute to develop a [birth-to-college pipeline](#) for the children at Educare. The Educare Early Childhood Center at 5044 S. Wabash provides both Early Head Start and Head Start services and is currently focusing on families with children who will be 6 weeks to 18 months old by September 1, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://www.ounceofprevention.org/educare/chicago.php> or contact Melinda Berry at (773) 924-2334.

Shipping and Receiving Career Training

Are you receiving unemployment compensation? If so, you may be eligible for training to gain the edge you need to return to work while continuing to collect unemployment. The Greater West Town Community Development Project has a full-time, daytime 12 week hands-on, high tech program that will prepare you to work in a variety of positions in transportation, warehousing, and logistics. Job placement assistance is available upon completion of the program. Financial aid is available to cover 100% of the costs to those who qualify. State and WIA certified training begins July 5th. Hablamos Espanol. Call (312) 563-9028 to apply today. You can also visit <http://www.gwtp.org/Programs.html> to learn more about all Greater West Town's youth and adult employment training and placement services.

Safe Place Chicago: Where Kids Get Help Fast

[National Safe Place](#) is a youth outreach program that involves the whole community by creating a network of Safe Place sites. Sites include youth friendly businesses,

libraries, nonprofit organizations, and other appropriate public buildings that display the yellow and black Safe Place logo.

When a youth enters a Safe Place location and asks for help, a trained site worker calls the Safe Place toll free number which connects the young person to a crisis worker. Once the worker has established where the youth is and the current situation, they meet with the young person to determine best steps moving forward.

Chicago Safe Place is a collaboration between Youth Network Council, Alternatives, Inc., Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services, Universal Family Connection, Inc. and Westside Youth Network, Inc. Chicago Safe Place strives to make access to services easier and more youth friendly for young people in crisis.

If you are you interested in becoming a Safe Place site, Safe Place Chicago is seeking youth-friendly businesses and organizations within our service area that can provide a public space where youth can seek help. Download the [New Site Form](#).

If you are a youth who is in immediate trouble, you can text the word "SAFE" and your current location (street address, city, state) to 69866 or you can call 888-816-3264.

The Creative Chicago Directory

The Creative Chicago Directory was compiled by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events for the 8th Annual Creative Chicago Expo. It features top consultants , service and space providers who can benefit the artists, musicians, performers and other creative businesses throughout Chicago. For more information or to download the Creative Chicago Directory, please visit <http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org/>. You may also pick up a directory at Alderman Dowell's ward office at 5046 S. State St.

United African Organization

The Third Ward is home to a very valuable resource that promotes social and economic justice, civic participation, and empowerment of African immigrants and refugees in Illinois. The United African Organization located at 3424 S. State St. is deeply committed to community development and empowerment. They offer services fro family support, immigration, employment, health education, youth, housing, and emergencies. For more information, please visit www.uniteafricans.org, e-mail info@uniteafricans.org, or call them at (312) 949-9980.

Condominium Workshops

Lakeside Community Development Corporation condominium program has new opportunities that better meet the needs of our clients. As before, Lakeside will continue to offer monthly educational workshops with feature guest speakers every month that will improve your capacity as unit owner or board member to avoid common problems. You can download their calendar of workshops for your review at <http://www.lakesidecdc.org/>.

In addition, every third Saturday of the month, Lakeside will host an open discussion for condo associations and owners in our office (6636 N. Clark St.) from 10 AM - 12 PM. This is a great opportunity to share experiences and information in a casual and fun setting and to connect with other unit owners. Please feel free to bring something to share with others. Lastly, they will begin featuring on their webpage: articles, videocasts and datagraphics on the latest news and trend analysis.

