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Dear 3rd Ward,

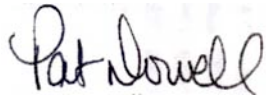
February was certainly a busy month. In addition to having a monumental snowstorm, it was the final stretch of the municipal elections. I want to thank the Third Ward Streets and Sanitation crew for getting the snow removed quickly with limited equipment and manpower. I also want to thank everyone for their kind words and acts as I experienced the loss of my mother, Kathryn Dowell. Finally, I want to thank each and every person who has supported me over the last four years and shares my vision for keeping the Third Ward moving forward.

In my second term, I will continue bringing needed resources to our schools and communities while promoting economic growth and community-based development. I will also continue to garner input from Third Ward residents through Town Hall Meetings, Community Forums, weekly ward nights, and other

events. Along with our monthly newsletter, these initiatives help keep residents informed of important events and services in their neighborhood. Additionally, please feel free to contact my ward office at (773) 373-9273 or visit us at 5046 S. State Street.

I look forward to working with you over the next four years.

Sincerely,



Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

Third Ward Review



Infrastructure Update

Retaining Wall between 49th and 51st Streets

As a result of Alderman Dowell's requirement that Norfolk Southern repair their retaining wall on Shields between 49th and 51st Street, Gillen Construction Company has started the reconstruction. In mid-February, Gillen mobilized on site, removed the snow, and started the footing excavation.

New Water Main Project

The Chicago Department of Water Management will be installing 1000 feet of 8-inch water main along Indiana Avenue from E. 34th Street to E. 35th Street and along E. 34th Street from S. Michigan to S. Indiana. The old water main dates back to 1888 and needs to be replaced to avoid breakage. The work is expected to be completed by late May with restoration work being completed by late June. "No Parking" signs will be posted accordingly and the Water Department will make every attempt to preserve parking spaces. They will also notify residents upon a brief interruption in their water service as they switch over to the new main.

Legislative Update

Resolution on Bank Fees

Last January, Alderman Dowell introduced a resolution, which was co-sponsored by Alderman Lyle (6th) to the City Council requesting that representatives from Bank of America and J.P. Morgan Chase come before the Council's Finance Committee in a public hearing to clarify how they plan to minimize the adverse impact their new fee

proposals for bank accounts with low-balances (under \$500) will have on low-wage earners, senior citizens, the elderly, persons with disabilities, youth, and public benefit recipients. Special thanks to Tom Feltner, Vice President of the Woodstock Institute; Otis Monroe, Executive Director of the Monroe Foundation; Patricia Abrams, Executive Director of The Renaissance Collaborative; and Harold Lucas, Executive Director of the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Bureau for their testimonies. J.P. Morgan did not attend and will be required to testify at a future Finance Committee hearing. We will keep you posted.

Education

John Hope College Preparatory Academy



When Norfolk Southern wanted to expand its operations in the Third Ward near Hope College Prep last year, Alderman Dowell initiated a Community Benefits Agreement to bring additional resources to the high school. In addition to working with John Hope College Prep towards the creation of a math, science, and career development skills program, Norfolk Southern donated \$15,000 and agreed to donate an additional \$5,000 for three years. Last month, Norfolk Southern presented

Principal Michael Durr with the second of three \$5,000 checks.

Bronzeville Community Action Council

In an attempt to create stronger partnerships with the community, Chicago Public Schools has developed four Community Action Councils (CAC) for areas that have experienced a large number of school closings and reconstitutions. The Bronzeville CAC is made up of community and school leaders and meets monthly to receive updates on the status of Bronzeville schools. Chief Area Officers, principals, teachers, community-based organizations, concerned residents, and CPS administrators exchange ideas and resources to make improvements to our schools before closing or reconstitution is considered. At the last meeting, participants were asked to sign up for one of several sub-committees that will cover everything from best practices to parental engagement to health and social services. We are excited about the opportunity for the community to participate in the decision making process that affects their schools and will keep you posted on the Bronzeville CAC's progress.

Third Ward Job Fair



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Last month, Alderman Dowell in conjunction with the Chicago Area Project (CDTES) and Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church sponsored the Third Ward Job Fair at the Charles Hayes Family Center located at 4859 S. Wabash. Special thanks to American Family Insurance, Cintas, Clear Wireless,



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some of the employers who participated Community Call, Crisp and Clean Cleaners, First Transit Chicago, Gas Plus, the CDTEs Staff, Liberty High School, Manufacturing Works, PLS Financial, PNC Bank, Rush University, Staffmark Staffing, and the other employers who were on hand to take applications and conduct interviews. Over 100 interviews were offered to participants and so far, 8 positions have been filled with more job offers expected.

