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Hallie Amey

Hallie Amey has lived at Wentworth Gardens since 1951 and is the President of the Wentworth Gardens Resident Management Council as well as a member of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Board of Commissioners. She has been a long time advocate for public housing and was instrumental in bringing services to the residents of the Wentworth Gardens community. Last month, Ms Amey as she is affectionately called, was honored with the establishment of the

Dear HåÅ æå,

As the weather gets warmer, you will be seeing more and more construction projects throughout the ward and the city. Please be mindful of worker safety and use extra caution. As you will see from reading this newsletter, last month was another busy time for the Third Ward Team. We are continuing our efforts to reach out to the community to receive input and update on the status of education, development, public safety, and other issues that impact Third Ward residents. Please take a few minutes to complete and return your 2010 Census form. This is the best way to make sure the Third Ward has the resources to meet the future needs of our residents. On April 10th, I will be hosting the Third Ward Resource Fair. Over 30 community organizations will be there to inform residents about various resources that are available to them right here in the Third Ward. See the Events in and Around the Third Ward section of the newsletter or call my office at (773) 373-9273 for more details. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

Third Ward Update

establishment of the Wentworth Gardens Resident Organization Hallie Amey Senior Center. Alderman Dowell joined Mayor Daley, CHA Executive Director Lewis Jordan, and the CHA Commissioners at the ceremony to acknowledge her contributions. Congratulations Ms. Amey on your accomplishments as your dedication and hard work has benefited the residents of Wentworth Gardens and the Third Ward.



Mayor Daley, Hallie Amey, and Alderman Dowell at the Celebration Ceremony

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Keith McCoy
 Mr. McCoy, who is President of the Oakwood Boulevard Improvement Association is receiving his doctorate degree in Educational Psychology, which will be conferred from the School of Education. His concentration was Measurement and Statistics. It was a long and challenging road for Mr. McCoy to have made such a commendable accomplishment. He is truly excited that he was able to make the women who influenced him in his life proud, especially his mom, grandmother and aunts. He says these are the women in his life who have reared him and watched him flounder and eventually grow into the young man that he is today. Congratulations Keith! Your hard work will pay off for you and the communities and schools in which you work.

April Caps Schedule



Third Ward Town Hall Meeting

Last month, Alderman Dowell hosted another town hall meeting. These meetings are a great opportunity for residents to express their concerns with issues in the Third Ward. There was a great deal of questions, answers and input in regards to the Metropolis Shopping Center that will be constructed at the corner of 39th and State. Additionally, updates were given on the progress of the [Neighborhood Stabilization Program](#), the Cuisine of the Diaspora to be located at 51st and Calumet, the new [CAPS Nixle Program](#)

that will allow Chicagoans to keep tabs on crime in their neighborhood, the [Renaissance Collaborative's](#) new senior building at 53rd and Calumet as well as Bronzeville Green's cleaning efforts, and the [Public Building Commission's](#) new Engine 16 firehouse planned for the southeast corner of 39th and Wabash.



Alderman Dowell providing an update on the TIF/NIP/SBIF Programs



We had a great turn out!

Education Update

Last month, Alderman Dowell provided testimony to the Illinois State Legislature in support of the [Chicago Educational Facilities Task Force](#) that was mandated by [HB 0363](#) and will develop a long-term facilities plan to be adopted by CPS as well as make recommendations on school closings and openings. As many of you may already know, Alderman Dowell also introduced a Resolution calling for a moratorium on school closings that was referred to the City Council's Education Committee, which held a public meeting to vote on it. Since there were not enough committee members present at the end of the hearing, a reconvening of the Education Committee will have to take place. We will keep you posted as Alderman Dowell continues to push for another meeting.

Third Ward School Principal's Breakfast

Periodically during the school year, Alderman Dowell hosts breakfast meetings for our principals in the Third Ward. They are a great forum for the exchange of ideas and provide principals an opportunity to relay their concerns relative to their schools as well as opportunities for them to learn about resources that are available to them and their students. Special thanks to the Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago's Department on Human Relations, and CPS' Children and Family Services for sharing the resources available through their organizations and to Principal Nadine Dillanado for allowing us to use the beautiful

[1st District](#)

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

Beat 134 CAPS
April 21st @ 6:30pm
1st District Police Station
(1718 S. State St.)

