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Aldermanic Office of the Third Ward Newsletter

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Dear 3rd Ward,

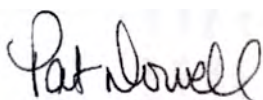
April was another very busy month for the Third Ward. As I continue to go out into the community, I have been getting a lot of valuable input from residents regarding important issues like education, infrastructure, social services, crime, and other concerns. This helps me make decisions that reflect the needs of each Third Ward community. Specifically, I have been getting a lot of input regarding an important upcoming vote concerning Wal-Mart.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is having their 18th Annual Food Drive. This year's drive is hosted by Branch 11, which is located at 39th and Wabash. From now until May 8th, you can donate a bag of non-perishable food items by dropping them off at any Post Office in Chicago.

In this edition, you will find a lot of information about events and services in the ward, city, and county. Please take special notice in the Events, Services and Announcements section that the CHA's waiting list for public housing has reopened. I hope this and all of the

other resources from these newsletters can provide assistance to our residents who need it. Please share with those who may not have access to the internet.

Sincerely,



Alderman Pat Dowell



Third Ward Update

Third Ward Resource Fair

Last April, Alderman Dowell hosted the Third Ward Resource Fair. Approximately 200 residents and representatives from over 30 organizations were there to introduce residents to new resources and provide some free services. Attendees were able to take advantage of free preliminary eye exams from the Illinois College of Optometry and and blood tests from Provident Hospital. Lots of information on financial resources and social services were also available. Diane Gibson from the Chicago Children's Museum contacted us to let us know that their facilitator, JoAnn Price reported a total of 103 adults and 38 children visited the CCM table! They also distributed 50 free passes that will greatly benefit the community. The fair was a great success and we look forward to hosting more of these events. Special thanks to Dawson Technical Institute, all the organizations that participated, and especially India Winbush and the Third Ward staff and volunteers for making it happen!



India Winbush, Alderman Dowell, and Kim Cook from the city's 311 Service Center



Alderman Dowell and Our Wonderful Volunteers



Alderman Dowell Having a Blood Test



Third Ward Residents and The Census Bureau and Red Cross were on hand to assist Staff residents



Alderman Dowell and Tuskegee Airman, Moses Jones

Education

After the Resolutions introduced by Alderman Dowell and Alderman Fredrenna Lyle (6th) and the subsequent public hearing, CPS officials recently came before the Education Committee and the public to give an update on the changes they have made to the school closing process. They will be disseminating data regarding a troubled school and organize community working groups long before determining the best improvement option and presenting it to the Board of Education. This is a positive step forward that will provide a more opportunities for community partnerships and school improvement.

Norfolk Southern and John Hope College Preparatory High School

As part of a community benefits agreement facilitated by Alderman Dowell and Barbara Lumpkin from Chicago Public Schools, Norfolk Southern has volunteered to contribute \$15,000 to John Hope High School this spring as the first in a series of contributions. Additionally, they will work with principal Michael Durr to develop a program with the school in which NS employees will provide programs and projects that will develop math, science, and career development skills as they relate to railroad work. Norfolk Southern has also agreed to make \$5000 contributions for the next three years.

Wendell Phillips High School

The Academy of Urban School Leadership (AUSL) has been granted the contract to turnaround Phillips High School. Alderman Dowell's office worked with CPS administrators to form an oversight committee that is made up of Grand Boulevard Executive Director, Greg Washington, Centers for New Horizons Founder Dr. Sokoni Karanja, former Phillips principal Beverly LaCoste, Loretta Hall-Martin from the Phillips Alumni Association, Dr. Charles Payne form the School of Social Service Administration, Marrice Coverson form the Open Books Program, John Cook from the Bronzeville Community Clubhouse, Robert Runcie and Reverend Janette Wilson from CPS, Audrey Donaldson from the Academy of Urban School Leadership, Phillips student, Sarah Jackson, and Alderman Dowell and her Education Liaison, Robert Elchert. The committee is currently looking for a Phillips parent to become a member. Although we recently had our first meeting, issues and solutions have

already been identified and are being addressed. Additionally, everyone on the committee has the best interests of Phillips students at heart and feels that this is a great opportunity to create a model partnership.

Mollison Elementary

Mollison was one of the schools that was scheduled for closing due to under performance. Along with members from the Mollison community, we successfully argued that there were some factors and positive initiatives taking place that had not been considered. In addition to the school remaining open, CPS is exploring creating an engineering or language arts magnet program at the school. This will not only provide excellent educational opportunities for children in the Third Ward, but will help Mollison increase and maintain their enrollment so they will not become eligible for closing for under utilization.