Low Park Advisory Council Wins Friends of the Park Award

Congratulations to the Low Park Advisory Council for winning the 2011 Park Advisory Council Award. They were selected because of their strong advocacy for quality programming and ensuring equity in day camp opportunities for children. Thank you Low Park Advisory Council and special thanks to their President, Laressa Williams for making Low Park the best it can be for our residents.

Alderman Dowell Establishing a Third Ward TIF Advisory Committee

In early summer of this year, Alderman Dowell will be establishing a ten member Third Ward TIF Advisory Committee to ensure the usage of TIF funds represents the needs of our Third Ward communities. Anyone who is interested in being a member of this new committee should send their resumes to ward03@cityofchicago.org.

New Pastor of New Eclipse Missionary Baptist Church

Congratulations to Reverend Zebediah White for being installed as the new Pastor of New Eclipse Missionary Baptist Church located at 715 W. 51st Street. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Alderman Dowell's Victory Party

As you know, Alderman Dowell won her bid for re-election for another term as Third Ward Alderman. A victory party with great food and great people was held the night of the election at the Charles Hayes Family Investment Center. It was a fun way to celebrate a victorious, but long campaign. Special thanks to Cass Miller for organizing the event and of course, to all her supporters.



Alderman Dowell celebrates with some Third Ward residents



Alderman Dowell gets the good news



Great crowd!



Alderman Dowell speaks with WGN



Staff and Volunteers

Events in and Around the Third Ward

Ceasefire Peace Walk and Open House

The Grand Boulevard Federation's Ceasefire Program is sponsoring a march against violence. The march will begin at 46th and Prairie, go south on Prairie to 47th Street, and west on 47th Street until the route ends at 47th and Indiana. Following the Peace Walk, the Grand Boulevard Federation will be hosting an open house for the Ceasefire program at 114 E. 47th St. Please call (773) 548-8140 to RSVP.

Where: Route begins at 46th and Prairie

When: March 4th. 2011 at 5:30pm

Phillips Oversight Committee Meeting

As many of you know, Alderman Dowell made the establishment of an oversight committee a requirement for the turnaround process at Wendell Phillips High

School. The committee meets once a month and is made up of educators, parents, and community leaders. The objective is to make sure the school has what it needs to be able to educate all of the students who attend Phillips. These meetings are open for public observation and you are encouraged to attend.

Where: Phillips High School, Room 104 (244 E. Pershing)

When: March 15th at 6pm

Camp Butterfly Registration and Open house

Join Camp Butterfly for a celebration of new beginnings and transformations. At their open house event you can meet their staff, campers, and volunteers, see their location, learn about their programs, and register for their summer programs. For more information, please call (312) 328-0800. For more information about Camp Butterfly and to RSVP for the open house, please visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=fa95umdab&oeidk=a07e3hdysem64a565ba>

Where: The New Camp Butterfly Headquarters (2929 S. Wabash)

When: March 26th from 12-5pm

Dr. King Legacy Apartments Gala

Come help celebrate the opening of the Dr. King Legacy Apartments historically placed on the very site in the North Lawndale community, where Dr. King resided (16th and Hamlin). The event will also be honoring community heroes that continue to exemplify Dr. King's "Dream by keeping his spirit alive with their commitment to service. The keynote speaker will be Martin Luther King III. Tickets are \$125 each. To purchase tickets and RSVP, please contact (773) 762-8889 ext. 22 or kwilliams@lcdc.net.

Where: McCormick Place Hyatt Ballroom (2233 S. King Drive)

When: Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 5pm

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church's Food Giveaway

Every second Thursday of every month from 4pm to 6pm, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church located at 50 E. 41st Street hosts a food giveaway. They also host a food giveaway every Saturday from 11am to 1pm for residents who reside in the 60653, 60616, 60609, and 60615 zip codes.

Important Announcements

Community Alert

On Thursday, February 10, 2011 at approximately 9:30 a.m., in the vicinity of 43rd Street and Indiana and the 200 block of E. Pershing, an unknown male black offender attempted to lure two female 12 year old juvenile victims into his car. The victims were on their way to school in the 200 block of E. Pershing. The victims

refused and the offender fled. The offender was driving a red 4 door car with the rear window broken out with a plastic cover.

About The Offender

The offender is a male black 30 - 40 years of age, approximately 160 lbs, short black hair, with a medium brown complexion.

What You Can Do

- Be aware of this situation and alert neighbors in the area about the crime.
- If possible, don't walk alone and stay in well-lit areas.
- Call 911 to report any suspicious person(s), vehicle(s) or activity in your neighborhood.
- Call 911 and provide a detailed description of the offender(s) including the vehicle description and license plate information.

If you have any information about this incident, please call the Area 1 Detective Division at (312) 747-8380.

Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions Yearly Renewal Required

The Senior Citizen Exemption provides tax relief by reducing the equalized assessed valuation of an eligible residence. This savings is in the form of a deduction on the second-installment real estate tax bill.

The Senior Freeze Exemption allows qualified senior citizens to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value (EAV) of their properties for the year preceding the year in which they first apply and qualify for this exemption. For example, a senior citizen who qualifies and applies for this exemption in taxable year 2010 will have the EAV of the property frozen at the 2008 EAV. Those who qualify and receive this exemption should be aware that this does not automatically freeze the amount of their tax bill. Only the EAV remains at the fixed amount. The amount of dollars that the taxing districts asks for (levy) may change and thus alter a tax bill.

To qualify for the taxable year 2010, you must meet all of these requirements:

- Be born prior to or in the year 1945,
- Have a total gross household income of no more than \$55,000 for 2008,
- Own the property, or have a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property on January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010,
- Be liable for the payment of 2009 and 2010 property taxes, and
- Use the property as a principal place of residence on January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010.

Those who are currently receiving the Senior Citizen Exemption will automatically receive an application form for the Senior Freeze Exemption.

You must file each year in order to continue to receive the Senior Freeze

Exemption and the requirements must be met each year.

Because of a new law, all senior citizen homeowners must re-apply for their annual Senior Exemption beginning this year. Applications are available at Alderman Dowell's Third Ward Office located at 5046 S. State Street, (773) 373-9273 or online at

<http://www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.aspx>.

Camp Rosenthal Applications

Camp Rosenthal is a rustic summer residential camp located in Dowagiac, Michigan, just 115 miles from Chicago. Located on 530 wooded acres, it surrounds a 30-acre lake. It's the perfect place to make new friends, explore new activities, and learn leadership and team-building skills.

The camp is divided into four villages, each of which consists of cabins, a bathhouse and an activity building. Campers are grouped in villages by age and gender and sleep eight to a cabin along with two counselors who maintain a consistent, caring, and attentive presence throughout the day and night. The Camp dining hall is large enough for all campers to eat together family style. The food is delicious and plentiful-no one leaves a meal hungry!

Activities include swimming, paddle boating, canoeing, fishing, arts & crafts, hiking, environmental education, bicycling, dance, group games, talent shows, plays & skits, singing and music, campfire storytelling, cook-outs, environmental education, archery, ropes courses, and creative writing! Campers make life-long friends, learn self-reliance, and learn more about the natural world and their place in it in a safe, beautiful environment.

For more information and application materials, please contact Elizabeth Juarez at Chicago Youth Center's Fellowship House at 844 W. 32nd St., (312) 326-2282 or by visiting http://www.chicagoyouthcenters.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=100

I. B. E. W. Local 134 and the Electrical Contractors Association Apprenticeship Program

I. B. E. W. Local 134 and the Electrical Contractors Association is sponsoring an apprenticeship program in Cook County, Illinois through the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust: (EJATT). EJATT has permission from the U.S. Department of Labor to open a registration for new applicants for its Communications Program. In the Communications Program, apprentices learn to install and maintain electronic and information systems in commercial, industrial, and residential settings. Applicants who are selected into the program from this registration will begin classes in 2011. For more information on this program, please go to our website at www.ejatt.com.

All applicants must report in person and bring the following documentation to

register:

1. Your valid IL. Driver's License.
2. Your original Social Security Card. (You must prove legal eligibility to work in the U.S.A.).
3. A \$25.00 non-returnable registration fee (money order only, payable to EJATT).
4. A copy of your Birth Certificate to be kept by EJATT (minimum age of 17 at registration).
5. A copy of your High School transcript to be kept by EJATT, official or unofficial, for proof of:
 - a.) High School graduation, or G.E.D.
 - b.) Current seniors may register with acceptance contingent upon graduation.
 - c.) One full year of H.S level Algebra with a grade of at least "C", or one post HS level Algebra course with a grade of at least "C" . Higher level courses may be accepted to satisfy the Algebra requirement at the discretion of the Trustee's.

Upon an offer of apprenticeship, you must be able to demonstrate that you can perform the essential functions of an apprentice electrician with or without a reasonable accommodation. In addition, a drug screen and a background check will be required.

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. EJATT will provide equal opportunity in the apprenticeship program and will operate as required under all applicable laws and regulations.

Registration for the Communications Program will take place at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute at 6201 115th Street, Alsip, IL. on the following dates and times: Monday through Friday March 21st to April 1st, 2011, 9:00 AM until 11:00 A.M.

