



Third Ward Newsletter

April 2012

Dear Third Ward Resident,

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Spring certainly sprung a little early this year. The warmer temperatures mean more opportunities to enjoy the beautiful parks and other nature-related resources we have in the Third Ward. For example, you may want to visit Eden Place Nature Center at 4417 S. Stewart, take a tour of The Plant vertical farm and food business incubator at 1400 W. 46th Street, or watch the urban farm being developed at 57th and Lafayette.

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It is also the time of year when there will be an increase in construction projects throughout the city. As work becomes available in the Third Ward, I continue working with contractors to ensure they are hiring from within the community. Also, please be mindful and slow down as you pass construction sites.

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As more and more people are heading outdoors, we have to make an extra effort to keep everyone safe and happy. One of the best ways to do this is to stay informed by attending CAPS meetings, contacting my office, and working with your friends, neighbors, and police department.

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The Third Ward Spring Clean and Green will be on April 21st (see below) and we need everyone to roll up their sleeves, grab a shovel, rake, or broom, and work with Streets and Sanitation to clean lots and public ways. Of course, this doesn't have to be on only one or two days per year as you can always volunteer. However, when a mass of involved citizens come together to beautify the ward, it sends a very positive message throughout the community.

I hope to see everyone out and about having a great time this Spring.

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward



Third Ward Update



Street Sweeping Has Started

The Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) is again providing citywide street sweeping services through October 31st, 2012. DSS street sweepers help keep streets clean for motorists and prevent dirt and debris from entering the sewage system, which allows for better storm water drainage. DSS is asking residents to support these efforts by obeying any posted parking restrictions. To ensure curb-to-curb street cleaning, temporary parking restrictions are posted the day before the street sweeping occurs on a street. Some arterial streets have permanent signage that specifies a once per week period when parking is prohibited for street sweeping. To view the street sweeping schedule for the Third Ward, visit www.cityofchicago.org/dss.

Third Ward Update

More Help for Businesses and Homeowners in the 3rd Ward from Alderman Pat Dowell

Alderman Dowell is pleased to announce the following Tax Increment Finance-Neighborhood Improvement Program (TIF-NIP) and Small Business Improvement Funds (SBIF) allocations

- \$500,000 from the 47th and State Street TIF for Small Business Improvement grants (usually a maximum of \$75,000 for commercial applicants and \$150,000 for industrial for exterior and/or interior work). Alderman Dowell has secured a major increase of funding for these grants.
- \$500,000 from the 47th and King Drive TIF for Small Business Improvement grants
- \$1 million from the Bronzeville TIF for the Neighborhood Improvement Program which provides grants to owner occupied single family units (1-4 units) for exterior and interior home improvement. (new program)
- \$1million from the 47th and King Drive TIF for a Neighborhood improvement program (second round of funding)
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"\$4 million will be reinvested in the 3rd Ward. The program has been very successful for the people who live and work in 3rd Ward," said Alderman Dowell. "It has already helped dozens of homeowners with tuck-pointing projects, installing new stairs, repairing roofs, upgrading plumbing and heating systems and replacing windows. Additionally, our efforts have produced new funding for programs and increases for other ongoing programs. I am delighted to promote a second round of program funding."

47th/Halsted TIF-NIP Community Meeting

Alderman Dowell and the Department of Housing and Economic Development will be hosting a roll-out meeting later this spring. An announcement will be made in regards to the date, time, and location as soon as the meeting details are finalized. Please keep in touch with our office and continue reading our monthly newsletters to stay informed.

47th/King TIF-NIP Community Meeting

Alderman Dowell and the Department of Housing and Economic Development hosted a TIF-NIP community meeting for residents of the 47th/King Drive TIF District. This meeting allowed residents to ask questions about grant amounts, eligibility requirements, eligible home repairs, and program administration. To find out if you live in the 47th/King TIF District, [click here](#). For more information, please contact Judith Smart at (312) 744-5799. Applications for residents in the 47th/King TIF District can pick up applications at the Third Ward Office (5046 S. State).