McCorkle Elementary

Although McCorkle will be closed next year, Alderman Dowell continues to facilitate meetings between the school and CPS officials to ensure that every student who is affected receives the proper level of academic and social supports to successfully make the transition to Beethoven or whatever school they attend.

Williams Multiplex

CPS is currently exploring the idea of placing an Air Force Academy in the Williams Multiplex campus. There are many pros and cons to this proposal and Alderman Dowell is engaging in a series of community meetings with the affected stakeholders to make sure their concerns are considered. She is also working with school administrators and CPS officials to obtain the funding for improvements the school needs regardless of whether or not the Air Force Academy is located there.

John Hope High School and Parkman Elementary School

Through meetings with principals and teachers Alderman Dowell was made aware of HVAC repairs that were needed at these two schools. She then met with members of CPS' Facilities Department to relay these concerns. As a result, CPS committed to working on both schools. Parkman's repair work should be completed over the summer while Hope's \$6 million in repairs are expected to be completed by 2012.

Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins

After many years of dedicated service to Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Eason-Watkins has accepted a position as head of the school district in Michigan City, Indiana. Although we wish her the best in her new endeavor, we will greatly miss her. She is truly a champion for education and her shoes will be difficult to fill.

Infrastructure

The 2010 Aldermanic menu totals \$1.3 million with the sidewalks and speed humps costing approximately \$520,000.00.

In June, Alderman Dowell will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting specifically devoted to the Third Ward's infrastructure needs. Feel free to call our office at (773) 373-9273 or keep checking the Third Ward Newsletter and/or Lakefront Outlook for updates.

New Sidewalks

As part of the 2010 Aldermanic Menu Program, eight sidewalks will be replaced this year. The sites were selected based on calls and e-mails we solicited from Third Ward residents. Sidewalks will be replaced at the following sites:

W. 43rd Pl. from 344 to 400 on the south side of the street

S. Halsted from 5401 to 5419 on the east side of the street
W. 26th St. from 1 to 50 on the north side of the street
S. Normal from 5655 to 5663 on the east side of the street
E. 41st St. from 352 to 358 on the north side of the street
W. 56th St. from 400 to 414 on the north side of the street
E. 49th St. from 212 to 258 on the north side of the street

Other sidewalks that are going to be done this month as a carryover from the 2009 menu are:

E. 41st St. from State to Wabash
The corner of Michigan and 37th Place
S. Michigan Ave. from 42nd to 43rd
W. 42nd Place from Princeton to Shields
W. 48th Place from Princeton to Shields
W. 52nd from Halsted to Green

Alley Resurfacing or Construction

Alley Resurfacing completed in April:
Princeton/Shields/50th/51st
Princeton/Wells/50th/51st
Union/Lowe/53rd to 54th

New Concrete Alley constructed to start in May:
47th/48th/Forrestville/Vincennes

New Water Main

S. Laflin from 45th to 46th
W. 45th from Laflin to Loomis

Other Funded Infrastructure Projects

2009 Stimulus Funds:
Street Resurfacing on 47th from Normal to State

2010 State/Federal Funds (to begin in late spring):
Street Resurfacing on S. State Street from Congress to 18th

2010 State/Federal Funds (to begin in late summer):
Street Resurfacing on E. Cermak from King to Clark

WPA TIF Project (to begin in late summer):
Street/Sidewalk Reconstruction on W. 45th from McDowell to Ashland

New Speed Humps

Also as part of the 2010 Aldermanic Menu, speed humps will be placed at the following locations in the Third Ward:
4 speed humps on S. Vincennes from 4500 to 4700
2 speed humps on S. Calumet from 4200 to 4300
1 speed hump on the east side inner drive of S. King Dr. from Oakwood Blvd. to 3993

City Council Approves Ordinances Supporting Housing Opportunities and Business Expansion

Last month, two ordinances that were previously introduced by Alderman Dowell were passed by the City Council that will use TIF money and city-owned lots to create improvements in infrastructure, create jobs, and help Third Ward residents make home improvements.

