



# Third Ward Newsletter June, 2013

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Dear Third Ward Resident,

Summer is upon us and with the warmer weather comes more opportunities to get outside and enjoy free events and resources throughout the city. Movies in the Parks and Bike to Work Week are just two examples of how Third Ward residents can enjoy the outdoors with their friends and family. Additionally, the receipt of new play-ground equipment at the Harding Playlot and the creation of the Bronzeville Little League will provide more children with outdoor activities.

The warm weather over the summer months also brings additional challenges. Typically, the rate of crime incidents increases, which means it is essential that as a community, we remain vigilant in prevention. Children will be out of school and their safety must be ensured as they play in the parks and other recreational areas. This is why summer youth employment like One Summer Chicago and recreational activities are so important.

We all know exactly how hot and humid Chicago's summers can be. It is important that our most vulnerable citizens (i.e. seniors and the disabled) have information regarding the city's Cooling Centers. The Cooling Centers closest to the Third Ward are located at the King Center (4314 S. Cottage Grove), the Garfield Center (10 S. Kedzie), and the Englewood Center (845 W. 69th St.). Residents can call 311 to request a well-being check for someone they are concerned about or to find out where the closest Cooling Center is.

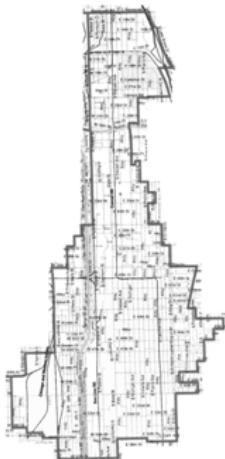
You will likely see me riding my bicycle around the Third Ward this summer and I encourage you to do the same. We will have new bike lanes and a new bike share program to make it easier for people to get some exercises and enjoy our beautiful city. I am looking forward to a great summer and I hope you are too!

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3rd Ward



## Third Ward Update



### Infrastructure Improvements

#### New Water Main-West 52nd Street

The Department of Water and Sewer Management crews will soon be installing 700 feet of 8-inch water main in W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, from S. Peoria Street to S. Halsted Street. The old pipe dates back to 1890, and needs to be replaced.

Work is expected to be completed in June 2013. Restoration will follow in July 2013. Dates may change depending on weather and other factors. If there is any appreciable change, residents will be notified.

Traffic will be able to flow on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street outside of working hours. When crews are working in the street, they have to close it to traffic for reasons of safety. You will always be able to reach your home or business, even if it means putting a metal plate in place. Outside of working hours, a lane will be left open for local traffic only. "No Parking" signs will be posted as needed during work hours (7am-4pm).

If you have questions or comments about the project, please feel free to contact Assistant Commissioner Tom LaPorte at 312-742-1021 at any time, you may leave a message.

## Third Ward Update (continued)

### Harding Playlot to Get a New Playground

Friends of the Park, the Chicago Park District, and Third Ward Alderman Pat Dowell are pleased to announce that Harding Playlot located at 49th and Calumet, has been selected as the one of the first playgrounds to be built in the first year of the Chicago Plays! program.

The Chicago Plays! Program has created much excitement and has gotten Chicagoans thinking about community and its importance to their parks. There were numerous outstanding nominations from community organizations across the city of Chicago, so the decision making process was a difficult one. The commitment and enthusiasm that our community displayed in the application was evident.

The Chicago Park District, Friends of the Parks, and Alderman Dowell are excited to work with the community to make this new playground a reality. This process will take place over the next few months where information regarding the anticipated construction date and playground designs will be shared and the community will have the opportunity to select playground equipment based on the provided designs.

Special thanks to Claudette Peterson for her leadership in making this happen and to Alderman Dowell for her support!

