



Pat Dowell
 Third Ward
 Alderman

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Dear Third Ward Resident,

Regardless of what holiday you celebrate this month or even if you don't celebrate one at all, it is the time of year when many of us reflect on what's really important such as family, friends, and community. All of those things carry more value than any material gift that could be given. However, the simple act of giving can let a person know someone cares about them.

That is why my office and several local organizations have been collecting donations for the holiday season. Until December 15th, you can drop off non-perishable food items at the Ward office (5046 S. State) that will be distributed to seniors and families in need. In this edition of the Third Ward Newsletter, you will also see other opportunities to donate food, clothes, and toys.

The economy is still recovering and many people are still struggling. Please consider making a donation this season, so all of our residents have a happy holiday.

This edition of the newsletter also contains important information about new resources and developments in the ward as well and information about several employment and youth-related events. Additionally, income-eligible residents can now take advantage of the Emergency Heating Repair Program (see important announcements).

I hope everyone has a very happy and safe holiday! Follow me on Twitter at @AldPatDowell3rd.

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
 Alderman, 3rd Ward

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Third Ward Review

Central Arms Hotel in Court

For several months, Commander Terence Williams of the 2nd District has focused on the activities of the Central Arms Hotel located at 520 East 47th Street as part of the Troubled Buildings Program. The City of Chicago Corporation Counsel is taking the owner of the hotel to court to seek possible closure of the facility. The court date is **December 12th at 9:30 am in Room 1111 at the Daley Center**. It is important that community residents show up to illustrate the negative impact this building has on our community.

Alderman Dowell's Statement on the 2014 Budget

The following is a statement Alderman Dowell prepared in regards to her support of Mayor Emanuel's 2014 Budget:

At the November 26th City Council meeting, I voted in favor of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's proposed 2014 Budget, which passed by a vote of 45-5. I supported the budget because it is fiscally responsible, improves neighborhood services within our ward and expands the city's investment in our young people and in our community's public safety and infrastructure needs. Despite the fiscal constraints such as the still recovering national economy and the reduced support from our state and federal governments, our city budget for 2014 does not raise property, sales or gas taxes.

While there are many positive elements in the budget, I want to highlight those that resonated with me:

- The structural deficit was significantly reduced, resulting in the smallest budget deficit since the 2008 recession.
- A \$49 million TIF surplus was declared resulting in approximately \$24 million going back to CPS operations. None of the TIFs in the 3rd Ward were affected, which enables us to address the economic development and infrastructure investment needs of our communities.
- The Department of Streets and Sanitation received an additional \$4 million to double the tree trimmings, increase graffiti removal, vacant lot cleaning, tree plantings, and rodent baiting. These are services that our office receives many calls for during the course of a year.
- The ward's aging water and sewer systems will continue to be upgraded.
- The budget provides after-school opportunities to nearly 3,000 more children, bringing the City's total investment impact to nearly 16,000 children.
- 12,000 summer jobs will be provided by the City separate from the job slots provided by the state and federal governments.
- The Police Department will have the resources to hire more officers and continue to invest in crime reduction programs such as Operation Impact, which was used successfully in our ward throughout 2013.
- The budget funds the launch of an online business tool that will assist businesses in our ward with licensing and permitting and helps them determine their eligibility for existing incentives and tax credits and connects them to other important resources.

For more information on the city budget, please visit www.cityofchicago.org.

Changes to CTA Stops on Clark Street

As of November 12, 2013, the following CTA stop changes went into effect:

Clark at 17th Street (northbound, near-side)
Stop ID #6284 (permanent elimination)
Route Stopping: #24 - Wentworth

Clark at 16th Street (northbound, near-side)
Stop ID #6285 (permanent elimination)
Route Stopping: #24 - Wentworth

Clark between 17th and 16th Streets (northbound, mid-block)
Stop ID #17892 (new bus stop)
Route Stopping: #24 - Wentworth

Clark at 16th Street (southbound, far-T)
Stop ID #6296 (permanent elimination)
Route Stopping: #24 - Wentworth

Clark at 17th Street (southbound, near-T)
Stop ID #6297 (permanent elimination)
Route Stopping: #24 - Wentworth

Clark between 16th and 17th Streets (southbound, mid-block)
Stop ID #17893 (new bus stop)
Route Stopping: #24 - Wentworth

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#21 Cermak Temporary Bus Stop Elimination

Due to the closure of the sidewalk from the construction of the new Cermak Road Greenline Station, the following bus stop will be temporarily eliminated:

Cermak at State (eastbound, nearside), Stop ID: #6954

The closure is in effect from Monday, December 2, 2013 to Friday, January 31, 2014 or until completion.