[2nd District](#)

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

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

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

Beat 223 CAPS
April 19th @ 6:30pm
Hales Franciscan H.S.
(4930 S. Cottage Grove)

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

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

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

[7th District](#)

Beat 711 CAPS
April 21st @ 6:30pm
Sherwood Park
(5705 S. Shields)

[9th District](#)

Beat 935 East CAPS
April 3rd @ 10:00am
Fuller Park
(331 W. 45th Street)

Beat 934 CAPS
April 8th @ 6pm
Westhaven Homes

Negro League Baseball Museum at Mayo Elementary to host March's meeting.



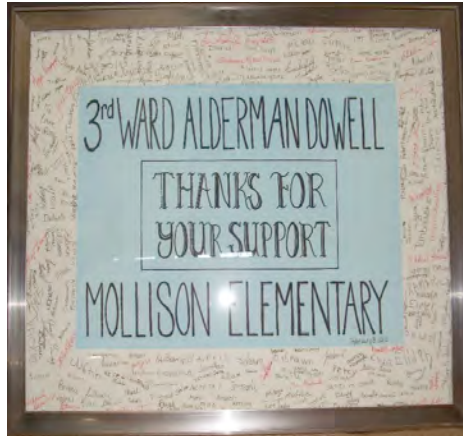
Alderman Dowell received a warm welcome



Kylia Kummer explains resources that are available through the Chicago Children's Museum

Phillips High School

During the first weeks of April, Alderman Dowell will be meeting with CPS officials, community residents and organizations, Phillips alumni, and parents to establish the Phillips High School Oversight Committee. The intent of the committee is to minimize the negative impacts of the turnaround process and ensure the students are achieving academic success. Along with diversification of AUSL's Board of Directors, a shortened contract, and a commitment to race and place based education, the establishment of this committee is one of the Alderman's conditions CPS agreed to.

Mollison

On March 18th, Alderman Dowell, Jitu Brown from KOCO, and Andrea Lee from Grand Boulevard Federation were presented a very nice token of recognition for their efforts to save Mollison School. It is a beautiful thank you that was framed and signed by Mollison students and staff.

McCorkle

Although the Board of Education has already made its decision to support the closure of the school, the parents, students, teachers, and administrators continue their fight to keep McCorkle open. In an effort to mitigate the questions many of them have about the decision Alderman Dowell will be meeting with Principal House and CPS officials to review the structural assessment that determined the needed building repairs to be cost prohibitive. Alderman Dowell has made her case for McCorkle and of course, we all wish the best for the McCorkle community.

Troubled Buildings Update

The Third Ward team continues to work with the Department of Buildings, the Chicago Police, and various lenders to secure and rehab salvageable buildings and demolish ones that are not. So far in 2010, several buildings have been secured with demolition proceedings taking place for over eight buildings. By comparison, a total of sixteen buildings were razed in 2009. Considering it is only April, this indicates that the partnerships

21st District
(850 W. Garfield)

[21st District](#)
Beat 2112 CAPS
April 12th @ 6:30pm
College of Optometry
(3240 S. Indiana)

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are paying off and eliminating sources of urban blight and public nuisance. To check the status of a vacant building, see a list of drug and gang houses, or to request an inspection, you can do so by visiting www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bldgs.html

2009 311 Requests from the Third Ward

2009 was a busy year for 311 service requests. Most of the requests for all services were completed and each department should be recognized for their efforts. However, special recognition is deserved by our Department of Streets and Sanitation, which had a significantly higher number of requests than any other department. Special thanks goes to our Ward Superintendent Anthony Johnson for doing a great job. Also worthy of particular recognition for their work in the Third Ward is CDOT, the Department of Buildings, and Family and Support Services. All departments were responsive to the needs of our residents, so if you have an issue that needs addressed, don't hesitate to call 311 or the Third Ward Office at (773) 373-9273.

Department/Division	Calls Received	Completed Requests
Animal Care and Control	1008	964
Budget and Management	86	81
Buildings	1653	1542
Business Affairs and Licensing	28	28
Extreme Weather	6	6
Community Development	98	98
Consumer Services	191	130
Environment	18	18
Family and Support Services	6125	6122
Fire (non-emergency)	5	5
General Services	2905	2859
Health	127	123
Mayor's Correspondence (citizen requests)	64	26
Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities	64	26
Mayor's Volunteer Network	18	0
Office of Emergency Management and Control	17	17
Police (non-emergency)	169	157
Revenue	35	35
Speaker's Bureau	45	35
Streets and Sanitation	18,085	17,999
Task Force (construction Clean up)	357	357
CDOT	4901	4835
Water	3850	3549
Zoning	382	338
Other City Agencies (i.e. CHA, CPS, CTA, Parks, etc.)	516	480
Outside Agencies (i.e. utility companies)	58	37

Infrastructure

Chicago's fifth season is upon us - construction season. As the weather warms, there will be many more projects taking place throughout the ward. We ask that you please be mindful of worker safety by slowing down or using an alternate route. Some of these projects will involve a temporary interruption in traffic flow, but please be patient as these repairs are needed to make the Third Ward a better place for all who work, live, and play here.

