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Third Ward Newsletter

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Dear 3rd Ward,

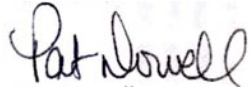
It is during this time of year that many people will experience a greater sense of need. Let's all help each other where we can. Please consider making a donation to [Toys for Tots](#), [the Salvation Army](#), the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#), or your local church.

There are several events in and around the Third Ward listed in this edition of the newsletter that can assist those in need. If your church or organization is hosting a holiday event or a food, coat, and toy drive and it is not listed below, please contact us at ward03@cityofchicago with the details and we'll get the word out.

Last month, my office distributed turkeys to senior citizens and those who would otherwise not have one for Thanksgiving. Special thanks to City Sports located 338 E. 47th and Powers and Sons Construction located at 4329 S. State St. for their generous donations. I also had a wonderful experience as I volunteered with several other people at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church's Thanksgiving Dinner. I will continue engaging in these activities throughout December and hope others will do the same. If you or someone you know is in need

this holiday season and are unable to find resources through our newsletter or elsewhere, feel free to contact my office at (773) 373-9273 and we will do our best to help locate resources in and around the Third Ward.

Happy Holidays,



Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

Third Ward Update



Alderman Dowell Recipient of the Independent Voters of Illinois' Best Aldermanic Voting Record for 2010

The IVI-IPO is a not-for-profit, multi-partisan, independent political organization that has been in existence since 1944. It has been dedicated to good government activism and an idealistic vision of open, honest government in Illinois through pragmatic means that confront cynicism and corruption with equal force. The organization's primary tools are voter's registration, voter information and candidate endorsement. They also lobby on behalf of governmental reforms designed to open the system and better inform the public on the political process.

Alderman Dowell along with Alderman Bob Fioretti (2nd) and Alderman Joe Moore (49th), was given IVI-IPO's Best Aldermanic Voting Award, which is based on their hiring (or not hiring) of relatives. how the voted on the parking meter privatization, commercial refuse, Wal-Mart, the 2010 budget appropriation, the 2010 tax levy, and their efforts for schools among other categories.

Upon receiving the award Alderman Dowell stated "I am thankful for the IVI-IPO recognition of my work in the City Council and my commitment to good government and participatory democracy. These are values I hold most dear and I'm proud to be associated with an organization like IVO-IPO that has been fighting the fight for social justice for over 60 years".

Congratulations Alderman Dowell!!!!

Infrastructure Update

Historical New Road for Back-of-the Yards Area

Originally constructed as part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration, the road located at 45th Street between Ashland and McDowell had been in need of

major repair for many decades. It was built to provide passage for the many Latino immigrants who lived in the area and worked in the Stockyards. With the Stockyards closing in the 1950s, the roads and the sidewalks deteriorated. Previously, when residents had asked for repairs to be made, they were told the city could not do anything about it because it was constructed under a federal program. However, Alderman Dowell was able to find resources including money from the 47th/Halsted TIF to get the street repaved and new sidewalks constructed. Previously, Alderman Dowell has done other work on McDowell Street and in areas west of Ashland Ave. There is also a sewer project that will soon be completed along 46th Street. For more information, please visit the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council's website at www.bync.org.



Alderman Dowell at the
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

New Water Main Projects

For the following projects, "No Parking" signs will be posted in advance for work hours between 7am and 4pm, M-F. The Department of Water Management will attempt to



Alderman Dowell with Back
of the Yards Neighborhood
Council President Craig

preserve as much parking as possible and will ensure residents always have access to their properties. Residents will also be notified in advance of any water service interruption that may occur. For questions, contact Tom LaPorte at (312) 742-1029.

South Parnell Avenue

Beginning in late March, 2011, the Department of Water Management will be installing 1,017 feet of new 8-inch water main in the Third Ward. The new water main will be installed on S. Parnell Avenue from W. 59th St. to W. 60th St. and on W. 59th St. from S. Parnell Ave. to S. Normal Boulevard. Completion of the job including restoration of sidewalks is expected by late May, 2011.

South Indiana Avenue

The Department of Water Management will be installing 1,000 feet of 8-inch water main on South Indiana Avenue from E. 34th st. to E. 35th St. and on 34th Street from S. Michigan Ave. to S. Indiana Ave. Work on this project will begin in December and is expected to be completed by January, 2011 with sidewalk restoration being completed by late May, 2011.