### Third Ward Calls for Service

According to 311 City Services, 508 calls were made to 311 from the Third Ward, which generated 722 city service requests in April, 2013. 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 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Streets and Sanitation Calls for Service for April, 2013	
Group	Total Requests
S.W.A.P.	717
Graffiti Removal	74
Preventative Baiting	73
Vehicle Impoundment	45
Immediate Tow	37
Parking Meter Sign Posting	33
Park Rodent Abatement	27
Sanitation Code Violation	20
Clean Vacant Lot	18
Dead Animal Pick-Up	17

Group	Total Requests	Completed Requests
311 City Services	42	41
Animal Care and Control	64	42
Budget and Management	1	0
Buildings	68	23
Business Affairs and Consumer Protection	19	11
Family and Support Services	115	115
General Services	1	1
Health	6	5
Police	9	5
Streets and Sanitation	185	119
Transportation	118	98
Water Management	80	64
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities	1	0
Zoning	2	0
Chicago Park District	2	2
Chicago Transit Authority	1	1
Com Ed	1	0
JC Decaux (Bus Shelters)	5	4

### The South Side gets \$150M in Technology Projects

Gigabit Squared is scheduled to construct 150 miles of underground fiber that will be needed for \$150 million in technology projects that will include a data center, a job training center, and ultra high-speed internet that will benefit residents, schools, hospitals, and businesses. Several areas of the Third Ward will benefit from these projects. For example, the historic Schulze Bakery Building located at 40 E. Garfield will serve as the technology center, which will create 30 full-time jobs. Click [here](#) to read the article in Chicago Grid Magazine.

### New Third Ward Businesses

**King Supermarket Inc.** (400 E. 41st St.)

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection has received an application for a retail food establishment and tobacco sales licenses for King Supermarket Inc. The store contact is Mohammad Hussein at (773) 615-5842.

# Third Ward Update (continued)

## Mariano's Update/African-American Contractors

Alderman Dowell is committed to ensuring the use of African-American owned contractors and sub-contractors for all construction projects in the Third Ward. The following list details the African American contractors/suppliers who have been contracted to work on the Mariano's project on 17th Clark.

AGB Investigative Services, Incorporated  
Ed Weathersby & Sons Plumbing, Water & Sewer, Inc.  
Glass Designers, Inc.  
JLL Construction Services, Inc.  
Livewire Electrical Systems, Inc.  
Power-one Supply, Inc.  
Trice Construction Company  
Ujamaa Construction, Inc.  
Vario Mechanical LLC  
Ardmore Associates, LLC  
Garth Building Products & Services

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Third Ward Project Manager Robert Charles at (773) 456-0864.

## Troubled Businesses

### Exclusive Trends Fashion (216 E. 47th St.)

On March 18, 2013, an investigation revealed that Exclusive Trends was in violation for not providing the required license for business and occupations. An Administrative Hearing was held at the Department of Administrative Hearings on May 24, 2013, resulting in a judgment being entered against the respondent, Exclusive Trends Fashion, in the amount of \$1,040.00.

### X-Cell Communications (315 E. 47th St.)

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection launched an investigation on March 18, 2013 that revealed X-Cell Communications was operating without the proper business license. A hearing was held at the Department of Administrative Hearings on April 26, 2013, resulting in a judgment being entered against the Respondent, X-Cell Communications, in the amount of \$1,040.00.

## New Bronzeville Little League

Started by Bronzeville Businessmen John Cook, Keith Alexander and Ken Dickerson, the first game was played on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at Metcalfe Park. Alderman Dowell threw out the honorary first pitch.

Lots of Parents attended and we hope this the start of more to come. Please support our young people by supporting initiatives like the Bronzeville Little League.



### Some items for parents and participants to note:

- Beginning Friday 5-17-13, practice groups will be divided between Tee-ball/Minor (4 yrs old-8 yrs old) & Majors (9yrs old-12 yrs old) for fundamental instructions.
- Minor league players are encouraged to suit up for Major league games and provide support and encouragement during games. Tee-ball/Minor league players can not play in Major league games.
- Players are expected to arrive at designated GAME DAY locations 30 prior to start of game for warm-ups and instructions.
- Players are expected to be at practice ON-TIME to receive FULL benefit of practice activities.
- Any schedule changes will be communicated as necessary.
- The league has until June 1st to add any additional players to the league. We encourage you to invite other families to participate and register their children.
- **Home Games** (Majors and Minors) - Metcalfe Field (4134 S. State Street)
  - **Practices** (Majors and Minors) Stateway Park (3658 S. State Street) and Ellis Park (535 E. 35th Street)
- **Away Games** (Majors and Minors)
  - South Side Little League - Tuley Park (501 E. 90th Place)
  - Rosemoore Little League - Gately Stadium (810 E. 103rd Street)
  - Skyline Little League - Lindbloom Field (6054 S. Damen Avenue)

## Third Ward Update (continued)

### Produce Cart and Food Truck in Third Ward

A new produce cart and food truck are coming to the 51st Street Green Line Station. Neighbor Cart produce stands operate as a fully licensed business in compliance with all City of Chicago ordinances and regulations. Produce stands currently operate in 10 locations around Chicago and operate on the City of Chicago public way. Each cart has a license and permit, the Mobile Produce Vending License issued by Chicago Department Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and a Public Way Permit issued by the Chicago Department of transportation.