Blasting Sites in the Third Ward

Kenny/Shea was awarded a contract by the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to work on a project that will provide repairs for an ailing 20 foot diameter brick sewer that was constructed over 100 years ago and is approximately 20 feet below the road surface of Pershing Road. There are two drop shafts where blasting will take place. One is located just north of Pershing Road on S. Indiana, kitty corner to the Apostolic Faith Church and the other is located just south of Pershing Road on South State St. across the street from Dawson Tech. Blasting will occur throughout the month of April between the hours of 8am to 6pm. K/S has utilized the latest technology to minimize the disruption to people in the area and should cause no damage to property or buildings. If you live within 500 feet of the blasting sites, you may experience a little vibration, window rattling, and hear the sound of the blast whistle and the blast itself. There will be about 2 seconds between the blast whistle and the actual blast. Please contact our office at (773) 373-9273 if you have any further questions.

Changes to Street Sweeping Schedule

Street Sweeping season began on April 1st. It is important that residents move their cars on the day of their scheduled sweep to help keep the community clean. You may have read about the Mayor's proposed changes to the street sweeping schedule, which would have reduced the number of sweepers from 50 to 33 and would operate on a grid system rather than ward by ward. Several of my colleagues and myself attended a special Council meeting to negotiate some revisions. As a result, Mayor Daley offered a revised street sweeping plan that would maintain 40 sweepers and abandon the grid system. The Third Ward will be able to maintain a monthly street sweeping schedule and control of a sweeper. Streets and Sanitation will continue to post new information, so please visit www.cityofchicago.org/streetsandsan to be up to date. Click [here](#) and scroll down to division 4 to get the latest map and schedule for the Third Ward. You can also contact 3-1-1 or the Third Ward Streets and Sanitation office at (312) 747-6181 for additional information.

Spring Tree Planting on Garfield Boulevard

Spring is soon approaching. Chicago Department of Transportation's GreenStreets Program is preparing for the 2010 spring tree planting. Approximately 100 new trees will be planted in May, 2010 along Garfield Boulevard from King Drive to Halsted. This greening effort will promote the growth of healthy sustainable urban forests, increase environmental awareness, instill an appreciation for trees, improve the quality of life, aid in the remediation of the urban heat island effect, and reduce air and noise pollution.

New Third Ward Organizations

Transitions School of Music located at 4920 S. King Dr. opened

it doors last month to offer quality music lesson with an educational philosophy of creating "high ability" and beautiful character through music. Classes are offered in 8-week sessions for music education, music therapy, composition, woodwinds, percussion, keyboards, strings, and vocal performance. They are currently enrolling new students. For more information, please call (312) 794-5033 or visit www.transitionsmusicsschool.com.

Lighthouse Youth Center located at 4338 South Prairie is dedicated to providing after school tutoring, ACT/SAT preparation, life skills education, counseling service referrals, artistic activities, adult mentors, nutritious meals, and GED classes. They are still in the process of renovating their location, which will include an audio/visual studio, inspirational lounge, a leadership development office, classrooms, a kitchen, and a multi-purpose room. They are also currently looking for sponsors to help finance some of the new programs. For more information, please call (773) 344-2462 or visit www.lighthouseyouthcenter.org.

New Third Ward Business

Popcorn from Mars located at 122 E. 35th St. specializes in homemade, gourmet popcorn. Even the caramel and cheese are made on site. They have a program to help you raise funds for your organization and will begin delivery services in May. For more information, call them at (312) 225-7500, visit www.popcornfrommars.com, or stop by for a tasty snack.

Events in and Around the Third Ward

Apostolic Faith Church Community Food Distribution Program

Families, individuals, couples, or anyone in need are invited to this food box distribution. Please bring a photo id and be able to share some basic information about you and your family. This event is sponsored by Apostolic Faith Church, Changing Life Initiative, Inc., the City of Chicago, and the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Where: Apostolic Faith Church (3823 S. Indiana)

When: April 7, 2010 from 4-6pm

Alderman Pat Dowell's 3rd Ward Resource Fair

Discover services available to you in your community. Representatives from over 30 organizations will be on hand to provide information about jobs, adult education, health, senior services, business start-up, children's summer activities and education, and housing and condos.