Sewer Lining

On East 16th Street, from S. State to S. Wabash, the following work has begun: catch basins will be cleaned, main sewer connections will be lined, the catch basins and sewer manhole structures will be lined, the main sewer will be cleaned, lined, and televised, and the reinstatement of house drain services. The completion date is expected to be in early January.

Third Ward Troubled Businesses

The following Third Ward businesses were added or removed from the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection's Flagged Business List:

King Food Mart (200 E. 43rd St.) - Referred for Action

Added to list August 2012-Licenses held: Tobacco Retail, and Retail Food.

This business had more than 2 dockets at Administrative Hearings in previous 12 months, which resulted in orders of liability, including violations for price marking and display, deceptive practices, sale of cigars to a minor, selling un-stamped cigarettes, and compliance with food establishment city regulations.

Community Calls to 311 include the following comments: "employee/owner smoking" "the store's coolers are not working" "bought defective light bulbs and tried to return them and they would not return" and "store is selling loose cigarettes out of there [sic] pockets along with lighters."

New York Deli, Inc. (316 E. 47th St.)

Added to list August 2013-Licenses held: Retail Food and Tobacco Retail.

More than 5 dockets at Administrative Hearings in previous 12 months, which resulted in orders of liability, including violations for no valid City of Chicago Food Service Manager certificate, hand washing facilities not properly maintained, engaging in unfair business practices by storing for sale packs of cigarettes without City of Chicago tax stamp, and unable to produce a record of current tobacco purchases made.

Community Calls to 311 include the following comments: "caller states brought [sic] some general mills cookie crisp cereal and it smell [sic] like roach spray" and "selling unstamped cigarettes - cigarettes are kept under the counter" "Installed sinks without any permits."

Removed from BACP Flagged Business List

51st Street Quick Mart and Cellular (51 E. 51st St.): 5-Day Closing-Now in Compliance

Added to list August 2012-Licenses held: Tobacco Retail and Retail Food.

This business was added in July 2013 and removed from the list after remaining in compliance for 12-month period.

Third Ward Review *(continued)*

New Music Classes Come to Bronzeville

Intonation Music Workshop (IMW), a pop/rock music education program based at Taylor Park in Bronzeville, is launching new, affordable group instrument lessons for kids on drums, guitar, and piano in January 2014!

Beginning level classes will take place on Saturday afternoons at Studio 47, IMW's musical community center at Taylor Park (39 W. 47th St). Students grades 3rd-5th will have the opportunity to sign up for weekly 50-minute group lessons on the instrument of their choice. Experienced instructors will use well-known pop songs as the template to teach the basics of playing technique, musical concepts, and how to perform as an ensemble. The 10-week session will end with a performance for parents and family where the students can show off their skills! Come to IMW's Open House on January 11th at Taylor Park to check out the space and attend a FREE class led by IMW instructors!

Group Lessons @ Studio 47 (Winter Session)

Dates: January 18th - March 22nd (10 week session)

Times: 12pm-12:50pm Group Drum Set Lessons

1pm-1:50pm Group Electric Guitar Lessons

2pm-2:50pm Group Keyboard Lessons

Location: 39 W. 47th St.

Cost: Special Discounted Introductory Rate of \$50 for 10 classes (\$5 per class)

To register, contact Hannah at hannah@intonationmusicworkshop.org or call (312) 469-0554. For more information about IMW, visit <http://www.intonationmusicworkshop.org>.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Chicago in Conjunction with Humanity First, USA Announces Its Upcoming Community Service Program for the 3rd Ward

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Chicago, under the insistence and leadership of Alderman Pat Dowell, is pleased to announce the formation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Third Ward Community Service Program. The Program announcement is in concurrence with the intended purchase of the former McCorkle School property located at 4421 South State Street, Chicago, adjacent to its current Mosque on South Wabash Street. This project proposal was presented to the community through the Bronzeville Community Action Council and a Town Hall Meeting hosted by Alderman Dowell.