Alderman Dowell Announces the Creation of the Rosenwald Transformation Task Force

The Rosenwald Transformation Task Force is a small and formal committee to work with the developer and the Third Ward office on the transformation of the Rosenwald Building. This committee will meet approximately once a month for one hour from now until occupancy of the building (8/13) and will be staffed by Laurel Lipkin of LL Consulting. The members of the committee now include:

Pat Abrams, The Renaissance Collaborative and community resident
Paula Robinson, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership
Phillip Beckham, Beckham Transit and community resident
Byron Williams, Alcatel-Lucent and community resident
Leana Flowers, Bronzeville Alliance and community resident
Audrey Wade, Wade Enterprises
Elder Kevin Ford, St. Paul Church of God In Christ
David Roos, Landwhite Development

Alderman Dowell on Comcast Newsmakers

Alderman Dowell will be a guest on Comcast Newsmakers in April. The segment will air on CNN Headline News during the week of Monday April 16 through Sunday April 22 at 5 minutes before the hour (:55). Each day the segment will air several times. The topic of her segment is summer activities for youth in the Third Ward. Because of the rotation schedule, we cannot predict which hour Alderman Dowell's particular interview will air. Please stay tuned to CNN Headline News.

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Arterial Resurfacing Project on Cermak

Cermak Road, from Clark Street to Martin Luther King Drive will be resurfaced. This is stimulus (ARRA) funded program will include pavement milling, new asphalt pavement, some curb and gutter removal and replacement, and some sidewalk removal and replacement. The pavement milling is tentatively scheduled to start April 14, 2012, followed by the various other work. The estimated completion date is May 15, 2012 in time for the NATO Summit. Parking will be restricted during the daytime hours of 6:00 am until 5:00 pm daily to help expedite the work.

Sewer Improvement Project

The Department of Water Management announced another sewer improvement project in the 3rd Ward benefiting the area bounded by 47th Street on the north, 49th Street on the south, St. Lawrence on the east and Forrestville on the west. Construction starts in December 2012 with completion of the sewer construction projected for January 2013. Residents will be notified prior to the start of the project and restoration of the street and repair of the damaged parkway and sidewalk will follow. After the installation of the new sewer, the area will experience better drainage.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Projects in the Third Ward

Kenny/Shea has been contracted to do work on three sites within the Third Ward. Drop shaft construction will happen at 3823 S. Indiana, 3910 S. State St., and 311 W. Pershing Rd. Work on all three sites is scheduled to be completed by the end of April, 2012.

Third Ward Calls for Service

According to 311 City Services, 509 calls were made to 311 from the Third Ward in February, which generated 590 city service requests in December, 2011. These figures do not include calls made to 911, from cell phones, or requests made directly from Alderman Dowell's office, which means the numbers are likely significantly higher.

Top Ten 3 rd Ward Streets and Sanitation Calls for Service for February 2012	
Group	Total Requests
S.W.A.P.	461
Immediate Tow	48
Tree Debris	44
Loop Op Clean Up	26
Rodent Baiting	23
Dead Animal Pick Up	20
Preventative Baiting	15
Garbage Carts	14
Dumpster Task Force	13
Graffiti Removal	12

Group	Total Requests	Completed Requests
311 City Services	63	63
Animal Care and Control	62	55
Budget and Management	10	10
Buildings	59	37
Business Affairs and Consumer Protection	15	10
Family and Support Services	105	105
Health	3	3
Police	3	0
Revenue	1	1
Streets and Sanitation	113	72
Transportation	109	94
Water Management	40	27
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities	1	1
Mayor's Volunteer Network	1	0
Zoning and Land Use Planning	1	0
CTA	1	1
JC Decaux (bus shelters)	2	2

Gospel Fest 2012

As many of you know, Thomas Dorsey is considered the father of Gospel music and was the choir director at Pilgrim Baptist Church located at 3300 S. Indiana for many years. He also worked closely with Mahalia Jackson who was another famous Gospel singer from Chicago. It will take place from June 21st through the 24th at various locations around Chicago including Mandrake Park at 39th and Cottage Grove. This is a wonderful opportunity to support local restaurants and other local businesses while celebrating the history of Gospel music and its roots in Bronzeville.

Visit <http://www.chicagofestivals.net/music/gospel-music/2012-chicago-gospel-music-festival> for updates and the line up of performers.

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Million Acts of Love

Over the last holiday season, the Third Ward Office collected over 1,100 books for Million Acts of Love's Gifts of Knowledge Program. Alderman Dowell recently received a nice thank you letter from A Million Acts of Love that included a picture of one of the recipients of a Gift of Knowledge. The books were distributed throughout Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. A huge thanks to all who generously donated gifts for this important program.