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

When: Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 10am to 1pm

Eden Place Leaders in Training Program

Do you know local teens who would benefit from a team-oriented and hands-on summer learning experience? If so, encourage them to learn more about the Leaders in Training program at [Eden Place](#), a summer apprenticeship and free enrichment experience for local youth who are completing grades 6-12. Interested youth and at least one parent or guardian MUST attend an information session. Due to overwhelming interest, another information session has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10, from 1-2pm at Eden Place. Call Tiffany to RSVP at (773) 624-8686.

Where: Eden Place (4417 S. Stewart Avenue)

When: April 10, 2010 from 1-2pm

Complete Count Committee of the Washington Park Community

The more people who fill out their census forms and mail them back, the more resources will be

allocated to their communities. Please join the Complete Count Committee of the Washington Park Community on April 10, 2010 as they march through the community in their rally in efforts to motivate people to mail back their U. S. Census Questionnaires. Free refreshments and coffee will be provided.

Where: McDonalds on 70 E. Garfield (corner of 55th Michigan)

When: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Renaissance Collaborative Health and Employment Resource Fair

This event will have employers from various fields, colleges and universities as well as resources for health, finance, training programs, and jobs in the emerging green sector. Health screenings will also be available on sight. For more information, please contact Walter Bush at the Renaissance Collaborative at (773) 924-9270, ext. 29, e-mail him at wbush@trcwabash.org or visit www.trcwabash.org.

Where: Wabash YMCA Gym (3763 S. Wabash)

When: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 10am to 3pm

Mayor Daley's Clean and Green

You and your neighbors can make an immediate difference in your neighborhood by volunteering to take part in this program. For over twenty years, Chicago residents like yourself have teamed up with community groups and the city to help beautify Chicago's neighborhoods by cleaning up and recycling accumulated litter and debris. Just sign up and pick a location that needs cleaning. The city will work with you to make sure you have all the brooms, rakes, shovels, and bags needed to get the job done. To register, call 311 or the Third Ward office at (773) 373-9273.

Where: A site in your neighborhood that needs to be cleaned

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010

VanderCook College of Music Night at the Pops

This will be a night of fellowship and entertainment in support of the Great Teachers Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund helps students of all financial backgrounds benefit from a VanderCook education. Event patron tickets are \$50, which include a reserved seat, two drinks, and entry into the raffle to conduct the band. General admission is \$25 and children under 12 are \$5. This event will feature a silent auction, performances by VanderCook students and faculty, hors d'oeuvres, and sweets with a cash bar. For more information, please contact Clarmarie Keenan, director of institutional advancement, at (312) 225-6288 x255 or ckeenan@vandercook.edu.

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Where: The De La Salle Institute Hilton Commons (3455 S Wabash Ave)

Friends of the Park 2010 Earth Day Park and Reserves Clean Up

Celebrate Earth Day by cleaning and greening your neighborhood park, playground, or forest preserve. Sign up online at www.fotp.org or call (312) 857-2757 ext. 21 for more information.

Where: A park, playground, or preserve in your community

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9am to noon

The Food Network at Eden Place

The Food Network has chosen [Eden Place](#) as one site for a new demonstration community garden! Join them on April 24th from 9am - 2pm for a day of celebration and learning as the new garden is constructed. Call (773) 624-8686 for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

Where: Eden Place (4417 S. Stewart Avenue)

When: April 24th, 9am to 2pm

The Third Annual Chicagoland Green Collar Jobs Summit

This is a premier Midwestern event on the emerging field of green collar jobs, which will take place on Friday April 30, 2010 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. One of the Summit's speakers is Sarah White from the Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) who has recently co-authored a report: Greener Skills: How Credentials Create Value in the Clean Energy Economy. Take a minute and register today at <http://greencollarchicago.eventbrite.com/>. Last year's event sold out, so be sure

to register early! Also, please visit http://greencollarchicago.org/?page_id=16 to see the latest draft agenda and speaker list.

Where: Illinois Institute of Technology (35 W. 33rd Street)

When: Friday, April 30, 2010 from 8am to 6pm

Hyde Park Alliance for Arts and Culture

HyPA located at 5100 S. Hyde Park Boulevard is an organization committed to making Hyde Park a choice cultural destination. In addition to their Passport to Jazz Program that features great music at local Hyde Park venues, they also feature the works of visual and literary artists. In April, they will be showcasing the artwork of Nicole Mitchell, the music of the Chicago Jazz Orchestra, and the multi-media works of D. Denenge Akpem. For more information and a complete calendar of events, please call (773) 324-8614 or visit www.hypachicago.org.