South Calumet Avenue

The Department of Water Management has begun installing 627 feet of 8-inch water main on South Calumet Avenue from E. 38th St. to E. Pershing Rd. Water main work is expected to be completed by late January, 2011 with restoration work completed by late May, 2011.

Winter Overnight Parking Ban



On Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 3am, Chicago's Overnight Winter Parking Ban resumes for 107 miles of Chicago's most critical arterial streets. It will be in effect from 3am to 7am every night after that until April 1, 2011, regardless of snow. Below are three links that you can use to access the city's website to view the press release on the subject and to provide you with additional information links.

No Parking
3am - 7am
Dec. 1 - Apr. 1

No Parking
When snow is
Over 2" deep

Tow Zone

[Press Release](#)

[Route Map of Overnight Parking Ban Streets](#)

[Route Map of 2-Inch Snow Parking Ban Streets](#)



Alderman Dowell with another Volunteer

Alderman Dowell Volunteers at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

On Thanksgiving Day, Alderman Dowell and others took time out of their holiday to volunteer at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church located at 45th and Princeton, for their Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner was served at noon at no charge for the homeless and the hungry. Special thanks to Pastor Charles Jenkins and all the volunteers who made this happen.

The 2nd District Has a New Commander

The 2nd District is now under the leadership of Commander Fred Waller. Commander Waller was previously a Lt. in the 4th District and has extensive police experience with gangs and narcotics. He was born and raised in Chicago and worked as a police officer in the CHA housing projects along State Street. He is definitely a people person and will be out in the community getting to know our residents. Welcome Commander Waller!

Possible New Bronzeville Dog Park



Bronzeville resident Ephraim Lee has been working with Alderman Pat Dowell and her Chief of Staff, Audrey Wade to create a dog park for Bronzeville. Below is the text of a letter he sent to the Third Ward office and asked to be shared with Third Ward residents. Please let Ephraim and the Third Ward Office know what you think.

Greetings to all residents of Bronzeville; my name is Ephraim Lee and I am writing this letter to announce some



Ephraim Lee and His Dog
Bella

exciting news. As a dog owner I have found it difficult to find open and inviting places within our community that allows our dogs the freedom of running, playing, and socializing with one another, and I know that I am not alone in this dilemma. Well, after speaking with Alderwoman Patricia Dowell and her wonderful assistant Audrey Wade, we have decided that what is missing in this community is a public dog park/run.

It is well known that dog owners everywhere love and cherish their pets, and that is no less so here in Bronzeville. A dog park would give our four-legged companions-and us-places to meet and mingle, sniff, and stretch their legs. Information could be shared about the numerous changes in our pet's healthcare, or where to locate a very responsible veterinarian. Of course as a community we would be primarily responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, but this should not present a problem in the least.

But in order to make this dream a reality, we need everyone's help in the search for the perfect lot on which to build. Please note that the lot in question has to be of manageable size, and as centrally located as possible. All entries will be accepted and after careful review the winning lot will be selected, graveled, and fenced in, for our pet's enjoyment. Smells will be kept at a minimum through everyone picking up after their furry friend, and a plastic baggie container will be placed on site for collections. One other thing that bears noting is the fact that many vacant lots are privately owned, and if this is the case that said lot might not be picked for the site. I will make sure that all updates on this search are placed in the monthly newsletter, issued each month by the alderwoman's office, or if you prefer, you can be contacted via e-mail.

So for all suggestions and picks, please e-mail them to: xhle@hotmail.com, or contact me by phone at: (773)556-6665. I look forward to everyone pitching in and helping me give those four legged friends who love us, a place to love!

Third Ward Day at the Shedd Aquarium

On November 7, 2010 Alderman Dowell was at the Shedd Aquarium to greet Third Ward residents as they took advantage of huge discounts for them and their children. This event allowed residents to access a variety of educational exhibits and provided a day of lots of fun. Third Ward resident Jeanette Smith was so thankful she wrote us a letter that stated:

"My family and I attended the The Shedd Aquarium for the Third ward. We had a wonderful time. Thanks for being what this ward needs, which is to give opportunities to all residents in your ward. Through the economic hardships you still see fit to give some joy to us through culture. And for that I give you thanks".

We appreciate the kind words and acknowledge the Shedd Aquarium for generously hosting this event. We plan on scheduling another event sometime in the late winter/early spring and will keep you posted on the date.