The announced programs at this facility will include:

- Free Health Fares (To provide basic checkups and medical advice to the attending 3rd ward residents).
- Entrepreneur and Career Developing Workshops (engaging and training people to start their own businesses or selecting good career path)
- Blood Drives to support the local Hospitals, Food Pantry to support a certain number of qualified 3rd ward community residents.
- Gymnasium use on pre-arranged basis to host competitions, Commercial Kitchen use on pre-arranged basis to cook for the Soup Kitchen Programs.
- Short computer skills learning courses along with a possibility of cyber café (free internet access)
- Interfaith programs inviting all major faiths to gather frequently to establish understanding, love , peace and harmony in our broader communities.
- Youth mentorship programs utilizing the vast network of successful doctors, lawyers, businessmen in the Ahmadiyya Community network
- Host weekly Peace Circles designed to promote and facilitate conflict resolution and long term harmony

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA was established in 1921 at 4448 S Wabash Street of the 3rd Ward Chicago and is the oldest established Muslim Organization in the USA. This peace loving worldwide moderate Islamic community started in 1889 and is now established in 200+ countries with its international headquarter in London, England. It has 77 chapters across USA with its USA's headquarter in Silver Spring Maryland. The community promotes Peace, Interfaith dialog and actively engages in various Social Services programs serving its neighborhoods across the country and across the world.

Third Ward Review *(continued)*

Urban Prep Moving Out of the Williams Multiplex Building

As part of a promise CPS made to Alderman Dowell and the community, Urban Prep Charter High School for Boys will be vacating the Williams Multiplex Building at 2710 S. Dearborn. The campus was overcrowded even before the decision to add Drake Elementary School and its students to this location. The overcrowding caused a number of issues in regards to space utilization, safe passage, and whether a high school should occupy the same building as an elementary school. With the relocation, more seats will be open to neighborhood students and there will be more room for the resources they need to succeed. CPS is planning on moving Urban Prep to the Doolittle West building after its current tenant, Chi-Arts is relocated next year.

New 1st District Community Policing Officer

Sergeant Kathy Cunningham retired on November 15, 2013 from the Chicago Police Department after more than 27 years of service. After serving in a variety of capacities including working at the Police Headquarters, she became the Community Policing (CAPS) Sergeant for the 1st District in 2007. Under her six years of leadership, effective measures were taken to better engage the community to address area crime. Congratulations Sgt. Cunningham! Thank you for your dedicated service and always being accessible to the Third Ward Office.

Taking her place is Sergeant Chuck Battaglia. He is a 20 year CPD veteran and has also worked in a variety of capacities including service as a youth detective, Tactical Sergeant for Gang Crimes, and in administration. Welcome Sgt. Battaglia! We look forward to working with you.

Holiday Spirit Comes to 47th and 51st Streets

Thanks to the Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC), the 51st Street Business Association, and the South East Chicago Commission, the Bronzeville area has a little more holiday spirit. The Special Service Area # 56 managed by QCDC sponsored the decorations along 47th Street (left) and the South East Chicago Commission and the 51st Street Business Association sponsored the decorations and banners on 51st Street (right).



47th GreenLine L Stop Beautification

The Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC) partnered with Alderman Dowell, Special Service Area 56, the CTA "Adopt-a-Station" Program, the Renaissance Collaborative's Bronzeville Green Program, and local architect, Dave Walker to improve the entrance to the 'L' stop and vacant land underneath the 'L' tracks at 47th Street and Prairie

Avenue. This beautification project was funded in part by the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority. The idea is to draw more positive activity to the area.

Renovations to the area include:

- Installation of two four-foot by eight-foot art panels by local students through QCDC's mural project;
- Installation of a 37-foot by 30-foot garden space with pavers and planters throughout;
- Artwork created by local students and another partner, One Heart One Soul, on businesses to the east of the station;
- A commission for local artist Paul Branton to paint a mural on a nearby building.