VanderCook College of Music Community Drum Circles

Community drum circles help kids express themselves and experience the joy of making music. Its a time to share family love, build community, foster self-confidence, and have fun! Parents are encouraged to participate and must stay with children. For more information or to receive a list of upcoming drum circle moderators and cancellation dates, visit www.vandercook.edu. To inquire about private lessons, birthday parties, and corporate events at VanderCook, call (312) 225-6288 ext. 235.

Where: VanderCook College of Music (3125 S. Federal St.)

When: Free family drum circles happen on Saturdays, from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Important Announcements

Employment Opportunities at Norfolk Southern

NS has just posted on its web site the opportunity for Conductor and Intermodal Yard Clerk Jobs in Chicago. NS is also looking for Electricians and due to the projected railroad construction work anticipated in the Chicago and Midwest Area in the next few years, Norfolk Southern has posted on its web site the opportunity for Track Laborer jobs in Chicago. Anyone interested should go to the NS web site at www.nscorp.com. Select "Job Seekers" in the upper right corner and choose "Hourly Positions" from the drop down box. This page gives an over view of various entry level positions. Choose "Search & Apply for Positions" This link takes the person to a page where they can search by job type or geographical area for open positions. Choose "Illinois" in the location box and a number of jobs will come on the screen. Choose the Track Laborer position in the Chicago Area and it allows the person to review the Job Description as well as go to a link to apply for the position. Do the same for Conductor, Electrician, or Intermodal Clerk.

Dawson Technical Institute Highway Construction Careers

Dawson has been awarded a grant under the Highway Construction Careers Training Programs (HCCTP) to train people in the community. The proposed date to start the training is May 1, 2010 and anyone interested in the program must have Illinois residency, have an Interest in highway construction industry trades, be at least 18 years of age, be a female, minority, or disadvantaged individual (as referenced under Title 23, Part 230), have dependable child care arrangements if necessary, possess a high school diploma or GED, have appropriate assessment scores, hold a valid Illinois driver's license, and consent to and pass an initial drug screening test and potential random tests. For more information, call (773) 451-2030.

Children's Health Insurance Through ALL KIDS

If your children do not have health insurance, there is a good chance they can get it. If you have kids who are 18 and younger, Beacon's CHIP Program will help you get ALL KIDS! Formerly known as Kid Care, All Kids is Illinois's no cost or low-cost health insurance program for kids. ALL KIDS insures every child regardless of medical conditions, immigration status, or income. With ALL KIDS the parents or caretakers of insured children may be eligible for coverage too! A few examples of the covered benefits for ALL KIDS are dental Services, regular checkups and shots, emergency room services, maternity care, prescription care, transportation for emergency medical care, eye glasses, mental health treatment, and substance abuse/ early intervention service. For more information, please contact Mrs. Dunne or Ms. Ward at (773)233-3821.

Free Amplified Telephones for the Hearing Impaired

The [Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities](#) is offering free amplified telephones through the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation. There are many types of hearing loss, which means that a phone that works for one person may not work for another. There are differences in tone and quality that need to be matched to your needs and the best way to do this is to try the phones on a real call. MOPD has two selection centers where they can help you find the right phone for your needs. They are open from 8:30am to 4pm, Monday through Friday and can be reached at (312) 744-7050 (voice) or (312) 744-4964 (TTY). The selection centers are located at 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 104 and 2102 W. Ogden.

Scholarships for Students with ADHD

Students with ADHD often have a difficult time in school. Symptoms can create problems with not only paying attention in class but in retaining the information. Because of this, students with ADHD may not have the grades to receive academic scholarships and search for scholarships specifically designed to help students with ADHD. Scholarships for students with ADHD may be difficult to find, but there are some out there. In addition, because up to one fourth of people with ADHD may also have a learning disability, scholarships directed to learning disabilities should also be explored by students and their parents. Visit <http://www.friendsofquinn.com/share/c/39623/1377/college-disabilities> to see a list of over ten different scholarship opportunities.

Public Buildings Commission Procurement Opportunities

The Chicago Public Buildings Commission has a new way to keep you informed of new bid opportunities. You can sign up for a free e-mail service that will notify you each time a new construction contract is offered for a bid or professional service qualifications are being sought. These notices help businesses pre-qualify for bidding opportunities as well as find sub-contracting opportunities. For more information about the Public Buildings Commission or to register for the e-mail alerts, please visit their website at www.pbcchicago.org.

