



Pat Dowell

Third Ward Alderman

Third Ward Newsletter

March 2019

Dear Third Ward Resident,

The snow has (*mostly*) melted away revealing everything that has been collecting on the ground over the winter. And that includes loose garbage, dog doo, discarded liquor bottles and other unsavory items. The City's street sweepers don't start until April 1st, but my office and the Department of Streets and Sanitation will do what we can to keep the public way clean. But to get the Ward back to the cleanliness level I know we all enjoy, we are going to need to work together. If residents can simply clean up the parkway in front of your homes, that would go a long way to beautifying the community. My office would be happy to schedule special pickups of bagged trash collected by residents. We can also supply trash bags, rakes, shovels and more if you and your neighbors want to get together to clean up an area together. We will do our part. Please do yours.

March is also Women's History Month. Tracing its origins to "Women's History Week" instituted by Congress in 1982, the entire month of March was designated Women's History Month by Congress in 1987 and since 1995 this designation has been upheld yearly through proclamations issued the president. I have been proud to be a part of multiple Chicago Women's Marches which reaffirmed my feelings regarding how far we have come, and how far we still have to go, as women in America. This March, in honor of Women's History Month, I hope you can take a moment - like I will - to think of and thank the women in your life that have had a profound effect on you.

If my team or I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out anytime at 773-373-9273. Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please share it with a neighbor or friend

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

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Third Ward Update

Dowell Cuts Ribbon for New South Loop Elementary School

Building on the opening of the new Bronzeville Classical School in September 2018 and Alderman Dowell in February 2019 cut the ribbon to open the new South Loop Elementary School Building located at 16th and Dearborn. The new South Loop Elementary School building is a 120,000 square foot, four-story facility with 32 typical classrooms, including: computer labs, science labs, art rooms, a gymnasium with stage, a student services center, a multipurpose room, and a rooftop play area. The site also includes a playlot, parking lot and landscaping.

The new building will accommodate Grades 4-8, and the facility at 1212 S. Plymouth Ct. will accommodate Grades K-3. Between both buildings, South Loop Elementary School has the capacity to serve approximately 1770 students. Principal Tara Shelton, the LSC, and the Space Planning Committee worked hard to address the persistent overcrowding at the Plymouth Street location. Thanks to CPS, PBC and Mayor Emanuel for your support of our students.



ComEd and Alderman Dowell Present New ARIS Lighting System



In early-February, Alderman Dowell cut the ribbon on two new off-grid wind/solar LED streetlights installed at Beethoven Elementary School. Thanks to a partnership with ComEd, the Bronzeville community is a leader in sustainable and renewable energy technologies as part of the Communities of the Future initiative. Now the students of Beethoven will have more light for safe passage as they leave the school especially during the winter months. And, during the summer months, the parking lot will be illuminated. Special thank you to Principal Mellodie Brown, ComEd VP Melissa Washington and her team (Shay, Cory, Michael, Sandor), 2nd District Commander Dion Boyd, and Senator Mattie Hunter. Finally, you can see the ComEd micro grid being constructed in the 3800 block of Michigan Avenue.

Alderman Dowell Honors Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, Alderman Dowell participated in numerous community events throughout the 3rd Ward. These events included the annual Black History celebration of the history of Chicago's Black Firefighters and Paramedics. This year's honoree is Richard C. Ford II, the 3rd Black firefighter to be appointed Chicago's Fire Commissioner.

She was also honored to attend the book signing and discussion with the author of *Black Heroes Of Fire*, retired fireman DeKalb Walcott, Jr. Bronzeville Historian Dr. Christopher Reed and DeKalb's son Matthew were also on the panel. The discussion highlighted the beginning of Chicago Engine Company Number 21, the first Negro fire company in Chicago. The 3rd Ward is proud to host the Chicago African American Firefighters Museum at 5349 South Wabash.



In addition, this year, the First Church of Deliverance is scheduled to make major interior and exterior repairs to the building. It's been a pleasure working with Pastor Bryson and the congregation on this project. The First Church of Deliverance is a historic Art Moderne-style landmark designed by Walter Bailey in 1939. Mr. Bailey was the first black architect registered in Illinois.