Third Ward Townhall Meeting

On March 7th, Alderman Dowell hosted another Town Hall Meeting. This meeting featured information pertaining to the ward remapping, the 2012 Gospel Fest, and TIF/NIPS for the Bronzeville, 47th/King Dr., and 47th/Halsted TIFs. Representatives from ComEd and the Chicago Justice Project were on hand to discuss programs they have that may benefit Third Ward residents. CDOT Commissioner Gabe Klein spoke about new bike lanes in the ward. Additionally, 2nd District Commander Fred Waller spoke to the audience about the police district consolidation. Alderman Dowell also introduced the Chicago Housing Authority's new CEO, Charles Woodyard. Special thanks to the Illinois College of Optometry for allowing us to use their newly remodeled state-of-the-art auditorium.



Alderman Dowell addresses the audience



Commander Waller talks about the new 2nd District boundaries and initiatives



Representatives from CDOT speak about the proposed bike lanes for the Third Ward.

Developing Vibrant Retail in Bronzeville

The Bronzeville Alliance has partnered with the Metropolitan Planning Council to help with the Bronzeville Retail Initiative. Recently, they reviewed years worth of past planning and market data and interviewed several residents and businesses in Bronzeville. They have released their report called "Developing Vibrant Retail in Bronzeville", which can be downloaded by visiting <http://www.metroplanning.org/multimedia/publication/548>

New Third Ward Business

Ferguson Enterprises

Ferguson provides exceptional service, quality products, and the detailed knowledge required to make projects successful for Plumbers, contractors, builders, remodelers, designers, architects and other trade professionals. They also have showrooms that feature products available for homeowners. Visit them at 1829 S. State Street to find out more.

Overflow Coffee Bar Celebrates Their One Year Anniversary



Overflow Coffee Bar, located in the Third Ward at 1550 S. State St. is more than a typical coffee shop. They give their profits back into the community for non-profit activities. They also have a mission that's more than just selling coffee and gives South Loop residents, students and workers the opportunity to change the world. They do this by providing high quality, organic, fair trade/direct trade coffee, community building, inspiring volunteerism, and promoting local artists.

Alderman Pat Dowell and Alderman Bob Fioretti stopped by to congratulate owners Brandon and Amanda Neely on their success and wish them the best in the future. It is always good to see a locally-owned and community focused business succeed.

Update on The Forum

Friends of The Forum has been working tirelessly to rehabilitate the historic Forum Building located at 43rd and Calumet with the hopes of restoring it to its former glory. To date, the 328 slot is now fully cleaned out, with the west wall ready for patching and painting and all of the lathe removed from the east wall. The paint on the eastern facade of the Forum was difficult to remove. However, they were able to scrape off enough of the 5+ layers of paint to earn a few glimpses of the wall's natural brick. They now know that the brick is in good shape and that they'll need multiple strategies to remove all of the paint. They're currently researching best stripping agents for removing the remaining paint as sandblasting and power washing were determined to be too destructive.

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Building a New Chicago

Mayor Emanuel has announced a \$7 billion, three year infrastructure program, Building a New Chicago, which is one of the largest investments in infrastructure in the City's history. The program will touch nearly every aspect of the city's infrastructure network and create more than 30,000 jobs over the next three years. The initiative will include improvements to parks, schools, CTA stations, O'Hare Airport, water and sewer lines, and more. To learn more about Building a New Chicago, visit www.cityofchicago.org Alderman Dowell would like to know what you think of this initiative, so please feel free to provide your feedback by e-mailing ward03@cityofchicago.org or calling the Third Ward office at (773) 373-

Events in and around the Ward

Open Mic for Peace in the Hood

Imagine Englewood If... is hosting the Pocket Change for Youth Teen Summit that will feature positive rap and spoken word related to anti-violence in Englewood. In addition to spoken word, there will be essay awards, entertainment, food and refreshments, DJ Dap, and door prizes. For more information, please call (773) 488-6704 or visit www.imagineenglewoodif.org.

Where: Imagine Englewood If (730 W. 69th St.)

When: Saturday, April 7th from 1-4pm

Center for Inner City Studies Open House

For over forty-six years, the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CCICS) of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) has offered unique, African-centered bachelor and master degree programs. You are invited to come visit their campus to learn more about their academic programs, tradition of excellence, financial aid, student support services, admission requirements, scholarships, fellowships, and more.

Where: Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (700 E. Oakwood Blvd.)

When: Wednesday, April 11th from 4-7pm and Thursday, April 12th from 10am to 1pm

2nd District Youth in Action

The 2nd District will be hosting an orientation for youth and parents interested in learning about the free youth programs offered by the Chicago Police. Parking is available on Wentworth or in rear lot of station. For more information, please contact P.O. Jones and P.O. Singleton at (312) 747-5109.