Chicago Sign Permit Amnesty for Ward Businesses

Generally, there are two types of permits required for signage outside of a business. One permit is needed for the installation and another for the use of a public way. The Amnesty program is for existing businesses with existing signs, canopies, awnings, marquees, and banners that advertise the business at the business location and are currently not permitted. New businesses and businesses with permitted signs are not eligible. If you apply for all the right permits during the amnesty period, you will have all of your fees waived for the first year and will avoid being fined in the future for not having the right permits. The Amnesty Period is from April 15th to October 15th, 2010. Apply in person at the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection at 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 800. For more information, please call 312-74-gobiz (6249) or visit www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.

2010 U.S. Census

The Census is important to the future of your community and the City of Chicago. The Census count determines how much money Chicago receives every year for important programs and services. By law, the Census Bureau can not share your answers with anyone, including immigration and law enforcement entities. So please take a few minutes to answer the ten short questions and mail it back. For more information, call 311 or visit www.cityofchicago.org.

Chicago Police 2009 Statistical Report, "Crime at a Glance"

Crime at a Glance is a two year report the Chicago Police release as a summary of the various crimes that have taken place throughout the city as well as a means of comparison to previous years. Fortunately, there was a decrease in all violent-related crimes in 2008 and 2009, with the most significant reduction in criminal sexual assault. With the exception of a 1.1% increase in burglaries, all property related crimes decreased as well, with the most significant reduction in motor vehicle theft. Visit www.chicagopolice.org to see the entire report.

ComEd Smart Meter Program

This advanced metering technology is part of a national effort to modernize the country's power infrastructure and is on its way to 131,000 Chicago residents and eventually will be available to all ComEd customers. The costs of implementing this program are shared by all ComEd customers and will be on average, less than \$5 per year for each individual. For more information, please visit www.comed.com/smartmeter.

Home Purchase Assistance Plan

For the first time, the City will offer purchase price assistance to qualified buyers of existing homes and new construction housing units like those available in CHA's mixed-income developments. In the Third Ward, homes are available at Park Boulevard and Hansberry Square. The program applies to existing single-family homes, town homes, condos, and owner-occupied properties of up to four units. Participants in the program can receive between \$10,000 and \$40,000 based on their incomes and not to exceed 20% of the purchase price. The maximum eligible income for a two-person household is \$60,300 and \$75,400 for a four-person household. For more information about the program and income guidelines as well as to fill out the application, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/dcd.

Events Across the City

District Business Loan Day

Congressman Bobby Rush in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Association presents "District Business Loan Day". This event is hosted by the Northern Trust Company and is to help small businesses apply for loans. Multiple organizations will be on hand to assist you. For more information or to RSVP, please contact (708) 385-9550, ext. 12 or e-mail younus.suleman@mail.house.gov.

Where: The Northern Trust Company Community Room (7801 S. State St., 2nd floor)

When: Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Creative Chicago Expo

This event is designed to connect artists and other creative people to over 100 vendors and services. There will be 25 free workshops covering a variety of topics including forming a non-profit, self promotion, and more. There will also be consultants on hand to give you expert advice. To find out more, visit www.chicagoartistsresource.org.

Where: Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington)

When: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Community Development Block Grant Workshop

The City of Chicago invites you to the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Workshop, which is focused on educating the City's delegate agency partners on grant opportunities available to their communities. This year's program will be expanded to include information about all other HUD programs and grant opportunities. Parking is available at either lot 5 (1135 S. Morgan or Maxwell) and at the parking structure located at 701 S. Maxwell. The event will be accessible to the mobility impaired and interpreters for the hearing impaired and Spanish speakers will be provided. If you have any further questions, please contact Gerry Berman at (312) 744-9745.

Where: UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt)

When: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 from 6-7pm with registration beginning at 4pm

Mayor Daley's Kids and Kites Festival 2010

The entire family is invited to Montrose Harbor in Lincoln Park for Mayor Daley's Kids and Kites Festival. If the kids don't have a kite let alone know how to fly one, don't worry. The Mayor's Office of Special Events will provide free kits for children to design and create their own kite, while supplies last. Kite flying professionals will be coming out to demonstrate exactly how it is done, and help you master your kite flying skills.

Where: Lincoln Park at Montrose and Lake Shore Drive

When: Saturday, May 1, 2010

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