Before



Alderman Dowell at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



After

Third Ward Review *(continued)*

Alderman Dowell's Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution

Throughout the last couple of weeks, Alderman Dowell has been visiting Senior Residential buildings in the Third Ward to raffle turkeys. In addition to the ones that were reserved by, 400 turkeys were distributed to Third Ward residents in need. Special thanks to Mariano's, Berkshire Refrigerated Warehouse, CitySports, and Econogas for their generous support. The raffles and distribution helped make the holiday a little brighter for residents who may have otherwise not had a Thanksgiving turkey.

Alderman Dowell Is on Twitter

You can get official Third Ward updates, latest news, and other announcements by following Alderman Dowell on her new Twitter account @AldPatDowell3rd.

Events in and around the Ward

Employment Resource Fair for Veterans

Hosted by the National Able Network and the Illinois National Guard, this event can help veterans learn important job finding skills. These include effective job searching techniques, prepare for an interview, receive tips for writing a cover letter and resume, meet with selected employees, and access veteran exclusive career opportunities. Information about the Vets-to-Manufacturing Program that provides free training for in-demand positions and the IT Career Lab that allows participants to become CISCO certified in just 14 weeks (participants also receive a free laptop). Tuition assistance is available. Space for the job fair is limited, so sign up today by visiting www.nationalable.org. The job fair will be:

Where: Donnelly Building (1910 S. Calumet)

When: December 2nd and 3rd, 10am-4pm

Free Senior Enrichment Seminar Series: Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation

The Circuit Court of Cook County Elder Justice Center presents this seminar which will focus on issues associated with abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older adults. The topics will include:

*Adult Protective Services

*Identifying elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation

*Mandatory reporting

*Investigation of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation cases by Adult Protective Services and referral for prosecution

*Victim/witness assistance for older adults

To register, call Earnestine Durham, CCEJC Court Coordinator, at (312) 603-9233.

Where: Richard J. Daley Center (50 West Washington Street, Room CL-115, Concourse Level)

When: Friday, December 6, 2013, 11am - 12:15pm

Sing-Along Messiah: Sounds of the South Loop Players

Sing-Along Messiah: Sounds of the South Loop Players is directed by Maestra Kim Diehnelt, with professional soloists and Michael Shawgo, organist. Bring your own Messiah score, or purchase one at the door. Admission is free. An offering will be collected to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository. A Festive Holiday Reception will follow the performance.

The church was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2013. Guides will be on hand before the performance to provide short tours of this extraordinary space. For more information, please call (312) 225-4951.

Where: Second Presbyterian Church (1936 S. Michigan)

When: Sunday, December 8, 2013, 3:30pm

Events in and around the Ward *(continued)*

Winter Preparedness Seminar

People's Gas is presenting its annual Winter Preparedness Seminar to help prepare Chicagoans for winter. Information about the following topics will be shared: gas bill forecast, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), People's Gas Share the Warmth Program, dates and locations of annual community heating fairs, energy efficiency tips, rebates, and program updates, and federally mandated inside safety inspections.

Where: People's Gas Headquarters (130 E. Randolph, 21st Floor)

When: December 9th, 2013, 9:30am to 11am

Toastmasters Club

Toastmasters International is a worldwide non-profit educational organization that helps its individuals to hone their public speaking and leadership skills by learning-by-doing in a supportive, no pressure atmosphere. Toastmasters can help you to: think on your feet, speak confidently, build your network, demonstrate leadership skills, and be prepared for new opportunities. For more information, please call Sherri Allen-Reeves at (773) 924-9270 ext. 31 or (773)910-1873 or e-mail sreeves@trcwabash.org.

Where: The Renaissance Collaborative (3763 South Wabash, 2nd Floor)

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays -Begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. (Please arrive by 6:15 p.m.)

Important Announcements

PUSH Excel College Bound Scholarship Program

The following scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and undergraduate students through the PUSH Excel College Bound Scholarship Program:

Jesse Jackson Fellows Scholarship

- High School Seniors Only
- Accepted to an accredited four-year institution
- 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.

Ora Lee Sanders Scholarship

- High School Senior or Undergraduate student
- Accepted or currently attending a four-year accredited institution
- 2.5 cumulative G.P.A.

Cirilo McSween/New York Life Scholarship

- High School Seniors only
- Accepted to a four-year accredited institution
- 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.
- Majoring in Business

Presidential Choice Scholarship

- High School Senior or Undergraduate student
- Accepted or currently attending a four-year accredited institution
- 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.