Neighbor Cart produce stands do have the right to operate on private property with the permission of the property owner. In the case of private property access, the stand is only required by the City of Chicago to have the Mobile Produce Vending License. Of course, the stand must also be in compliance with any insurance, operating and liability needs of the property owner.

In addition to the Produce Cart, Alderman Dowell has approved the placement of a licensed food truck at the 51st Street Green Line Station in an effort to promote spin off economic benefits from the Red-line Reconstruction project. African American owned Flavor 180 which also operates a restaurant at 1511 S. State will operate this food truck.



### Bronzeville Artists Lofts

Last month, Alderman Dowell along with representatives from Madison Construction, the Guichard Project, the City of Chicago, the Near Northwest Arts Council, and Mercy Portfolio Services broke ground for the Bronzeville Artists Lofts at 436 E. 47th St. This \$6.9 million project is being funded by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and will feature a cafe/bakery, rooftop garden, community art programs, and a permanent art gallery. Artists who are working in the Bronzeville community will have first consideration when the units become available. Along with some of Alderman Dowell's other initiatives, this will help stimulate the 47th Street corridor.

## Events in and around the Ward

### Third Ward Townhall Meeting

Along with the monthly newsletter, the Dowell Report, and attendance at community meetings, regularly hosting town hall meetings is one way Alderman Dowell can relay important information to the community and receive important feedback. These meetings cover a broad array of topics from infrastructure to legislation and offer residents the chance to express their concerns and ideas.

On June 19th, Alderman Dowell will be hosting another Third Ward Town Hall Meeting. . Representatives from the Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems will be on hand to discuss the County Care Health Insurance Program. Additionally, updates on the Park Boulevard development will also be provided.

Where: Pilgrim Baptist Church (3300 S. Indiana)

When: June 19th, 6pm

### Third Ward City Sticker Sales

In conjunction with City Clerk Susan Mendoza, Alderman Dowell will be hosting her yearly vehicle/residential zone parking sticker sale. Please bring the following: money orders, checks, or credit cards for payment and **renewal form** (if the vehicle information or VIN is incorrect or you have purchased a new vehicle within the last year, please also bring your IL license plate registration card or your vehicle insurance card). **Residents must bring their renewal form to purchase a sticker.** For questions or further information, please contact the Third Ward office at (773) 373-9273.

Where: Third Ward Aldermanic Office (5046 S. State)

When: June 22, 2013, 10am to 2pm



## Events in and around the Ward (continued)

### **47th & King TIF-NIP Meeting**

The Tax Increment Finance-Neighborhood Improvement Program (TIF-NIP) is a Department of Housing and Economic Development (HED) -administered program that has been providing home repair grants in eligible TIF districts since 1999. The program provides home repair grants for both single and multi-family residences. Grants are primarily for exterior repairs however, up to 30 percent of the grant may be used for interior repairs that are health and safety related. Grant amounts are based on the number of units per residence. To find out more about the TIF-NIP program, click [here](#).

Alderman Dowell regularly makes funding available to homeowners through the TIF-NIP program. On June 25th, she will be hosting a community meeting for residents of the 47th/King Dr. TIF. Officials from the Department of Housing and Economic Development will be on hand to provide an explanation of the program, discuss eligibility requirements and grant amounts, and distribute applications. The 47th/King Dr. TIF is roughly bordered by Pershing Rd., 51st St., St. Lawrence, and State St. If you are unsure if you live in the 47th/King Dr. TIF, please call the Third Ward office at (773) 373-9273.

Where: Illinois Service Federal (4619 S. King Dr.)