47th/King Drive Tax Incentive Financing Neighborhood Improvement Program (TIF/NIP)

The first ordinance authorizes the Department of Community Development (DCD) to enter into an agreement with Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc. (NHS) to administer the King Drive TIF Neighborhood Improvement Program (TIF-NIP). DCD will enter into an agreement with NHS to administer the program and NHS will receive up to \$1 million for home improvements in the 47th/King Dr. TIF. For a map of TIF districts in the Third Ward, please click [here](#) or visit the [Department of Community Development's](#) webpage. The program will offer up to \$22,500 in grants to qualified owner/occupants of one-to-four unit properties for exterior repairs and limited interior improvements to help rehabilitate their properties. The 47th King/TIF community meeting will be held in mid-August . Residents who reside within the TIF area will receive a formal letter from Alderman Dowell with the date and location. Again, feel free to call our office at (773) 373-9273 or keep checking the Third Ward Newsletter and/or Lakefront Outlook for updates.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

The next ordinance authorizes the sale of 15 City-owned vacant parcels for \$215,000 to Norfolk Southern Railway Company to expand its intermodal rail yard facilities in the Fuller Park community. Norfolk Southern plans to combine the acquired parcels with one's that it currently owns to improve its loading and entrance gate facilities to handle more large containers and trailers at its existing rail yard. The parcels are located in the 500 block of West Garfield Blvd., the 500 block of West 54th Place and the 5300 block of South Normal Ave. in the 3rd and 11th Wards. The scope of the work will include upgrades to lighting, roadways, perimeter fencing and new landscaping. The expansion is expected to create six new full-time jobs. The redevelopment agreement sets forth a construction schedule for the repair or replacement of all Norfolk Southern's railroad embankment retaining walls in the Third Ward and contains a commitment to minority contracting opportunities.

New Pool Table Surface at Minnie Riperton Apartments



Rack em' up!

Alderman Dowell worked with the CHA and Minnie Riperton Property Manager, Tina Tanner to get the pool table at Minnie Riperton Apartments resurfaced. It was previously so bad that it was difficult to play. Now the residents will be able to enjoy playing pool on an even surface with no holes.

Events in and Around the Third Ward

Chicago Park District Summer Day Camp at Fuller Park

At Fuller Park's Summer Day Camp, children can experience a variety of activities including field trips, visits to the local pool, arts and crafts, fun with nature, team games and much more. Summer Camp is from June 28th to August 6th. Click [here](#) or call 312.742.PLAY or 312.747.2001 (TTY) for for more information about registration and fees.

9th District 2010 Operation Clean and Green

This Spring's Citywide Clean and Green was a huge success! It was great to see so many community organizations and people in the Third Ward getting involved in cleaning up their neighborhoods. The 9th District is wants to continue beautifying our community so please join them in their 2010 Operation Clean and Green on May 7th.

When: May 7th at 9am

Where: Tilden High School (4747 S. Union)

Illinois Service Federal Shred-O-Rama

Protect yourself form identity theft and watch your confidential documents get shredded at this free event hosted by Illinois Service Federal. Please limit your shredding to up to 100 pounds. This event is free, but is first come, first serve. For more information, visit www.isfbank.com.

When: Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10am to 1pm

Where: Illinois Service Federal Parking Lots (4619 S. King and 8700 S. King)

Effective and Legal Condominium Management Strategies

Peace of Mind Properties is hosting a series of workshops designed to help condo associations with management strategies. On May 11th, they will be hosting the Effective Management of Physical and Financial Resources for Financially Strained Associations. Topics will include: preserving common elements and avoiding damage on a limited budget, hiring affordable professionals, collecting assessments from vacant and foreclosed units, and determining budget priorities. Space is limited, so please RSVP by calling (773) 268-4940 or by e-mailing to lfleming@creditpeaceofmind.com.

When: Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 from 6-8pm

Where: Peace of Mind Properties (1038 E. 47th St., Ste. 3E)

47th/Halsted Tax Increment Finance/Neighborhood Improvement Program (TIF/NIP) Lottery Meeting

After hosting several meetings and engaging in other community outreach initiatives, the Third Ward Office now has more applications for Neighborhood Improvement funds than the \$1 million that was released from the 47th/Halsted TIF can accommodate. As such, we will be conducting a lottery in which names from applications will be randomly selected.

When: May 13th at 6:30pm

Where: Parkman Elementary School (245 W. 51st)

Free Legal Clinic

Street Justice, Inc. in conjunction with Chicago Black United Communities is hosting

a free legal clinic. Legal areas include, but are not limited to: Wills, Divorces, Foreclosures, Criminal Law, Child Support, Bankruptcy, Expungements. To file for expungement, you'll need: (1) rap sheet (2) court disposition (3) a clean drop if drug/alcohol related case and other Criminal and Civil matters. For more information or an appointment, call (312) 217-9656 or (773) 385-8081 or e-mail streetjustice@gmail.com

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010 form 10am - 2pm.