Finally, Alderman Dowell participated in the Black History Month Program at the Paul G. Stewart Apartments (400 E. 41st St.). This event honored all the black music genres - jazz, opera, calypso, gospel, reggae, and blues - where she received a certificate of appreciation from the senior residents of Paul G. Stewart Apartments.

Third Ward Update (Continued)

Southbridge Website Live

The website for the Southbridge Development (the former Ickes site at State St. and Cermak Rd.) is now live. Please visit www.southbridgechicago.com for the most up-to-date plans and information on the project.



Playground Equipment from Overton School Donated to Ghana

Kids Around the World is a nonprofit based in Rockford, Illinois that helps build playgrounds for children in developing countries that may not otherwise have access to proper playground equipment. Kids Around the World has worked in over 80 different countries, working in schools, orphanages, churches and parks. Through the generous donation of Ghian Foreman and his team, which owns the former Anthony Overton School (221 E. 49th St.), children in Ghana now have refurbished playground equipment to brighten their day.

Chicago Cares and United Airlines Volunteer in the 3rd Ward

In 2018, United Airlines partnered with Chicago Cares, Chicago Youth Programs (5350 S. Prairie) and Lincoln Perry Apartments (3245 S. Prairie) to do good in the Bronzeville neighborhood. Over 4 days in September and October 2018, United volunteers: made blankets for residents, prepared and served meals, tutored seniors in technology, painted murals, played bingo and interacted with residents, and prepared a community garden. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to volunteer in the 3rd Ward!

December 2018 311 Requests

Type	Number
Family and Support Services - Shelter Request	48
CDOT - Street Light Out	40
DWM - Water Meter Volunteer Program	29
Streets and Sanitation - Graffiti	22
CDOT - Pothole	20
Streets and Sanitation - Garbage Cart	14
Department of Buildings - Buildings Violation	14
CDOT - Traffic Signal Out	11
Streets and Sanitation - Abandoned Vehicle	9
Streets and Sanitation - Rodent Baiting	9

Rodent Baiting in Schools

CPS has taken a proactive approach to cleanliness in our schools by baiting for rodents in all CPS schools beginning January 4, 2019. The following schools serviced were bated on the below listed dates. Additional school cleanliness questions can be directed to CPS Facilities Department at 773-553-2900.

Mollison, Woodson South	January 2, 2019
Beethoven, Burke, Drake, South Loop	January 4, 2019
Bronzeville Scholastic, Chicago Military Academy	January 7, 2019
Beasley Academic Center	January 11, 2019
NTA, Wells, Ray Graham	January 23, 2019
Dwewy	January 24, 2019
Bronzeville Classical, Hendricks	January 28, 2019
Phillips	January 30, 2019

Third Ward Update (Continued)

Advanced Fiber Optic Installation in the 3rd Ward

In order to increase internet accessibility and performance, a series of advanced fiber optic projects are being undertaken in the 3rd Ward. These project will have a short-term affect on parking and traffic in the community. A list of projects, locations and proposed timelines (weather permitting) is below. Restoration for these projects will occur when the asphalt plants open in April/May, but the areas will be temporarily restored and made passable in the meantime. If you have questions or concerns about any of these projects, please call the 3rd Ward Public Service Office at 773-373-9273.

50th St. and King Drive 2/28 - 3/6	48th St. and King Drive 3/6-3/12
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Troubled Business - Chicago Valet Inc.

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection has performed an inspection of the 1725 S. Wabash Ave. As a result of the inspection, a hearing was held at the Department of Administrative Hearings on January 11, 2019, resulting in a judgement being entered against Chicago Valet, Inc. in the amount of \$140 for operating a parking garage without a business license.

Chicago Valet Inc. 1725 S. Wabash Ave.	Violations: Operating a parking garage without a business license
Date of Judgement: January 11, 2019	Resolution: Judgement of \$140 entered against Chicago Valet Inc.