Alderman Dowell Writes an Op-Ed about Education in Chicago

Below is the text from Alderman Dowell's recent op-ed concerning education in Chicago that was submitted to the Lakefront Outlook.

As we move toward the February 22 municipal election, one of the most talked about issues will be how to fix the Chicago Public School (CPS) system so that our children can have a great public education to take them wherever their dreams lead.

Over the past four years, I've learned that in order for the system to work, locals leaders and community stakeholders need to have more input in to the system. Aldermen play a role, but not as big a role as the Chicago Board of Education, State Legislators and the Governor.

An Alderman, as the frontline representative of the people, hears all the problems, but, under the current system doesn't have the legislative power to make significant changes. But, that should not stop us from advocating for our children's education. As your Alderman, I've made progress. I introduced a Resolution calling for a moratorium on school closings until more concrete steps were taken towards improving CPS's community engagement. I worked with CPS officials to bring more than \$30 million in capital repairs to Third Ward schools. Additionally, I negotiated a deal with Norfolk Southern in which they will be contributing \$25,000 to Hope College Prep over a four year period, some of which is being used for a new science lab.

Progress is being made, but, there is more work to be done. I meet regularly with the school principals in the Third Ward. This gives me insight into their problems and keeps me connected to the schools just like the Board of Education members should be. I am able to find out what the principals and schools need and then advocate for them as a bridge between the community and CPS. For example, I did this when the Third Ward was facing the closing of Mollison School. I was similarly able to intervene with the turnaround process at Wendell Phillips High School and instituted the Phillips Community Oversight Committee which consists of students, parents, community members, and teachers.

I think an elected school board would be better for students and better for the system. The school board should hold open community meetings to hear everybody's ideas for better schools. After all, the school board should be accountable to the students, parents, teachers and principals - not just to the Mayor. We need School Board members who have classroom experience, higher education experience, administrative experience and good common sense.

All of the Candidates for Mayor and for Alderman must take the needs of the schools very seriously. Ask them what they will do for the schools and how they will hold the school board accountable.

There will be much talk about improving education. Look for concrete plans and real action. As a community, we can hold CPS

accountable. The entire community must work with the new Mayor to make the Chicago public schools a place where teachers can teach and students can learn.

Lastly, and most importantly, parents need to step up. Every parent must take interest in their child's education and be active in their school.

Savoy Square Celebrates Grand Opening

Chicago's historic Bronzeville neighborhood has experienced a rebirth over the past decade with private and public investment fueling the creation of new housing, commercial development, schools, and parks. On **Wednesday, December 1st at 4:00pm**, neighbors and public officials will be on hand to celebrate the opening of the latest addition to Bronzeville's growing housing stock: Savoy Square at Legends South. To mark the occasion and unveil a mural created by noted Chicago artist Gregory Gove will be 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, and Chicago Housing Authority CEO Lewis Jordan.

The \$44.9 million, 138 unit rental complex developed by the Brinshore-Michaels team is the fourth phase of Legends South, the mixed-income redevelopment of the former Robert Taylor Homes. Built on portions of the former CHA owned site and on infill sites in the adjacent neighborhood to the east of State Street, the three prior, phases Mahalia Place, Hansberry Square, and Coleman Place have brought a total of 409 fully occupied units of new mixed-income rental housing to the Bronzeville community since 2006.

Alderman Dowell Turns in Her Petitions for Her Re-Election Campaign



Alderman Dowell
Turning in Her
Petitions

Alderman Dowell was one of the earliest people to turn in her petitions, having over 190 petition sheets with 3,000 signatures from Third Ward residents who support her candidacy for re-election for Alderman of the Third Ward. A huge thank you to the dedicated petition circulators who worked tirelessly in all parts of the ward to get good signatures.

Events in and Around the Third Ward

Michigan/Cermak TIF Public Meeting

The Department of Community Development has initiated a process of amending Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) plans adopted before November 1999 to add language that would allow the increment collected in the 24th year of a TIF District to be used for projects in that TIF redevelopment project area. Essentially, they are proposing a one year extension on the current expiration date of the Michigan/Cermak TIF, which is set to expire in 2012. To learn more about TIFs, visit <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd.html>. Representatives from the Department of Community Development will be at the meeting to discuss what projects will be funded with this extension.

When: Friday, December 3, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Where: Columbia College, Ferguson Lecture Hall, 600 S. Michigan Avenue, 1st Floor

The University of Chicago's Annual "A Day of Science"

The University of Chicago's Annual "A Day of Science" open house & program is taking place this Saturday December 4th.