When: June 25th, 6pm

### **Community Intake Session: Positions Available through the 2013 School Investment Program**

The Design-Builders are seeking skilled trade workers and non-construction related staff. They anticipate a demand for carpenters, electricians, and painters.

Please bring a copy of: photo identification (driver's license or state id), a resume (if available), and a copy of your union card, certifications and/or credentials (if available and/or applicable). Copies will not be made on site. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Building Commission at (312) 744-3090

When: June 4, 2013, 9am-1pm and June 11, 2013

Where: Ray and Koan Kroc Corps Community Center Theater (1250 W 119th Street)

OR

When: June 7, 2013, 9am-1pm

Where: Harry S. Truman College, Novar Hall, Room 3426, (1145 W. Wilson Ave)

### **CPS School Transition and Safety Planning Meetings**

Please note that some of the times and locations for these meetings have changed since the initial announcement. Click [here](#) to see an entire schedule for all the meetings. The upcoming meetings for schools in and around the Third Ward are:

#### **Pershing East and Pershing West Consolidation**

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

When: June 5, 2013, 5-6:30pm

#### **Mayo Consolidation into Wells Prep**

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

When: June 5, 2013, 7-8:30pm

#### **Urban Prep Facility Sharing with Drake Elementary at the Williams Multiplex**

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

When: June 12, 2013, 5-6:30pm

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## 2013 Toast of the South Loop

Join the Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance (PDNA) at the 2013 Toast of the South Loop, their exclusive tasting event where you will experience a fabulous wine and beer tasting, as well as a delectable selection of food from over 20 Near South and South Loop restaurants. This event will feature also feature, live jazz music and Mini-Tours of the Landmark Glessner House Museum.

Eat, drink and indulge your way through this tasting, showcasing PDNA's Toast Partners featuring: Argus Brewery, Cafe Bionda, Cafe Society, Chicago Oyster House, City Tavern, Connie's Pizza, Flo & Santos, Jimmy Green's, Kroll's South Loop, La Cantina Grill, Mangia Fresca, Moon Palace, Opart Thai House, Panozzo's Italian Market, Pizzeria Brandi, Reggie's, Scoops, Tapas Valencia, The Chicago Firehouse, Weather Mark Tavern, and Zapatista.

Tickets are required (6 ticket limit, 21 and older) and are \$35 in advance. Tickets can be purchased now on PDNA Website. For more information, contact (312) 869-9333.

Where: Glessner House Museum (1800 S. Prairie)

When: June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm

## Community Shredding Event

Organized by Chicago Community Bank, come out to have your documents shredded and enjoy food, fun, and giveaways!

Where: 1110 West 35th Street

When: June 14th, 10am-12pm

## Rabies Vaccinations and Microchips

The Cook County Animal and Rabies Control clinics allow affordable rabies vaccinations to bring all citizens into compliance with the law while providing an essential public health protection against a deadly disease that has caused public health concerns in four states over the past two years.

Rabies vaccines will cost \$7 for a one year and \$21 for a three year vaccine. Ferrets may only be vaccinated for one year and the cost of the vaccine is \$9. Pet owners can have their pets microchipped for \$10; however, this does not include the national registration fee. Cook County's low cost clinic services will be offered starting March 28 and running through October 30. The mobile clinics will operate at various locations throughout the County. Clinic hours are 10:00 am until 2:45 pm. The times and locations closest to the Third Ward are:

Where: McKinley Park (2210 W. Pershing)

When: June 11th

Where: Marquette Park (67th and Kedzie)

When: June 19th

## Big Momma March for Peace

This event is a call to action to keep our children safe from drugs, gangs, and guns. Congregations from churches in the area are invited to join the 2nd District Commander and 2nd District CAPS to take part in this year's event. To register your church for this event, please contact 2nd District CAPS Coordinator LeVonne Treadwell at (773) 981-7076.

Where: KLEO Center (119 E. Garfield)

When: June 8th, 11am

## Special Service Area #52 Open House

Special Service Areas, known as Business Improvement Districts or BIDs in other cities, are local tax districts that fund expanded services and programs through a localized property tax levy within contiguous areas. The enhanced services and programs are in addition to those currently provided through the City.