Where: 2nd District Station Auditorium (5101 S. Wentworth)

When: April 12th, 5-6:30pm

How Do Arrest Records Affect You or Someone You Know?

Sponsored by the Adler School of Professional Psychology's Institute on Social Exclusion is hosting this event so you can add your voice to over 200 people who have already spoken. Featured speakers include representatives from the Adler School of Professional Psychology, Teamwork Englewood, the Safer Foundation, and the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. For more information, please contact Teamwork Englewood at (773) 488-6600 or the Alder Institute on Social Exclusion at (312) 662-4012.

Where: Teamwork Englewood (815 W. 63rd St., 4th Floor)

When: April 13th from 2-4pm

Bronzeville Parent University

The Bronzeville Community Action Council's Parent Engagement Committee is hosting a parent workshop that will cover internet safety/bullying, challenges for parents with special needs children, effective parenting, and countering messages in today's pop culture. This will be a fun event with breakfast served, resources, and prizes. Please RSVP by calling (773) 553-5664. For more information, please contact Marie Penny at (773) 543-0341 or e-mail bronzevillecac53@gmail.com.

Where: Dunbar Vocational High School (3000 S. King Dr.)

When: April 14th from 9am to 12pm

Events in and around the Ward (continued)

Employment Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Community Seminar

Presented by the Saint John's Community Outreach Association and hosted by Attorney Richard Bordelon, this free community seminar will help attendees understand:

1. What are discriminatory, abusive and/or inappropriate behaviors in workplace?
2. When and how to report abuse?
3. What are employee's rights?

When: Saturday, April 14th from 10am to 1pm

Where: Saint John Church- Baptist Banks Hall (4821-35 S. Michigan)

Lakeside Community Development Corporation's 2012 Annual Bowl-a-Thon

Lakeside CDC is a HUD-certified counseling agency that has several programs available to assist renters, owners, and buyers. The proceeds from the 2012 Bowl-a-Thon will go towards their programs that assist more than 700 individuals and families each year. If you would like to be a team captain, a bowler, or would just like to make a donation, please call Brian or Damian at (773) 381-5253 ext. 104.

Where: Timber Lanes (1852 W. Irving Park Rd.)

When: April 14th from 2-6pm

15th Annual 4 Men Only Health Fair

Tell your fathers, brothers, sons, and friends. Sponsored by the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, the 4 Men Only Health Fair will feature free private doctor consultations, eye screenings, free blood pressure screening, HIV rapid screening, free lab work for PSA (must present photo id with current address), cholesterol and diabetes screenings. A free lunch will be served after the screenings are complete. To register, please call (312) 572-2742.

Where: Provident Hospital (500 E. 51st St.)

When: Saturday, April 21st from 11am to 2pm

2012 Spring Clean and Green

We were fortunate enough to have a very mild winter here in Chicago. Although it was nice to have more days to be outside with friends and family, it contributed to an increased need for clean up. We really need our community members and organizations to step up and beautify our neighborhoods. Even though the Spring Clean and Green is not until April, it is never too early to start organizing your group of volunteers. Call Allyson at the Third Ward Aldermanic Office (773) 373-9273 or the Third Ward Streets and Sanitation Office at (312) 747-6181 **before April 13th** to make arrangements to get all of the rakes, brooms, shovels, bags, and other materials to get the job done.

Where: Locations throughout the Third Ward that need a good cleaning

When: Saturday, April 21st

Mortgage Relief Project

Governor Pat Quinn has established the Mortgage Relief Project to help you take advantage of new government programs that can help you lower your mortgage payments, avoid foreclosure, and keep your home. Free housing counseling is available at this event hosted by State Senator Jacqueline Collins, State Senator Mattie Hunter, State Representative Esther Golar, State Representative Ken Dunkin, State Representative Mary Flowers, and State Representative Andre Thepedi. Be sure to bring your latest mortgage documents, two most recent paystubs, and your state ID. To register for the event or to get more information, please call (800) 532-8785 or visit www.idfpr.com.

Where: Kennedy-King College (6301 S. Halsted)

When: Saturday, April 21st from 9am to 1pm (registration until noon)

Bring the Family to the Table

Enjoy a free family night meal, learn about nutritionally balanced meals, watch cooking demonstrations, and participate in fun and games at the Chicago Park District's Bring the Family to the Table event. Sharing a good home cooked meal is a great way to connect with family. For more information, please call (773) 256-0926.