The "Physics with a Bang" program (featuring "fast, loud, surprising & beautiful physics demos" by Profs. Jaeger and Nagel) will be at 11am and 2pm at the Kersten Physics Teaching Center (5720 S. Ellis Avenue). There will also be an open house and lab tour next door at the Gordon Center for the Integrative Sciences from 11am to 4pm which will feature the opportunity to "Ask a Scientist" and to do some hands-on experiments. It's a wonderful opportunity for students and families to explore where & how science is done. Additional information can be found at the website: <http://mrsec.uchicago.edu/pwab>.

When: December 4, 2010

Where: [Kersten Physics Teaching Center](#) (5720 S. Ellis Ave.)

East Bronzeville Neighborhood Association Holiday Meet & Greet Get Together

Stop by for a few minutes to meet and chat with your neighbors. This is a chance to catch up on things that have been happening in the neighborhood during the last few months. This is not a meeting; but a gathering of neighbors before the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Where: Bronzeville Coffee House (43rd and Forrestville)
When: December 4, 2010 from 10:30am to noon

Holiday Bazaar

Cathedral Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a Holiday Bazaar where you can shop early for an array of holiday gift giving and share your craft or special gift. Contact Cathedral MB Church at (773) 548-1790 for more information.

Where: Cathedral MB Church (4821 S. Wabash-Lower Level)
When: December 10th from 2pm-8pm, December 11th from 10am to 8pm, and December 12th from 4pm to 8pm.

Eden Place Holiday Family Fun Fest

Bring the children to the North Pole and visit with Santa. This event will also feature a live nativity scene, live animals, pictures with Saint Nick, holiday winter wagon rides, roasting chestnuts on an open fire, family crafts, and a range of holiday items that you can purchase. Admission is free. For more information, call (773) 624-8686.

Where: Eden Place (entrance at the corner of 43rd Pl. and Shields)
When: December 18th from 11am to 4pm

Christmas at the Ship

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church is hosting Christmas at the Ship, which is their annual holiday event. Food baskets with turkeys and other holiday foods along with toys will be available to those in need. For more information, call the church office at (773) 924-3232

Where: Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church (4543 S. Princeton)
When: December 18th from 9am to 1pm

Urban Weatherization Initiative

You are invited to an important meeting to hear updates on the State's Urban Weatherization Initiative. If you are a licensed contractor, a construction training provider, a community or faith-based organization you should make time to attend this meeting. To learn more about the initiative, visit http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Community_Development/Urban+Assistance/Urban+Weatherization+Initiative.htm.

When: December 14th at 1pm
Where: Dawson Tech (3901 S. State St.)

2010 Mayor Daley's Chicago Sports Fest

Head over to McCormick Place for a fun day of chess, climbing, dancing, skate boarding, golf, sprinting, football, badminton, gymnastics, volleyball, boxing, basketball, and much more. Admission and interactive zones at the largest indoor playground are free (parking in Lot A is \$10). There will be special appearances by Chicago sports teams and their mascots. For more information, visit www.cityofchicago.org or http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mose/provdrs/athletic_events/news/2010/nov/mayor_daley_s_chicagosportsfest.html or call (312) 744-3316, TTY (312) 744-2964.

Where: McCormick Place Halls A and B (2301 S. MLK Drive)
When: December 18th and 19th

Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church Christmas Baskets

Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church will be providing Christmas food baskets. To be a recipient, send in a postcard (or letter) with your name, address, and phone number. Someone from the church will get in touch with you to give you more details. Supplies are limited, so you are encouraged to get these cards in before December 19th. For more information, call the church office at (773) 924-7766.

Where: Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church (5141 S. State St.)
When: December 24th from 9am to 1pm

Important Announcements

Toys for Tots Donation Locations in and around the Third Ward

Walgreen's is offering several of their stores in and around the Third Ward as a drop-off locations for those who wish to make a donation to Toys for Tots. The nearest participating stores are located at 4700 S. Halsted, 4710 S. Western, and 6200 S.

Western. Visit <http://www.chicagolandfft.org/> for a complete list of sites and more information about the Toys for Tots program.