SSA-funded projects typically include but are not limited to: public way maintenance and beautification; district marketing and advertising; business retention/attraction, special events and promotional activities; auto and bike transit; security; façade improvements; and other commercial and economic development initiatives.

Join the 51st Street Business Association at the Open House for Special Service Area #52 where you can meet and greet local business owners, SSA Commissioners, and the staff of the 51st Street Business Association. For more information about the Open House, please call (773) 285-3401.

Where: 51st Street Business Association (220 E. 51st St.)

When: June 13th, 3-5pm

## Events in and around the Ward (continued)

### Ain't Misbehavin'

Please join Matthew House for a fabulous evening featuring the Fats Waller Musical Ain't Misbehavin'. Ticket Price \$50 and all proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the homeless men and women of Matthew House Chicago. For more information please call (773) 536-6628 or email [joannbrown@matthewhousechicago.org](mailto:joannbrown@matthewhousechicago.org). For a complete list of dates and showtimes for Ain't Misbehavin', please contact the Harold Washington Cultural Center at (773) 373-1900.

Where: Harold Washington Cultural Center (4701 S. King Drive)

When: June 22nd -Reception at 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm ◦ Showtime at 7:00pm

### 2013 Vendor Fair

This event provides an opportunity for vendors to learn about contracting opportunities with the City of Chicago and Cook County agencies and network with other business owners. There will be over 40 exhibitors in attendance including: the City of Chicago, Cook County, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, City Colleges, Cook County Forest Preserve, General Services Administration, Illinois Tollway, Illinois Department of Transportation, Central Management Systems, Public Building Commission, and the Water Reclamation District.

For more information, please visit [www.cityofchicago.org/procurement](http://www.cityofchicago.org/procurement).

Where: UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt)

When: June 24, 2013, 9am to 1pm (Registration at 8:30am)

### 13th Annual Movies in the Parks

The 13th Annual Movies in the Parks series kicks off Thursday, June 13 and will feature 195 screenings of current and classic movies in 150 citywide parks through September 14th.

The series is part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks initiative, which features more than 750 citywide cultural and arts activities this summer. Admission is free, and all movies begin at dusk (weather permitting). Call the Movies in the Parks hotline at (312) 742-1134 for daily listings and updated weather-related cancellations. Movies at Third Ward Parks are as follows:

Park	Date	Movie
Cottontail Park (44 W. 15 <sup>th</sup> St.)	June 14	Dolphin Tale
Chicago Women's Pk. and Garden (1801 S. Indiana)	June 19	Escape from Planet Earth
Anderson Park (3748 S. Prairie)	June 29	Sparkle (2012)
Fuller Park (331 W. 45 <sup>th</sup> St.)	July 18	The Wiz
Daniel Webster (1401 S. Indiana)	July 30	Hotel Transylvania
Wentworth Gardens (3770 S. Wentworth)	August 2	The Amazing Spider-Man
Lowe Park (5203 S. Lowe)	August 31	Jack the Giant Slayer

## Important Announcements

### Bike to Work Week - Bike Commuter Challenge

The Bike Commuter Challenge is free to your company and your staff people. Brought to you by the Active Transportation Alliance, they will show your employees a new perspective on commuting and have them smiling and ready for their best day of work. This is a great opportunity to build interpersonal relationships and promote a healthier, happier, and more productive workplace. Some of the documented employer benefits include reduced employer health costs, reduction in sick leave days, and reduction in worker's compensation and disability costs.

To get started, identify a team leader from your office. Active Transportation Alliance will provide the team leaders with everything they need to rally the office. The companies with the highest percentage of employees participating in Bike to Work Week (June 8-14) will be publicly recognized. Sign up today at [www.bikecommuterchallenge.org](http://www.bikecommuterchallenge.org).

## Important Announcements (continued)

### Online City Sticker Sales

The City of Chicago's City Vehicle Sticker system is in the midst of a historic change from seasonal to Year-Round Sales and City Clerk Susana A. Mendoza released an educational video to explain the transition. As more than 1.3 million motorists renew their stickers, the 2013-2014 Chicago City Vehicle sticker season is a unique opportunity to inform motorists about the changes to come. Visit [www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com) for more information and to view the video.