Where: Sherwood Park Wellness Center (5701 S. Shields)

When: April 25th from 6-7:30pm

Events in and around the Ward (continued)

Expungement Informational Services

Career Exchange presents Expungement Informational Services, which will feature information on employment, job training, health care and other services for ex-offenders. Topics to be covered will include: expungement, seal of case(s), Governor request, application process, and preparation for adults & juveniles. The speakers at this event will be Tony Lowery, Safer Foundation; Beth Johnson, Cabrini Legal Assistance; Vicki Rogers, Cook County Public Defenders Office; Sandy Lewis, Cook County States Attorney Office; and Tony Land, Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Please call 773.924.3232 to confirm your seat for this event or email your attendance and the number of people attending to careerexchange@fmbcship.org.

Where: Fellowship Baptist Missionary Church in the Children's Sanctuary (4543 S. Princeton)

When: April 28, 2012 10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Prom Party with a Purpose

Join the 7th District Domestic Violence Subcommittee for food, fun, safe driving presentations, dating tips, and much more at Prom Party with a Purpose. The 7th District is also collecting gently used dresses, suits, and accessories that can be used at upcoming proms, luncheons, and graduations. For more information, please contact the P.O. Linda Creighton or P.O. Angela Wormley at (312) 747-8220.

Brown Derby Jazz Review



Every Thursday Night a Live Jazz Event called the Brown Derby Jazz Revue hosted by the Heritage Entertainment Preservation Project is attracting more and more audiences to the area. The Project pays tribute to Bronzeville's legendary past when clubs like the Brown Derby, formerly located on 51st Street, were frequented destinations to patrons seeking good food and live entertainment.

Local favorites like Maggie Brown, Mistress of Ceremonies and Jazz song stylist Alexis (aka Sandra Bivens) and The Vision Band featuring Roger Weaver (piano), Keith Austin (drums) and James Thornton (guitar) are a seasoned house band. Local artists know these talented musicians and enjoy sitting in with this trio or staying after the second

show for the popular jam session. Senabella, Kelli Rich, Tracee Adams (Blues) and Marcus Gentry have also become regular featured artists on the monthly calendar.

Where: Great Lakes Elks Lodge, King Tut Room (5108 S. Prairie)

When: Every Thursday evening (dinner at 5pm, happy hour w/ DJ Satin Doll from 5-7pm, The Vision Band at 7pm, featured artists shows at 7:30 and 9:30pm, Jazzy Steppin' at 8:30, and The Vision Band Open Jam Session at 9pm.)

Important Announcements

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Gallery 37 Advanced Arts Education Program provides high school juniors/seniors who show exceptional talent and interest in the arts rigorous instruction and career guidance in an inspiring setting, the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. To supplement classroom learning, students also benefit from master classes, field trips, public art exhibitions, and a showcase of their visual, performing, and culinary arts.

This is a Chicago Public Schools program where students earn TWO honors credits toward graduation upon successful completion of a year of study and course objectives. Students may also earn TWO Advanced Placement credits for classes in drawing and painting, sculpture, and photography. As part of the students' school day, classes meet five days a week from 2:00-4:00 p m for the entire school year at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts; located at 66 East Randolph Street. Students receive daily bus passes for roundtrip transportation.

Start the enrollment process today. Complete the program application, which can be found at www.37advanced.org or by asking your school counselor. Interested students should call 312-742-1461 or e-mail rherlo@cityofchicago.org to schedule an Interview/ Portfolio Review/ Audition.

Important Announcements (continued)

Scholarship Opportunity

The Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) offers a variety of scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$6,000 to deserving students nationwide. Selections are made annually by a team of industry professionals and representatives from the academic community. The National Scholarship Program supports the mission of COMTO by promoting, strengthening and expanding the roles of minorities in all aspects of transportation. For more information about the program, please visit www.comto.org. **The final application deadline for the 2012 National Scholarship Program is Friday, April 20, 2012.**

Project SOAR Summer Nutrition Aide Program Youth Employment Opportunity

The University of Illinois Chicago's (UIC) Center for Literacy sponsors this summer program that places teenagers in sites throughout the city to work as nutrition aides. Nutrition Aides will work in a community setting serving summer lunches and leading fitness and nutrition activities for children. They will also attend interactive trainings and gain valuable experience for their resumes while getting paid.

The application drop-off and pick up period is until April 19th, 2012, Monday through Thursday, from 3-6pm. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the 1st floor lobby of 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd. (at Ashland). For more information, please contact (312) 413-7403.