All applications must be completed online at www.pushexcel.org and accompanied by:

- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcript
- 500 word essay on the five prerequisites for success
- Proof of college acceptance or current enrollment

Mail a copy of the application and all documentation, postmarked by April 20th, 2014 to: PUSH Excel Scholarship Program, 930 E. 50th St., Chicago, IL., 60615. The online application **deadline is April 15th, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Robinson at (773) 256-2761.

Important Announcements (continued)

PUSH for Excellence HBCU Tour

PUSH for Excellence and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition present their 16th Annual Historical Black Colleges and Universities Tour. From April 12th to April 19th, participants will visit HBCUs including Morehouse, Spelman, Clark Atlanta, Florida A and M, Jackson State, Tougaloo College, and Alabama A and M. Students will also visit the National Civil Rights Museum, the World of Coca-Cola, and the Toyota Manufacturing Plant.

Attendance at parent/student orientations is mandatory. Participants will be selected based on orientation attendance, essay, recommendation letters, and transcripts. The total cost of the trip per student is \$500, which covers transportation, lodging, and meals. Payment plans are negotiable. For more information or to view the details about the tour including eligibility requirements and a complete schedule please call (773) 256-2761 or 2762 or visit www.pushexcel.org. The next mandatory orientation is:

Where: Rainbow PUSH (930 E. 50th St.)

When: December 4, 2013, 7-8:30pm

Youth Oratorical Contest

PUSH for Excellence, Inc., is partnering with the Illinois Judicial Council (IJC) to sponsor an oratorical contest at 930 E. 50th Street, Chicago, IL 60615 on Saturday, December 21st, 2013 at 1:00 pm. The contest is entitled *Reclaiming Our Youth* and is open to students in grades 1st through 12th. Your student(s) is invited to participate in this year's competition.

The Oratorical Contest at PUSH Excel was started in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Jesse Jackson. They both credited part of their phenomenal leadership abilities to the speech contests they entered as children, and wanted to ensure the youth of future generations had the same opportunities. It is in this spirit that PUSH Excel continues to sponsor the contest.

This year students are asked to memorize an excerpt from speeches given by an array of international leaders regarding peaceful conflict resolution, negotiations, and diplomacy. A number of Cook County Judges and Illinois Justices volunteer their time to observe and judge the competition. In addition, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Chief of Staff and Director of Public Engagement Felicia Davis and the Honorable Congresswoman Robin Kelly will be in attendance.

Please review the selection of speeches, rules, scoring information, and entry form at www.pushexcel.org. **The registration deadline is Friday, December 7th at 1:00 pm- no exceptions.** Entry forms may be sent to Ms. Michelle Chambers by mail to 930 East 50th Street, Chicago, IL 60615, by fax to (773) 373-4105, or scanned and sent via e-mail to mchambers@rainbowpush.org.

Upcoming Job Fairs

The following links provide information on upcoming job fairs. For up-to-date information on job fairs including times, dates, and locations for the fairs listed below, visit www.jobfairleads.com.

Monday December 9, 2013 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Crown Services-On Site Recruitment-60005

Monday December 9, 2013 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Recruitment/Easter Seals Dislocated Workers-60639

Tuesday December 10, 2013 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Chicago Job Fair-60611

Tuesday December 10, 2013 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Chicago West Career Fair-60523

Tuesday December 10, 2013 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Illinois Central Bus Company-60005

Wednesday December 11, 2013 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Belleville Express Employment Recruitment-62223

Wednesday December 11, 2013 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Recruitment/Easter Seals Dislocated Workers-60639

Wednesday December 11, 2013 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Job Fair of Oak Brook-60418

Thursday December 12, 2013 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Targeted Job Fairs-60523

Thursday December 12, 2013 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Job Fair of Chicago-60654

Thursday December 12, 2013 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

CLC Mini Job Fair-60030

Friday December 13, 2013 4 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Automotive Technician Open House/Job Fair-60148

Saturday December 14, 2013 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Automotive Technician Open House/Job Fair 60148

Important Announcements *(continued)*

Emergency Heating Repair

The City of Chicago's Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) has an emergency heating repair program to help eligible residents repair or replace inoperable or faulty residential heating systems. The program ends April 1st, 2014. To be eligible:

- The building must be 1-4 units
- The household income must be less than 80% of the area median income
- No foreclosures
- Utilities must be current
- The owner must have lived in the building for at least one year

To learn more about the program, eligibility requirements, and to download an application packet, please visit www.cityofchicago.org. You may also pick up an application packet at your Alderman's office. If you need assistance with the application, you may call (312) 744-3653.