No Fee Veteran's City Sticker

On Friday February 1, 2019, the Office of the City Clerk launched a pilot program that allows qualifying Veteran's with an Illinois Driver's License or State ID with a Veteran's designation issued on or before December 31, 2018 to be eligible to receive one No Fee City Sticker for a passenger, large passenger or motorbike for free. Qualifying Veterans will be able to take advantage of the program at one of the three Office of the City Clerk locations when their sticker is due up for renewal. The vehicle must be registered to the Veteran.

For Veterans who already receive a No Fee Veterans sticker, there will be no changes and they will continue as to qualify as before based on their license plates. If you have any additional question, you may call 312-742-5375.

Events in and Around the Ward

Preparing for Home Ownership

This class presented by the South Side Community Federal Credit Union will teach first time home buyers how to prepare for home ownership and learn important steps involved in the entire home buying process. Also learn about the benefits of receiving one-on-one housing counseling from a HUD-certified housing counseling agency. Space is limited so email sscfcu.outreach@att.net.

Where: 5401 S. Wentworth Ave., Suite 25
When: Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Children's Book-a-Thon

Children's books have been the bedrock of many of our childhoods. Help Logan Center Family Saturdays continue this tradition as we take an afternoon to celebrate the whimsical authors who provide us with creative children's stories and equally beautiful illustrations that transport us into another time and place. *This event is FREE

Where: Logan Center for the Arts - 615 E. 60th St.
When: Saturday, March 2nd from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Eat Well to Live Well

Prepare to be delighted! Presented by the Chicago Urban League and Sodexo, this event will show participants tips and tricks for healthy eating. RSVP by March 1st at 773-624-8800.

Where: Chicago Urban League (4510 S. Michigan Ave.)
When: Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 pm

Post Office Meeting

Aldermen Pat Dowell (3rd) and Sophia King (4th) are hosting officials from the United States Postal Service to discuss ongoing issues with the Henry McGee Post Office (46th and Cottage Grove). Questions, please call the 3rd Ward Public Service Office 773-373-9273.

Where: Northeastern Illinois - Carruthers Center (700 E. Oakwood Blvd.)
When: Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 pm

Community Strategic Plan Meetings

Please join the Chicago Police Department and your neighbors as we work together to implement our strategic crime reduction plan for the 002nd district. We want your input, ideas, and suggestions as we put together this plan. We all need to work together to keep our city safe. COME OUT AND GET INVOLVED !! For more information contact the 2nd District Community Policing Office at 312-747-5109.

<p>XS Tennis 5336 S. State ST. Tuesday, March 12th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>	<p>St. Elizabeth Church 4058 S. Michigan Ave. Tuesday, March 26th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>
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One Central Station Town Hall Meeting

Alderman Pat Dowell invites residents to a presentation on the proposed One Central Station development. At the meeting, residents will be introduced to the project and have the opportunity to have their questions answered directly by the Landmark development team. For information please call the 3rd Ward Public Service Office at 773-373-9273.

Where: McCormick Place West (2301 S. Indiana Ave., Room W184)
When: Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm

NHS Annual Awards Dinner

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago will host its 2019 Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Marriott Chicago Downtown. We invite you to help us celebrate this inspirational evening honoring civic leaders positively impacting Chicagoland communities. For more information regarding the event, including sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer Conway at 773-329-4138 or email jconway@nhschicago.org. To buy tickets please go to www.nhschicago.org.

Where: Marriott Chicago Downtown (541 N. Rush St.)
When: Thursday, March 21st from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Events in and Around the Ward (Continued)

Color of Art

The Illinois Institute of Technology are hosting a free screening for the documentary, The Color of Art, by David Weathersby. It was originally screened last year in the Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Center. The registration link on Eventbrite can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-screening-of-the-color-of-art-tickets-54774710634>

Where: McCormick Tribune Conference Center (3201 S. State St.)

When: Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00 pm

TAHIRA Productions - Story & All That Jazz

This duo performance, which features storyteller TAHIRA accompanied by Lorenz Abeeku Wheatley, master jazz musician, seamlessly weaves story and music. Questions about the story content and instruments are expertly woven into the performances, allowing the students to spontaneously engage. This high-energy and interactive program enables students to be totally immersed in the experience. Call 773-702-5146 or email dominiquelboyd@uchicago.edu for reservations.