Free Flu Shot Vouchers Available at Alderman Dowell's Office

If you or someone you know would like to receive a free flu shot, please come into Alderman Dowell's Third Ward office located at 5046 S. State St. to receive a voucher, which will entitle you to one free flu shot at participating Walgreens locations including the location at 5036 S. Cottage Grove. Supplies are very limited and vouchers will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis. For a complete list of participating locations, please visit www.walgreens.com/flu or call 1-800-WALGREENS (4733).

Wendell Phillips Hall of Fame Committee

For over 31 years, the Wendell Phillips Hall of Fame Committee has been commemorating the historical significance of Wendell Phillips High School and its graduates with their Hall of Fame. The committee has also provided many college scholarships to Phillips graduates. They are now in need of your help. The renovations associated with the turnaround process at Phillips High School have necessitated the refurbishing of the 480 alumni photographs from the Wendell Phillips Hall of Fame's 31 year history and 200 trophies won by students over the school's 106 year history. The school has purchased fourteen new trophy cases, but the trophies are in need of cleaning and repair. The photographs must be re-framed before they can be returned to the walls of the school. Additionally, the Hall of Fame Committee is looking to establish a minimum of three kiosks throughout the Hall of Fame inside the school with information about each inductee. Finally, the Hall of Fame Committee is committed to providing \$15,000 in college scholarships to Phillips graduates through the year 2014. The Hall of Fame Committee needs to raise approximately \$40,000 to maintain a permanent presence at Wendell Phillips High School. Donors will be recognized at the re-establishment of their Hall of Fame. For more information on the Hall of Fame and how you can make a contribution, please call (708) 481-5993 or visit www.wendellphillipshalloffame.8m.com. This is a source of great pride for the school, its students and alumni, and the community, so please contact them today.

Senator Mattie Hunter's Op-Ed Regarding the State Budget Crisis

Below is the text of Senator Mattie Hunter's (3rd District) recent op-ed.

Much conversation in our state has centered on the budget crisis in Illinois and the possible solution through budget cuts, revenue enhancements or both. Unfortunately, every day that we continue to talk without any resolution to this growing problem, the families of Illinois continue to suffer.

Now that the election is over, the path to success is through a renewed bi-partisan effort that attends to our state's most needy. We can only repair our mounting \$15 billion deficit through a combination of reforms, cuts and new revenue.

During the current veto session, Senate President Cullerton created two new bipartisan committees to address much needed reforms to the state's Medicaid program and worker's compensation laws. Changes in both areas could net the state a substantial amount in savings. We know that we will not be able find a budget solution without thoroughly examined cuts. But we must also keep in mind that the legislature has already cut \$3 billion over the last two years out of the state budget. The Department of Human Services alone is currently facing \$28 million in cuts for developmentally disabled grant programs and \$45 million in cuts to community based mental health programs. In August of this year, a record 780,000 families in our state were relying on food stamps to put food on their table, an increase of 11.9% from last year. Everyone must make sacrifices, including lawmakers. However, we cannot allow those who can least afford it to carry the burden of those sacrifices.

Governor Quinn has proposed a one percent education surcharge on state corporate and personal income tax rates to prevent further cuts to education. The plan would raise \$3 billion in revenue towards education funding and property tax relief. I support this plan, and believe that it is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough. We desperately need to fund our education system in the state, but we cannot neglect the human service programs that families also rely on.

Governor Quinn's proposal and President Cullerton's reforms are steps in the right direction, but we cannot support minimal solutions. Our state continues to turn in a carousel rotation and until we have all options on the table, we will not see ourselves move forward. I call on all legislators to have an open mind to each proposal for reforms, cuts, and revenue enhancements. It is time that the governor and the legislature do their job and what is right for the people of Illinois by supporting policies that resolve our budget crisis.

Mattie Hunter
State Senator (D-Chicago)
3rd Legislative District
Chair, Illinois Senate Human Services Committee

After School Matters New Request for Proposal Process

As After School Matters looks to the future, they are excited to announce the launch of a new, streamlined Request for Proposal (RFP) process that will include both the summer 2011 and school year 2011-2012 programs (these proposals were previously solicited separately.) The new RFP, which will be publicly released and available on their website [www.afterschoolmatters.org](http://www afterschoolmatters.org) by December 6, 2010 will expedite the review process for returning program providers who meet quality benchmarks including enrollment, attendance, CPS high school student participation, and compliance with program reporting and Youth Program Quality training requirements. Preliminary responses will be due on December 29. There are also RFP workshops to help you with your RFP. For potential new providers, a workshop will be held on December 10th from 10am

to 1pm at Gallery37 for the Arts, 5th Floor (66 E. Randolph). For more information including workshop dates and locations for returning program providers, please call (312) 742-6205, e-mail RFPquestions@afterschoolmatters.org, or visit www.afterschoolmatters.org/programproviders.