Community Crime Alert

This alert gives notice of armed robbery offender(s) targeting tow truck drivers in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th Districts. The unknown offender(s) contact tow truck drivers to remove or sell a vehicle that is in disrepair. The tow truck driver is robbed at gun point when he arrives at the prearranged location. If you have any information about this incident, please call the Area 1 Detective Division at (312) 747-8382

About The Offender(s)

- Male Black , Dark complexion
- 16 - 25 years old
- Height: 5'03"- 5'08"
- Weight: 120lbs - 180lbs
- Weapon: Handgun

What You Can Do

- Ask the caller for his full name
- Confirm the telephone number of the caller if blocked
- Be alert if the caller is asking you to bring cash
- Question the caller regarding the vehicle to be picked up
- Attempt to confirm the vehicle is at the location indicated by the caller
- Call the Police if suspicious about the caller's claim or request

Third Ward Stars

Gladys Goodlow

For nearly 50 years, Chicago has honored older residents for their outstanding professional and social contributions to the city. It is the diversity and vitality of our seniors that has contributed to the culture, economy, and character of our city.

On May 7, 2011, Gladys Goodlow was inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. She attending a special dinner for the Senior Citizen inductees and was presented an award by Mayor Daley. Ms. Goodlow was nominated by Alderman Dowell because she has worked in many professions, including steel mill worker, postal worker, caterer, dressmaker, and most recently, home care giver and is dedicated to helping the sick and disabled through making sure their daily needs are met and helps the locate social services. She has volunteered at St. Elizabeth's Church for and served as a block club president for ten years. It is because of her dedicated service to her community that residents have come to know her as someone they can rely on if they are in need.

Charles Jenkins

Charles Jenkins is the Pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church located at 4543 S. Princeton and was recently selected by Mayor Emanuel to be a member of the Board of Trustees for the City Colleges of Chicago. He has a deep commitment for higher education and has lots of innovative ideas on how to reach young people to encourage them to go to college.

June CAPS Schedule

The Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) brings the police, the community, and other City agencies together to identify and solve neighborhood crime problems, rather than simply react to their symptoms after the fact. Problem solving at the neighborhood level is supported by a variety of strategies, including neighborhood-based beat officers; regular Beat Community Meetings involving police and residents; extensive training for both police and community; more efficient use of City services that impact crime; and new technology to help police and residents target crime hot spots. Click [here](#) to find out what district and beat you live in and get the latest updates for your area.

1st District

Beat 132
June 21st @ 7pm
1st District Police
Station
(1718 S. State St.)

Beat 134
June 15th @
6:30pm
Hilliard Apts
(30 W Cermak)

2nd District

Beat 211/213
June 28th @ 6:30pm
Monumental Baptist
Church
(729 E. Oakwood
Blvd.)

Beat 214/221
June 8th @ 6:30pm
St. Elizabeth
Church
(4058 S. Michigan)

Beat 232/233
June 9th @ 6:30pm
Coppin AME Church
(5627) S. Michigan)

Beat 222/223
June 21st @ 6:30pm
King Center
(4314 S. Cottage
Grove)

Beat 224/231
June 23rd @ 6:30
Hall Branch Library
(4801 S. Michigan)

7th District

Beat 711
June 16th @ 6:30
Branch of Hope Apts
(5628 S. Halsted)

9th District

Beat 935E
June 4th @ 10am
Fuller Park Field
House
(331 W. 45th St.)

Beat 934
June 9th @ 6pm
Westhaven Homes
(850 W.
Garfield)

Beat 925
June 7th @ 6:00pm
Wentworth Gardens
(3770 S. Wentworth)

21st District

Beat 2112
June 13th @ 6:30pm
Illinois College of
Optometry
(3240 S. Indiana)

Useful Links

Employment

[City of Chicago](#)

[State of Illinois](#)

[Youth Ready Chicago](#)

Youth and Education

(Chooseyourfuture.org)

[Financial Aid and other Resources](#)

[Scholarship Guide](#)

Cleaning and Greening

[Recycling](#)

[3rd Ward Street Sweeping Schedule](#)

Affordable Housing

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