Where: Logan Center for the Arts (915 E. 60th St.)

When: Wednesday, March 27th from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

14th Annual Design Youth Forum - AFROFUTURISM

Come and spend two days with Osmosis' "Dynamic Design Makers" as they take you on a journey through the dynamic world of design via the eclectic diaspora of "Afrocentric" design known as AFROFUTURISM. This year's 14th Annual Design Youth Forum will educate students about the beauty, power and brilliance of black art and design. For information email info@projectosmosis.

Museum of the Art Institute of Chicago	School of Design at UIC
Thursday, March 28th 10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Friday, March 29th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Aero-STEM Expo

Once again, the Illinois Institute of Technology is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Aero-STEM Expo for children interested in the field of aviation. The registration link is on Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aerostem-expo-2019-tickets-55233400588>

Where: Hermann Hall (3241 S. Federal St.)

When: Saturday, March 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Important Announcements

South Loop Event Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions are in place for the South Loop from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Rd. from Lake Shore Drive to Clark St. during all Chicago Bears football games and many other Soldier Field events, **Wintrust Arena events have been removed from the parking restrictions.** Vehicles parked in the South Loop without a valid South Loop Event Parking Pass, South Loop Event Guest Pass or Residential Permit Parking pass (for Residential Permit Parking Streets ONLY) are subject to ticketing or towing.

For a complete list of Soldier Field events, please visit www.SoldierField.net/event. The 3rd Ward is providing the list below as a courtesy to residents and visitors and does not assume liability for the accuracy of the monthly list of South Loop events. All Soldier Field events are subject to change, including cancellation or the scheduling of additional events. It is your responsibility to adhere to the parking restrictions in place.

DePaul Men's Basketball vs. St. John's - Sunday, March 3rd at 11:00 am (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)	DePaul Men's Basketball vs. Georgetown - Wednesday, March 6th at 7:30 pm (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)
2019 Big East Women's Tournament First Round - Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 pm (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)	2019 Big East Women's Tournament Quarter Finals - Sunday, March 10th at 12:00 pm (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)
2019 Big East Women's Tournament Semi-Finals - Monday, March 11th at 3:00 pm (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)	2019 Big East Women's Tournament Finals - Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)
NCAA 2019 Women's Regional Basketball Tournament - Saturday, March 30th at 3:00 pm (<i>Wintrust Arena</i>)	

Property Tax Appeal Information

3rd District County Commissioner Bill Lowry's office has put together the latest information on property tax appeals for Chicago residents. Please click go to billowry.com/resource-property-tax-appeal/ for a summary document. Included in the document is information for residents looking to file their Property Tax appeal, seniors looking to file their annual appeal and seniors filing their Property Tax Freeze documentation. Questions, please call your Cook County Commissioner, which can be found at 312-443-5500.

Avoid a Tax Scam!

It's tax season! Around this time many people fall prey to impersonation emails or phone calls that appear to be from the IRS. Scammers spend a lot of time and resources to convince their victims to divulge personal information. Often, these efforts are an attempt to steal your identity, tax refund, or credit card and banking details.

Be very careful to whom you divulge your personal information. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media to request personal or financial information (for example, PINs, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts). For more information, visit irs.gov.

To avoid being a victim, follow these three quick tips:

1. If you receive a phone call, only return the call using a verified phone number found on irs.gov.
2. If you receive an email claiming to be from the IRS, don't click on the link; instead, open a browser and navigate directly to the appropriate location on irs.gov.
3. Don't share your information with unverified sources; exact tax refund amounts can be combined with other personal information to file false tax returns.

KICS Spring Soccer

KICS is getting ready for its 14th year of youth soccer at Dunbar Park (300 E. 31st St.). Girls and boys ages 2-14 can register today at www.chicagokics.org.

First Church of Deliverance Food Pantry

First Church of Deliverance Children's Church (4317 S. Wabash) hosts a food pantry every Monday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm serving the zip codes of 60615 and 60653. For information on the pantry, please call 773-373-7700 or email foodpantry@fedchicago.org.