Questions About Your Cook County Property Tax Bill

You may be wondering why despite lower property values, your property taxes increased last year. There may be several reasons for this including applicable State Legislature votes. You will definitely want to make sure you are getting all of the exemptions you qualify for. To learn more about the factors affecting rate increases and see a list of exemptions, visit <http://cookcountyassessor.com>

Congressman Danny Davis' Residential Utility Rate Assistance Day

Apply for grants to help pay or reconnect your gas or lights, learn if you qualify for other funding for utility services, receive information on your pending CEDA application, and learn about community organization services. Please bring the following: proof of household income for the last 30 days, current residential lease agreement (id required), original social security cards for all members of your household, original current gas and electric bills (if your utilities are included in your rent payments, it must be stated in your lease agreement to receive a cash payment), and proof of homeownership (required for emergency furnace service). For more information, call Congressman Danny K. Davis' office at (773) 533-7520.

Where: Malcolm X College (1900 W. Van Buren)

When: Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 10am to 2pm

ComEd Energy Saving and Weatherization Tips

As cold weather approaches, ComEd offers customers cost-effective ways to make their homes more energy-efficient for winter weather while better managing energy bills year-round.

- Have home heating systems cleaned and inspected by a professional each year to ensure safety and optimum efficiency. Be sure to change the filter prior to the heating season, and check its condition monthly.
- Inspect the caulking and weather-stripping around all windows, doors and any openings for utility services. Replace caulking and weather-stripping as necessary. A drafty house lets warm air escape and is much more costly to keep warm.
- Remove window air conditioners if possible, or install an air conditioner cover to eliminate drafts.
- Keep fireplace dampers closed tightly when not in use.
- Reverse the rotation of ceiling fan blades. During the winter, blades should spin so the warm air that has risen can be re-distributed around the room.
- Switch to more energy-efficient lighting, such as CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs), which use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

"Energy conservation doesn't have to be expensive or complicated," said Anne Pramaggiore, ComEd president and COO. "ComEd offers simple, low-cost steps that will produce annual savings for customers."

For additional energy saving tips and information on any of these programs, customers may visit www.ComEd.com/SmartIdeas or call ComEd Smart Ideas at 1-888-806-2273.

For the holiday season, ComEd also suggests customers replace traditional holiday lights with LED versions that consume up to 70 percent less energy. LED lights last up to 10 times longer are safer since they produce less heat and remain cool to the touch.

ComEd is offering an instant \$2 rebate on each set of LED holiday lights purchased through ComEd's Online Energy Store now through Dec. 31. This rebate is in addition to the usual 20 percent discount on energy efficient products available through the Online Energy Store www.comed.com.

All ComEd customers seeking energy assistance payments for the winter season may begin applying for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds. The application period for all customers began Nov. 1 and will continue through Apr. 30, or until funds are exhausted.

LIHEAP funds come in the form of a one-time credit on customers' energy bills. Households with incomes up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for LIHEAP support. For instance, a family of four with a monthly gross income of \$2,756 or less qualifies for LIHEAP assistance.

To apply for LIHEAP, contact one of the local administering agencies across ComEd's service territory. In Chicago and suburban Cook County, the number to call is 312-456-4100. Customers can also find the nearest local administering agency by visiting www.liheapillinois.com or www.ComEd.com.

Third Ward Stars

M. Grace Sielaff and Yvonne White-Morey

Ms. Sielaff and Ms. White-Morey will be graduating from the Chicago Conservation Corps Leader Program on December 2nd. Ms. Sielaff completed a project called Water Bottle Awareness at the Taste of Chicago and Ms. White-Morey completed a project called On Track for the Environment: A Greening a School Field Day Event. Congratulations to both of you! We

appreciate your commitment to the environment and our community.

December CAPS Schedule for the Third Ward

1st District

No CAPS meetings for December

2nd District

No CAPS meetings for December

7th District

No CAPS meetings for December

9th District

Beat 935E
December 4th @10am
Fuller Park Fieldhouse
(331 W. 45th St.)

Beat 934
December 9th @ 6pm
Westhaven Homes
(950 W. Garfield)

21st District

No CAPS meetings for December

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