### New Malcolm X College & Allied Health Science Academy Community Jobs Program

The New Malcolm X College & Allied Health Science Academy Community Jobs Program has designated up to 120 of the total 950 construction jobs for qualified applicants from the community. The program will connect qualified individuals with training programs at the City Colleges' Dawson Technical Institute to prepare them for skilled positions on the Malcolm X College project. Financial assistance is available. Community Jobs Training Program Participation Criteria:

- **Education:** Requires training and certification from Dawson Technical Institute
- **Training:** Potential employees will need 8 weeks of training that include:
  - Construction safety
  - Flagger certification
  - OSHA certification
- **Requirements:**
  - 18 yrs +
  - High School Diploma or GED
  - Ability to pass a pre-employment drug screening
  - Valid Driver's License or Illinois State I.D. (establishing Chicago residency)

No outstanding debt to CCC at the time of enrollment (this agreement does not pay for any existing debt owed to CCC) Classes Begin June 7th at Dawson Technical Institute (3901 S. State St.) Pre-register today by submitting your name, phone number, and address to [mxconstruction@ccc.edu](mailto:mxconstruction@ccc.edu).

### Occupational Skills Training

Sponsored by Mid-South Workforce Development (4314 S. Cottage Grove) and the Chicago One Stop Careers Centers, all out-of-school youth ages 18-21 are encouraged to apply to this program that can assist with occupational skills training and job placement. If you are between the ages of 18 and 21 and are interested in learning more about how this program can assist you with achieving your professional, personal, and educational goals, please contact Betty Reid-Williams at (773) 538-5627, TTY (773) 538-8260.

### Summer Youth Employment Program RFA

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will administer a grant program that provides eligible youth with age appropriate job training, life skills, counseling, work-readiness skills and supervised meaningful work experience. This program presents an opportunity to connect youth to the skills that are needed to enter and advance in the workforce.

Eligible applicants must have administrative and fiscal capacity to administer the program according to the Department's requirements and have the capability to be the "EMPLOYER OF RECORD" including the administration of a payroll system for the employed youth. Priority will be given to projects that will target activity during the Summer of 2013 (starting July 1, 2013). Eligible applicants include:

- Community-based organizations throughout Illinois that have received state grant funds and successfully administered a summer youth employment program.
- Community-based organizations that have not received state grant funds (for summer youth programs) that can demonstrate the capacity to run a summer youth employment program in the following counties: Adams, Alexander, Coles, Cook, Crawford, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Kankakee, Macon, Marion, Massac, Peoria, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Sangamon, St. Clair, Union, Vermilion, Williamson, Winnebago.

**Applications for funding under this program are due by Thursday, June 13, 2013. Funding is subject to appropriation in the DCEO Fiscal Year 2014 budget.** Questions regarding this program should be directed to DCEO Grant Manager Tammy Stone at [Tammy.stone@illinois.gov](mailto:Tammy.stone@illinois.gov) or 217-557-5549.



## Important Announcements (continued)

### Chicago Residents Urged to Apply for Flood Assistance

Illinois residents including Chicagoans affected by the late April flooding and storms, can now call or go online to register for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

If you are not sure if you qualify visit: <http://www.fema.gov/do-i-qualify-assistance> for detailed information. To learn what type of damage related expenses are covered, visit: <http://www.fema.gov/disaster-assistance-available-fema> for detailed information.

#### Registration Process:

- Registering is an important way to help get you on the path to a variety of recovery programs.
- The major federal disaster declaration, signed by President Obama on May 10, offers Individual Assistance in the counties of: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Fulton, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry and Will.
- Residents can register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or
  - Individuals can call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- and Deaf/hard of hearing. If you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

Those interested in registering in-person will have an opportunity to do so - locations will be announced in the near future.

#### Information Needed to Apply:

Whether applying online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or over the phone through a FEMA call center, you should have a pen and paper and the following information ready:

- Your Social Security number
- Current and pre-disaster address
- A telephone number where you can be contacted
- Insurance information
- Total household annual income
  - A routing and account number from your bank (only necessary if you want to have disaster assistance funds transferred directly into your bank account)
  - A description of your losses that were caused by the disaster  
After you've completed your application for assistance, you will receive a FEMA application number. Write down this number and keep it for future reference.