Be One of the Chicago 200

A group of young people from across the city and suburbs will come together for a powerful leadership experience to answer this question: What do we want Chicago to be known for on its 200th birthday?" This program is led by a partnership between The Chicago Community Trust and Common Purpose. For more information and to apply go to www.Chicago200.com.

Employment and Training

Titan Security Open House

Started in 1977, Titan Security is one of the largest privately-held security services providers in the Chicagoland area and they are growing! Join a leading company in one of the fastest growing industries. Qualifications High School diploma or general education degree (GED) and at least 1 year prior satisfactory employment as an Unarmed Security Officer or directly related experience. Previous experience in a challenging commercial property is preferred. Must be at least 20 years of age. In order to participate in the job fair you must apply prior to attending at www.titan-security.com.

Where: Titan Security (616 W. Monroe)

When: Monday, March 4th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

CPS Job Fair

If you enjoy working with children, consider Chicago Public School. Available positions include: special education classroom assistant, teacher's assistant, lunchroom staff, school bus aide, school security officer, substitute teacher, substitute bilingual school clerk, and more! To pre-register for this event, visit www.bit.ly/workforcps. To apply online go to www.cps.edu/careers.

Where: Arturo Velasquez Institute (2800 S. Western Ave.)

When: Tuesday, March 12th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Hospitality Hires Chicago

Employers from Chicagoland's premier retail outlets, restaurants, hotels and more are looking for qualified people to fill hundreds of jobs. All participants must complete a first interview in preparation for the main hiring event. Details about location, time, what to bring, etc. will be provided upon registration. To register call 312-281-7925, text HIRE4 to 77453 or online at www.hhcevents.weebly.com.

Where: Register for location information

When: Tuesday, March 19th (time given at registration)

Goodwill Chicago Job Fair

Goodwill Chicago will be hosting a job fair that will feature several different companies and industries from the Greater Chicagoland area. For more information email careers@goodwill.com.

Where: Oak Park Public Library Veteran's Room (834 Lake St., Oak Park)

When: Monday, March 25th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

2nd Annual Citywide Job Fair

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr. invite you to attend their 2nd Annual Citywide Job Fair. Event highlights include: workplace consulting, entry level to professional job openings, employers and vendors from multiple industries, entrepreneurship resources, expungement assistance, Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit and more! For information call 312-943-4846 or 312-432-1995.

Where: Jesse White Community Center (412 W. Chicago Ave.)

When: Friday, March 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

March CAPS Meetings

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 click on each district title to learn more about what is happening in your neighborhood.

1st District		7th District	2nd District	
131/132 Tuesday, March 19th @ 6:30 pm 1st District (1718 S. State St.)	133 Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:30 pm Prairie Shores (2901 S. King Dr.)	711 Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm 7th District (1438 W. 63rd St.)	211 Monday, March 11th @ 6:30 pm College of Opt. (3240 S. Indiana)	212/214 Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:30 pm Mandrake Park (3858 S. Cottage)
213/215/224 Tuesday, March 26th @ 6:30 pm St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)	221/223 Tuesday, March 19th @ 6:30 pm King Center (4314 S. Cottage)	225 Thursday, March 14th @ 6:30 pm Coppin AME (5627 S. Michi- gan)	231 Thursday, March 7th @ 6:30 pm Washington Park (5531 S. King Dr.)	
9th District				
915 Tuesday, March 12th @ 6:30 pm 9th District Station (3120 S. Halsted)	924 Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:00 pm Davis Square Park (4430 S. Marsh- field)	931/933 Thursday, March 7th @ 6:00 pm Cornell Square (1809 W. 50th St.)	925 Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:00 pm St. Gabriel's (4500 S. Wallace)	934/935 Tuesday, March 19th @ 6:00 pm Sherman Park (1301 W. 52nd)

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Hours: Mon.—Wed.: 9am-5pm Thurs.: 12-8pm (Ward Night from 6-8), Fri.: 9am-1pm, Every Third Sat.: 10am-1pm