Toys for Tots Drive Coming to Metra for Second Year

Metra hopes to transform its trains into Santa's sleds for the second year in a row by working with the U.S. Marines and PODS® of Chicago on a Toys for Tots drive at all downtown Metra stations on **Wednesday, Dec. 11.**

Metra riders are asked to consider donating new, unwrapped toys to the campaign, an annual event orchestrated by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation. The Toys for Tots program relies on the generosity of the public, and it is that generosity that brings the idea of Santa Claus to the homes of less fortunate children.

Collection boxes will be set up at Millennium Station, Van Buren St. Station, LaSalle St. Station, Union Station and the Ogilvie Transportation Center for Metra riders who wish to donate a toy to a needy child. The collection boxes will be staffed by Marines and Metra workers from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 11. Containers donated by PODS® of Chicago will be used to collect and store the donated toys, and U-Haul will assist with transporting them.

Local IHOP restaurants also will accept donations for the Toys for Tots campaign through Dec. 15.

Youth Job Center Career Pathways

Tired of the same dead end jobs? Are you ready to launch your career? Come to the Youth Job Center (YJC) to learn about the Career Pathways

Program. The program includes:

- Funding for industry recognized credentials in various areas
- Paid internships with leading companies to gain work experience
- Permanent job placement upon successful completion of internship

Qualifications:

- Interested in a career in healthcare
- 18-21 years old with HS Diploma or GED
- Pass background check and drug screen
- Meet income and eligibility guidelines
- Live in Cook county

To schedule your agency orientation or to get more information contact Donisha Moss (847) 864-5627, ext. 19.

Mammography Services Expanded

Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently announced a new expansion that will provide free mammography services to an approximately 1,500 additional uninsured Chicago women at Roseland Community Hospital.

In addition to maintaining funding for the City's existing mammography screening clinics, including the clinic in Roseland, this new \$200,000 investment in Roseland Community Hospital to expand mammography services will allow nearly 5,000 women in total to be served through the City's mammography program - a nearly 40 percent increase in the total number of women currently receiving services through the Chicago Department of Public Health's (CDPH) breast health program.

Mammography services remain available directly through CDPH clinics. Hours and locations of the clinics can be found at www.cityofchicago.org.

Important Announcements *(continued)*

Tax Preparation Volunteers Needed

The Center for Economic Progress (CEP) is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with low-income families to help them stand on solid financial ground. All training is provided; classes run through January. No experience is necessary; CEP trains a range of volunteers, including people with no background in taxes. Volunteers commit 30 hours of volunteering total during the tax season, late January to April 15th.

Volunteer positions available as:

- * Tax Preparers: Work with clients to file federal and state tax returns and provide counseling on tax credits and forms.
- * Tax Site Assistants: Perform essential non tax-preparation activities, including client intake, translating and educating on basic banking options available on site.

Register to volunteer, view training schedules and find a site near you at www.economicprogress.org/volunteer
For more information, please contact Volunteer Engagement at (312) 630-0288 or volunteer@economicprogress.org.

The Tax Preparation Site in the Third Ward is Dawson Technical Institute (3901 S. State St.), which will open on January 21, 2014 for tax preparation. An online training is available through January and classroom trainings are available January, 4, 11, 15, and 31, 2014.

Shifts for the volunteers are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 5:30-9pm and Saturdays from 9am-2pm.

December CAPS

There are no scheduled CAPS meetings for the Beats in the Third Ward for the month of December. Please visit www.chicagopolice.org to learn more about CAPS, find your district and beat, and view crime stats.



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Aldermanic Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday: 9am to 5pm

Thursdays: 12pm to 8pm (Ward Night from 6-8pm)

Fridays: 9am to 1pm

Every Third Saturday: 10am to 1pm