Summer Jobs for Youth

Youth Ready Chicago

The 2011 application for Youth Ready Chicago summer opportunities is now available at www.youthreadychicago.org. This online application provides a centralized means for youth, ages 14-21, to apply to many program partners- including Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, After School Matters, Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services. Youth Ready Chicago connects young people, ages 14 - 21, with internships, apprenticeships and jobs within Chicago's public and private business sectors. Each opportunity offers youth hands-on experience and an opportunity to gain marketable skills, supporting a successful transition from school into the workforce. To be eligible for the program, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be between 14 and 21 at the time of the application
- Must live in the City of Chicago with a valid mailing address
- Must have a social security number or a number that is legally allowed to replace a social security number for the purposes of employment

· Must provide a guardian's signature for applicants under the age of 18 at the time of application.

The deadline for youth to apply for Youth Ready Chicago summer opportunities is Friday, June 3rd. Applicants or parents/guardians with questions about summer opportunities may call the Jobs Hotline at 312-743-0208 or email YRC at youthreadychicago@cityofchicago.org.

Brookfield Zoo

The Brookfield Zoo is looking for friendly and energetic people over the age of 16 for summer job positions they have available. Please contact the job hotline at (708) 688-8881 or visit <http://www.czs.org/CZS/careers> to learn about available positions and how to apply.

Scholarship and Education Resources

High School Diploma Program for Adults

The Mission of Liberty High School's Diploma Program is to enable adult students, who lack a high school diploma, the opportunity to become a high school graduate. Liberty High School located at 7426 S. Vincennes, provides an educational home study program formatted exclusively for the home students to obtain a high school diploma. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information about the program and to obtain an application, please contact Andre Ellis at (888) 363-5556 ext. 3 or aellis@libertyonline.us.

Academic and Cultural Enrichment After School Program

Academic and Cultural Enrichment (ACE) addresses the academic and social development needs of youth by providing tutorial assistance, small group activities, skill development, and educational workshops. This after school program is for students ages 6-12 and is sponsored by the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services. For more information, please contact Jonathan Projansky at (773) 548-7500, (773) 759-6877, or kocoydp@yahoo.com.

Scholarship Information

Choose Your Future

Choose Your Future is an organization dedicated to providing academic support for high school and college success. At www.chooseyourfuture.org, you can find a plethora of resources to help you or your child attend college. You can also find a complete Scholarship Resource Guide with scholarship information for Chicago Public School students with links to application pages and deadline dates for every month on their website by clicking [here](#).

Illinois General Assembly Legislative Scholarships

Illinois law provides for each member of the General Assembly to annually nominate 2 persons of school age and otherwise eligible, from his district. Each shall receive a certificate of scholarship in any state supported university designated by the

member. Any member of the General Assembly in making nominations under this Section may designate that his nominee be granted a 4 year scholarship or may instead designate 2 or 4 nominees for that particular scholarship, each to receive a 2 year or a one year scholarship, respectively. Students applying for the General Assembly Scholarship must be a resident within the legislative district of the awarding legislator and must obtain an application from their State Senator or Representative. To find out who your State Senator and Representative are, please visit <http://www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx> The application deadline is June 15, 2011.

Chesterfield Community Council Free ACT Test Preparation

Chesterfield ACT Test Prep Program offers personalized instruction, four sessions focused on ACT content and score-raising strategies, and extensive kit of practice materials and online resources. Class size is limited. Students assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Class will meet on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Class sessions will be March 12, 19, 26 & April 2. *All classes are held at Tuley Park Field House.* This **FREE** program is designed to prepare students for the national ACT Test in April 2011. For more information, contact Chesterfield Community Council at (773) 651-3958 or e-mail chesterfield@ameritech.net

March CAPS Schedule

1st District

Beat 132
 March 15th @ 7pm
 1st District Police Station
 (1718 S. State St.)

Beat 134
 March 16th @ 6:30pm
 Condo Building
 (2101 S. Michigan)

2nd District

Beat 211/213
 March 22nd @ 6:30pm
 Monumental Baptist Church
 (729 E. Oakwood Blvd.)

Beat 214/221
 March 9th @ 6:30pm
 St. Elizabeth Church
 (4058 S. Michigan)

Beat 232/233
 March 10th @ 6:30pm
 Coppin AME Church
 (5627) S. Michigan)

Beat 222/223

March 15th @ 6:30pm
 King Center
 (4314 S. Cottage Grove)

Beat 224/231

March 24th @ 6:30
 Hall Branch Library
 (4801 S. Michigan)

7th District

Beat 711
 March 16th @ 6:30
 Sherwood Park
 (5705 S. Shields)

9th District

Beat 935E
 March 5th @ 10am
 Fuller Park Field House
 (331 W. 45th St.)

Beat 934
 March 10th @ 6pm
 Westhaven Homes
 (850 W. Garfield)

21st District

Beat 2112
 March 14th @ 6:30pm
 Illinois College of
 Optometry

(3240 S. Indiana)

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