Where: Chicago Black United Communities -330 East 37th Street (Lu Palmer Place)



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
May 18th @ 7pm
1st District Police Station
(1718 S. State)

Beat 134 CAPS
May 19th @ 6:30pm
2101 S. Michigan Condos

2nd District

Beat 211 CAPS
May 11th @ 6:30pm
Indiana Davis Apartments
(3632 S. Indiana)

Beat 214/221 CAPS
May 12th @ 6:30pm
St. Elizabeth Church
(4058 S. Michigan)

Beat 232/233 CAPS
May 13th @ 6:30pm
Coppin Church
(5627 S. Michigan)

Beat 223 CAPS
May 17th @ 6:30pm
Hales Franciscan High School
(4930 S. Cottage Grove)

Beat 222 CAPS
May 18th @ 6:30pm
King Center
(4312 S. Cottage Grove)

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

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

7th District

Beat 711 CAPS
May 19th @ 6:30pm
Sherwood Park
(5705 S. Shields)

9th District

Beat 935E CAPS
May 1st @ 10am
Fuller Park (331 W. 45th St.)

21st District

Beat 2112 CAPS
May 10th @ 6:30pm
College of Optometry
(3240 S.

Indiana)
Beat 934 CAPS

May 13th @ 6pm
Westhaven Homes
(850 W. Garfield)

Third Ward Stars

Alderman Dowell and the Third Ward staff would like to recognize the following organizations for participating in the Ward's Clean and Green held on April 17th:

The Gap Community Organization
Metropolitan Community Church
Carver Plaza Homeowners Association
Wentworth Gardens Local Advisory Committee and Resident Management Corporation
Genesis Housing Development Corporation
Lowe Park Advisory Council
Forrestville Block Club
Ghian Foreman, Joe Bowden and the Crew at 55th and State
Princeton Homeowners Association
Women of Distinction
The Renaissance Collaborative
Firman Community Services

Alderman Dowell is grateful for the support of organizations and individuals who understand that it takes all of us collectively working together to improve our community. Special thanks to 3rd Ward Superintendent Anthony Johnson and his staff for supplying bags, rakes, brooms and picking up the bags.

Events, Services, and Announcements Throughout Chicago and Cook County

CHA Opens its Public Housing List

For the first time in 10 years, CHA will open its Family Public Housing Waiting List. This is an historic opportunity for families in Chicago to take Advantage of the housing CHA officers, which includes apartments in rehabilitated family developments, scattered sites and newly developed mixed-income communities. The housing was developed as part of CHA's Plan for Transformation, the largest and most ambitious redevelopment effort of public housing in the history of the United States.

A registration campaign and a lottery will be held this summer to select names for the Public Housing Wait List. All those wishing to enter the lottery will be able to register online anytime between June 14 - July 9. It will not matter when during the four weeks people register; registrations received will be treated equally in the lottery no matter when the registration was submitted.

For more information, call Matt Agullar at 312.935.2646 or e-mail him

atmaquallar@thecha.org. After April 30,2010 you will also be able to find further details on the Wait List Website at www.CHAwaitlist.org.

Start Collecting Your Paper and Win Some Cash!

The City of Chicago 2010 Neighborhood Paper Drive and competition is ready to start on June 5, 2010. Bring a drive to your neighborhood by identifying a neighborhood organization, a potential location (truck accessible) for the paper collection dumpster, and a type of paper (mixed, office, or newspaper/magazines). Cash prizes will be awarded to the neighborhood organizations that recycle the most paper over a two week period. Complete this application form (Spanish version also available at www.chicagorecycles.org) and submit it by May 7, 2010:

Mail: Chicago Department of Environment
30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60602
Fax: 312.744.6451
Email: environment@cityofchicago.org.

Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on May 7, 2010 to be considered. Confirmation of participation and materials (e.g., posters) will be provided to neighborhood organizations on May 14, 2010. For more information, please visit www.chicagorecycles.org or call the Department of Environment at 312.744.7606.

Home Foreclosure Fair

The Alliance for Stabilizing our Communities has organized this event to help provide you with the tools and resources you need to make informed decisions about the options available to you. Bring your loan documents and other financial information to get advice from industry experts. Together, they will work to give you valuable information and hope during this difficult time. Take advantage of these free services: one-on-one sessions with loan specialists, HUD-approved housing counselors and attorneys, foreclosure-prevention workshops, translators. Please bring copies of the following documents so they can better assist you: current pay stubs (within the last 30 days), 2008 and 2009 income-tax returns, three months of bank statements, household expense budget, copy of closing documents and most recent correspondence from your mortgage company, most recent property insurance and mortgage statements, and a letter explaining reasons for current financial situation

When: Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Benito Juarez Community Academy (2150 s. Laflin Street)
(Parking available at S. Loomis St. and W. 21st St.)