Internship Opportunities for Small Businesses

Small businesses and non-profits are encouraged to sign-up for the Chicago Public Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Internship program **by April 15th** where high school students studying career paths within your industry get the opportunity to participate in internships at your business providing you both trained assistance and community/youth outreach potential. For small businesses and non-profits, a limited amount of supplemental funding is anticipated to be available.

The Summer Internship Program is a five-week, paid internship for student interns to work in your place of business from July 1-August 3rd. Please note: The business must not be a home-based business **RSVP by April 15th** at <http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/cte/employer/host-application?pdl=mrfordsteele>.

For more information, please contact Maji Ford-Steele at mrford-steele@cps.k12.il.us. Once your confirmation is received, you will be contacted to get some additional information so that we can provide more information on available funding and make an optimal match between CPS students and your background.

Harvard Financial Aid Initiative

The Harvard Financial Aid Initiative is for low and moderate income students, under which families with incomes currently below \$60,000 are not expected to contribute to college costs. Beginning in the fall of 2012, financial aid will be further expanded for low income students, when this income level will be increased to \$65,000. For more information, please visit <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do>

Washington Park Children's Free Health Clinic

Free vaccines as well as immunizations, strep tests, urgent care, physicals, and well child check-ups performed by University of Chicago doctors are available every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm at 5350 S. Prairie. No appointment is needed and free transportation is available. For more information, please call (773) 924-0220 ext. 110.

Citizens Utility Board Utility Assistance

The Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) is a non-profit organization that fights for the rights of residential utility customers throughout Illinois. They work to lower utility rates and have a website at www.cubenergysaver.com that allows people to more effectively manage their utilities. Their free services include Phone Bill Clinics where CUB staff members will go over a consumer's land line phone bill to help them save money and Speaking Engagements where CUB's outreach team will offer information on a wide variety of subjects.

IDES Enhanced Language Translation Services

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) is excited to announce enhanced language translation services offered by the department. Visitors to the IDES website can explore new career opportunities, obtain information on how to build a business, and access tips to aid in their job search. The translation effort converts English text on the website to Spanish, Polish, Simplified Chinese, and Russian. Other language translations can be provided upon request. For more information, visit www.ides.illinois.gov.

Important Announcements (continued)

Is Your Dog Registered?

Registering your dog can be done at any City Clerk office location or online. By Municipal Code 7-12-140, all dogs four months and older must be registered with the City of Chicago.

The benefits of registering your dog include: raising money for Animal Care and Control, being able to find your dog in the event he or she gets lost, and the ability to enjoy Dog Friendly Areas at Chicago Parks. The costs are as follows:

- * Sterilized dog (neutered male, spayed female).... \$5
- * Sterilized dog with a Chicago owner over age 65.... \$2.50
- * Unsterilized dog....\$50
- * Unsterilized dog with a Chicago owner over age 65....\$5
- * Replacement licenses are available at half the otherwise applicable fee, a maximum of \$20.

Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination. Your dog registration expires one year after the date of your dog's rabies vaccination. Registrations are sold in 1 year or 3 year increments (to coincide with rabies vaccinations).

Future Leaders in Planning

The 2012-13 application is now available for CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP). Selected high school students from around the region meet one Saturday a month and go behind the scenes to learn about what keeps our region strong, safe, healthy, and moving. Any freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the CMAP region is eligible to apply. For more information, contact Ricardo Lopez at rlopez@cmmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8766.

Youth Summer Employment Program

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) is requesting proposals from qualified organizations for its 2012 Youth Summer Employment Program.

Selected respondents will help young people ages 16 - 24 develop work readiness and employability skills and identify and secure structured work experiences in public and nonprofit organizations as well as private sector businesses.

This is a competitive process open to all entities: non-profit, for-profit, faith-based, private and public. Responding organizations should be able to demonstrate specific knowledge and experience in youth development, work experience development and placement, youth mentoring, and the specific neighborhoods, communities and schools whose youth they propose serving.

Youth enrolled in the program will participate in a minimum of 120 hours of combined skills development, training, recreation and positive work experience during a six-week period from July 9 to August 17, 2012. All participants will receive stipends.

The RFP and related materials are due by April 13th and can be found on the DFSS website: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/fss.html>.