If you have questions about FEMA assistance, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). You can also visit [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

### School-Based Vision Program Expansion

Last year, 200,000 CPS students were provided vision screenings; 30,000 of these failed that screening and were recommended to receive a comprehensive vision exam. Due to either a lack of access, information or resources, most of these 30,000 students did not receive the necessary vision exam or fitting for glasses.

Through the 2013 City budget, the City is investing \$1 million to close this gap of 30,000 students and establish a CDPH Vision Program to complement CPS' existing vision program. Among all school-age children, seventeen to twenty-five percent have vision problems that are significant enough to impair their academic performance.

Through this collaboration between CDPH and CPS, which launched May 15, 2013, 9 additional doctors will begin providing school-based services and glasses fittings for students. School-based eye exams will continue through the end of the school year and then resume when school starts again in August.

# Important Announcements (continued)

## Secretary of State's Persons with Disabilities Parking Program

Secretary of State Jesse White's office has recently begun the re-certification process for parking placards and license plates for the Secretary of State's Persons with Disabilities Parking Program. They anticipate their office will re-certify and reissue more than 700,000 disability license plates and parking placards before the end of this calendar year.

Residents may have questions regarding changes in the parking program contained in Public Act 97-0845. Please visit [www.cyberdrive.com](http://www.cyberdrive.com) for information regarding these changes. Enforcement of the new provisions begins on January 1, 2014.

## 2013 Summer Food Service Program- Free Healthy Summer Meals

Through the Department of Family and Support Services' 2013 Summer Food Service Program, all children ages 18 and younger in Chicago are eligible to receive free healthy meals. 2013 Summer Food Service Program meals will be distributed June 25 through August 23, 2013. Meals vary by location and may include two of the following: breakfast, lunch, dinner, or snack. For more information about the program, call 311 or visit [www.cityofchicago.org/fss](http://www.cityofchicago.org/fss).

## Family Sports Festival

The annual Family Sports Festival provides a free day of fun and fitness for Chicago children and adults alike. This community event provides people with an opportunity to experience a wide range of different sports through interactive stations featuring more than 25 sports and activities. Event attendees also have a chance to meet local Olympians, Paralympians and Chicago's professional sport teams and participate in games, win prizes and get autographs throughout the day. The health and wellness corner will feature free health screenings and an area where people can enjoy cooking demos while learning easy ways to eat better in their daily lives.

World Sport Chicago is also proud to partner with Catholic Charities on the kick-off of their 2013 Summer Food Program - providing all participants 18 and younger with a FREE, nutritious, lunch! With activities, entertainment, music, and more, the Family Sports Festival is a celebration of sports, health and wellness. For more information, please visit <http://www.worldsportchicago.org/programs/family-sports-festival/>.

When: Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 5pm

Where: Seward Park (located at the corner of Division and Orleans)

# June 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](http://www.chicagopolice.org) to find out what district you live in and to learn more about what is happening in your neighborhood.

<u>1<sup>st</sup> District</u>		<u>2<sup>nd</sup> District</u>		
131/132 June 18th @ 7pm Hilliard Home (30 W. Cermak)	133 June 19th @ 7pm Trinity Episcopal Church (125 E. 26 <sup>th</sup> )	211 June 10th @ 6:30pm Illinois College of Optometry (3240 S. Indiana)	212/214 June 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm Oakwood Shores (3711 S. Vincennes)	213/215 June 12th @6:30 St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)
				<u>7<sup>th</sup> District</u>
221/223 June 18th @ 6:30 King Center (4313 S. Cottage Grove)	224 June 20th @ 6:30 Hall Branch Library (4801 S. Michigan)	225/231 June 13th @ 6:30 Coppin AME Church (5627 S. Michigan)	233 June 19th @ 6:30 Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (5480 S. Kenwood)	711/712 June 25th @ 6:30pm 7th Dist. Station (1438 W. 63rd St.)
<u>9<sup>th</sup> District</u>				
915 June 11th @ 6:30 9th Dist. Station (3120 S. Halsted)	924/931/933 June 4th @ 6pm Park Federal Bank (1823 W. 47 <sup>th</sup> Street)	925 June 19th @ 6pm St. Gabriel's Church (4500 S. Wallace)	934/935 June 18th @ 6pm Westhaven Homes (850 W. Garfield)	

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