Discover the Business Value of Your Library Card

Business Librarians will be on hand to showcase all the Chicago Public Libraries have to offer small business including: sample business plans, access to online resources, one-on-one consultation with a Librarian, and much more. Call (312) 747-4400 to register for your free consultation.

When: Tuesday, May 11th from 11am to 1pm
Where: Harold Washington Library (400 S. Halsted, Business Dept., 4th Floor)

Know Your Rights on Immigration and Prevent Identity Theft- Business and Consumer Affairs Free Consumer Workshops

BACP continues to provide information on workshops, programs, economy and legislation updates for both businesses and consumers. Take Action, assert yourself and be a smart consumer. The second of four consumer awareness workshops "Know Your Rights on Immigration and Prevent Identity Theft". Learn about the agencies that provide free services on Immigration Rights, the latest fraud scams, protection your money and your identity. For more information, visit their website at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 10am to noon
Where: Lazano Library (1805 S. Loomis)

Family SSI Advocacy Project

Funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services, The Family SSI Project helps family members with physical or mental impairments obtain SSI disability benefits by helping them provide the best possible supporting evidence for their disability qualification. They will provide short-term legal assistance in filing for your benefits, appealing a denial, gathering evidence, and arguing your case to the Social Security Administration. To arrange for an appointment, please call (312) 423-5931. The Family SSI Project is located at 111 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 300.

The Chicago Public Benefits Enrollment Project

This program can help Chicago residents learn if they qualify for food stamps, medical assistance, All Kids Insurance, TANF money, AABD money, general assistance, child care benefits, heating and cooling benefits, and WIC. This is a free service provided by the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago and is supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Talk to a legal assistance representative in your community by visiting any of the city's service centers. The nearest to the Third Ward are at 4314 S. Cottage Grove, 10 S. Kedzie, 1700 W. 18th St. (Mondays and Thursdays), and 845 W. 69th.

Free Expungement Seminar

Along with the Honorable Anita Alvarez, State's Attorney of Cook County; Cabrini Green Legal Aid; CAPS; Chicago Police Department; Chicago Public Schools; Cook County Bar Association; and many more organizations present this free expungement seminar. Volunteer attorneys will be on site to help with expungement and sealing applications. Information on employment, job training, health care and other services for ex-offenders will be available. For additional information, call (312) 603-5696 or visit www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org

When: June 5th, 2010 -Registration begins at 8:30am and the event ends at 6pm
Where: Dwight D. Eisenhower School (12700 Sacramento Ave., Blue Island, IL.)

M.A. Program in Social Justice and Community Development at Loyola University

This degree is designed for adult learners and community practitioners to advance their skills to transform their communities. Many graduates have furthered their careers to include positions such as directors of non-profit organizations, governmental staff, bank managers (community reinvestment) and even chancellor of the city colleges. If you are interested, please contact Toylee Green-Harris at 312-726-1200 ext. 230 or e-mail her at toylee@scupe.com. You may also visit their website www.luc.edu/ips. Click on "degree programs" for more information.

Discount Tickets for Cultural Bridges...The Pearl Primus Project

As part of the 2010 Summer Concert Series at Millennium Park and in conjunction with the Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago, the Philadelphia Dance Company Premieres "A Negro Speaks of Rivers" and "Hard Time Blues", Reconstructions of original choreography by Dr. Pearl Primus. Reconstruction by Kim Bears-Bailey, Assistant Artistic Director Philadanco. Visit www.tickets.harristheaterchicago.org and use the code EEBIRD for 50% off tickets.

When: Saturday, July 17, 2010 7pm

Where: Harris Theater for Music & Dance (205 East Randolph)

Department of Buildings Improves Public Communication Regarding Buildings that are Scheduled to be Demolished

Over the years, the City of Chicago has made significant investments in combating problem properties that reduce the quality of life in neighborhoods, pose public safety problems, lower property values, and contribute to neighborhood blight. In an effort to better communicate the status of buildings that are scheduled to be demolished to residents and the community at-large, the Department of Buildings, in coordination with Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) program staff, will now begin to post dates of buildings scheduled to be demolished on door hangers starting May 2010.

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