Open Positions at the Chicago Transit Authority

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has several positions open for qualified candidates. To view job postings and post your resume, visit <http://www.transitchicago.com/careers/>

Laborer Apprentices

The City of Chicago Department of Water Management is hiring Laborer Apprentices where you can receive on the job training, classroom training, and work experience. The salary starts at \$21.12/hour. Applicants must be 18 years old at time of application and must **apply online between March 30th and April 13th** at <http://www.cityofchicago.org/CAREERS>

If you need assistance with your application, call the Department of Human Resources at 312-744-4976 or visit City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, Room 100 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also access our Candidate Experience Guide that will walk you through our application process at http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/dhr/supp_info/Candidate_Experience__v14_3-10.pdf

Important Announcements (continued)

Open Position at The Southwest Youth Collaborative

The Chicago-based Southwest Youth Collaborative (SWYC) is seeking bids for a Communications Coordinator this is a Contractual position.

Summary: The Communication Coordinator will be responsible for developing a comprehensive communications plan, implement communication strategies to broaden the impact of SWYC programs and mission. The communications Coordinator will coordinate all aspects of marketing, branding, external communications, website, newsletters, and annual report.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate and develop communication strategy that will broaden programmatic reach and deepen impact.
2. Coordinate public communication, including the development, production, and distribution of marketing materials for the organization and its programs and initiatives
3. Manage external communication associated with building support at the community level.
4. Develop, maintain, and update the SWYC website, e-blasts, brochures, press release, annual report and newsletter.
5. Oversee organizational response to inquiries about SWYC
6. Demonstrate ability to effectively utilize modern social media.
7. Must possess significant communications experience
8. Excellent writing/editing and verbal communication skills

Please contact: Sonia Diaz-Rangel via e-mail at sdrangel@swyc.org. For questions, please call Sonia at (773) 476-3534 ext. 263. The Southwest Youth Collaborative is an equal opportunity employer. Women, people of color, LGBTQ people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Management Trainee Positions at Jewel-Osco

Jewel-Osco at 443 E. 34th Street is interviewing for Management Trainees on 4/27/12. Stop by the service desk for details. This is a structured training program with excellent benefits, and an associate discount. To complete an application visit www.jewelosco.com. Pre-employment drug screening required.

Volunteer Deputy Registrars Needed

Committeeman Dowell is looking for Volunteer Deputy Registrars. There are several training sessions throughout April, May, and June that will help prepare volunteers. Please call (773) 373-3303 if you are interested in being a Volunteer Deputy Registrar. Remember, the last day to register to vote for the November 6th General Election is October 9th, 2012.

New Academic Calendar Chicago Public Schools

Both CPS Regular (R) and Early (E) track calendars will see the following changes:

- Ten additional days of student attendance for a total of 180 days.
- More full, five-day weeks from 20 to 29 weeks for Track R and from 22 to 29 weeks for Track E.
- Reducing holidays from ten to eight, changing Columbus and Pulaski Days from holidays to student attendance days.

Conversion of report card pick-up days to student attendance days.

Specific changes to the Track E calendar include:

- The school year will begin on Monday, August 13, 2012 and end on Monday, June 17, 2013. Both days are full days of school for students.

- Placement of vacation breaks (intercessions) in the Track E calendar will now fall at the end of academic quarters to minimize interruptions for students during the academic quarter.

Schools will be closed for the following breaks (intercessions): - Fall break (intercession): closed from October 15, 2012 to October 26, 2012 - Winter break (intercession): closed from December 17, 2012 to January 4, 2013 - Spring break (intercession): closed from April 1, 2013 to April 5, 2013. This will now be one week shorter than this year.

Specific changes to the Track R calendar include:

- The school year will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 and end on Monday, June 17, 2013. Both days are full school days for students.

Schools will be closed for the following breaks:

- Winter break: closed from December 24, 2012 to January 4, 2013
- Spring break: closed from April 1, 2013 to April 5, 2013

Important Announcements (continued)

Meatless Mondays in May (MMM)



Going meatless once a week may reduce your risk of chronic preventable conditions like cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity. It can also help reduce your carbon footprint and save precious resources like fresh water and fossil fuel.

Meatless Monday is a non-profit initiative of The Monday Campaigns, in association with the Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health. We provide the information and recipes you need to start each week with healthy, environmentally friendly meat-free alternatives. Our goal is to help you reduce your meat consumption by 15% in order to improve your personal health and the health of the planet.

Presidents Wilson, Truman and Roosevelt galvanized the nation with voluntary meatless days during both world wars. Our intention is to revitalize this American tradition. We're spearheading a broad-based, grassroots movement that spans all borders and demographic groups. By cutting out meat once a week, we can improve our health, reduce our carbon footprint and lead the world in the race to reduce climate change.

Save Some Green By Being Green



Chicago's Sustainable Backyards Program is an educational and incentive program that highlights the many ways Chicago residents can create more environmentally-friendly landscapes in their yards. Together, as more and more residents install a rain barrel or plant a tree, we will make a positive impact on our quality of life in Chicago!

You can receive a 50% rebate on your next purchase of trees (up to \$100), rain barrels (up to \$40), native plants (up to \$60), and/or compost bins (up to \$50). To find out more about the Chicago Sustainable Backyards Program, the benefits of trees, native plants, rain barrels, and composting, fill out a rebate form, see a list of participating vendors, and find out about upcoming workshops, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/rainbarrel.

To receive periodic updates about the program including new incentives and workshop dates, send us an email at rainbarrel@cityofchicago.org or call us at 312.743.9283. We will automatically add you to our contact list.

Free Emergency Preparedness Alerts

Notify Chicago is a free emergency preparedness program that provides information on traffic disruptions, severe weather, and other major incidents directly to cell phones via text message or to the home or work voicemail of residents who sign up for the free program. Cell phone provider text rates may apply based on individual plans. To learn more about Notify Chicago and sign up for the program, visit <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/oem.html>. Additionally, Alert Chicago at www.alertchicago.com provides extensive information and recommendations.

Third Ward Star

Jay Travis



For 11 years, Jay Travis has been the Executive Director at the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO). Under Ms. Travis' leadership, KOCO has grown into a powerful community-based organization that represents neighborhoods throughout the south side of Chicago. KOCO is involved in National Education Coalitions as well as youth, city-wide, and local organizing. Their goal is to build power that creates a level playing field in the realm of public debate, particularly as it relates to housing, education, and safe neighborhoods.

Ms. Travis was born and raised on Chicago's south side and attended Columbia College. She was recently featured in the Chicago Reader for her community organizing work. In that article, she was quoted as saying, "I think if I had to say why I stay involved with organizing, it's because I don't think people should have to accept unfair treatment with substandard living conditions based on their race and economic status. If you couldn't accomplish it through organizing, I wouldn't stick with organizing as a strategy for change. You might not get everything you want the first time around-often we have to live to fight another day-but you are able to engage people in taking action and working collectively."

This statement along with the work she and KOCO have done over the last 11 years sums up Ms. Travis' view on the power of organizing. Thank you Ms. Travis for all of the work you have done on behalf of our communities. We know she will continue fighting for social justice in whatever role she holds next.

April CAPS Schedule

Attending and participating in the Chicago Police's Community Policing Program (CAPS) is one of the best ways to address crime and quality of life issues in your neighborhood. By attending CAPS meetings, you can share important information with the police that will assist them in making arrests and preventing crime as well as receive valuable information about resources that promote homeowner and community safety. Visit www.chicagopolice.org to find out what district you live in and to learn more about what is happening in your neighborhood.

1st District

131/132
Apr. 17th @ 7pm
1st Dist. Station
(1718 S. State)

2nd District

211 Apr. 9th @6:30 Illinois College of Op- tometry (3240 S. Indiana)	212/214 Apr. 3rd @ 6:30 Oakwood Shores (3711 S. Vincennes)	213/215 Apr. 11th @ 6:30 St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)	221/223 Apr. 17th @ 6:30 King Center (4313 S. Cottage Grove)
224 Apr. 19th @ 6:30 Hall Branch Library (4801 S. Michigan)	225/231 Apr. 12th @ 6:30 Coppin AME Church (5627 S. Michigan)	233 Apr. 18th @ 6:30 Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (5480 S. Kenwood)	

7th District

711/712
Apr. 24th @ 6:30pm
7th Dist. Station
(1438 W. 63rd St.)

9th District

915 Apr. 4th @ 6pm St. Michael's (4756 S. Winchester)	924 Apr. 10th @ 6pm 9th Dist. Station (3120 S. Halsted)	925 Apr. 3rd @ 6pm Wentworth Gardens (3770 S. Wentworth)	931/933 Apr. 5th @ 6pm Chavez School (4747 S. Marshfield)
934 Apr. 12th @ 6pm Westhaven Homes (850 W. Garfield)	935 Apr. 18th @ 6pm St. Gabriel's (4500 S. Wallace)		

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Thursday: 12noon to 8pm (Ward Night from 6-8pm)
Friday: 9am to 1pm
Every Third Saturday: 10am to 1pm