



## Third Ward Alderman Pat Dowell



# Third Ward Newsletter

## November, 2013

Dear Third Ward Resident:

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

The holiday season is upon us again. It is a time for family, reflection, appreciation, and lots of food. It is also a time to remember that many people do not have the resources to celebrate could use some help in order to make the season brighter. I have been working with Stay in School, School Is Cool, Inc. to collect non-perishable food items that will be distributed to senior citizens in need. Residents can drop off donations at the Ward Office located at 5046 S. State Street until December 15th.

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There were a lot of infrastructure improvements made in the Third Ward over the last few months, particularly in regards to changes in the CTA and the replacement of sewer and water mains. I am pleased that the Red Line reconstruction project is complete and service has been restored. The pipes that have been replaced are over 100 years old. Their replacements will ensure better water and sewer service for residents. There is still much work to do, but these projects are improving services that Third Ward residents use every day. Thank you for your continued patience as we work together to make necessary upgrades.

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I hope everyone has a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving holiday!!!

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3rd Ward

## Third Ward Update

### Save the Date- Townhall Meeting

Please save the date for a Townhall Meeting regarding the McCormick Place Event Center and Hotels. This meeting is designed to gather community input regarding this project.

Where: TBD

When: December 4th, 2013, 6:30pm

### Red Line Reopened

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) reopened the south branch of the Red Line on October 20th. In five months, the CTA will have replaced everything in the track bed: ties, rails, drainage system, and ballast. New elevators have been installed at three stations along the route, making the entire south branch fully accessible. Station enhancements like new paint, lighting upgrades, new benches, and additional customer entities were added to improve each station.

The Red Line reconstruction project was completed on-time and was within its budget. Customers will experience faster rides, better reliability, and improved station environments. Furthermore, this project has created hundreds of jobs for local residents. Twenty-three people from the Third Ward were hired by the general contractor and the subcontractors for work ranging from apprentice trades to drivers and traffic control aides. Additionally, another eighty-seven Third Ward residents were hired for permanent new positions at the CTA.

For more information on the CTA Red Line construction project, visit, [www.transitchicago.com/redsouth](http://www.transitchicago.com/redsouth).

# Third Ward Update (continued)

## Green Line Construction and Cermak Road Closure

Through December 31, 2013, barricades for maintenance work will remain in place along 17-39 E. Cermak Road for construction of the new CTA Green Line Station at Cermak Road. The sidewalk and street will have to be closed in order for the work to be done. The detour route for EB Cermak is to travel NB on State, EB on 18th, SB on Michigan, and EB on Cermak. The north sidewalk will also remain open for pedestrians.

## Bus Stops Eliminated in and around the Ward

Due to the completion of the Red Line project, effective Sunday, October 20, 2013, the following bus stops on various bus routes were eliminated:

Route	Stop ID	Street	Cross Street	Direction
21	17827	Cermak	Wentworth	WB
30	8629	69th Street	State	EB
43	17801	43rd Street	LaSalle	EB

## Emergency Sewer Repairs on King Drive

The Department of Water Management (DWM) has an emergency sewer repair to perform on King Drive between Garfield Boulevard and 55th Place. The repair will result in a full closure of King Drive starting at 9:00 AM, Monday, November 4 and ending no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, November 29.

Southbound King Drive traffic will be detoured to Michigan Avenue via 51st and 59th Streets, while northbound King Drive traffic will be detoured to Indiana Avenue via 51st and 59th Streets.

## Viaducts Cleaned

As part of an ongoing effort to improve water and sewer services, the Department of Water Management recently cleaned eight viaducts in the Third Ward. The cleaning of these viaducts was based on calls for service from residents and calls from Alderman Dowell's office. In September and October, DWM cleaned the viaducts at:

- 4700 S. Federal
- 4700 S. Halsted
- 4700 S. Racine
- 4700 S. Shields
- 500 W. Garfield
- 5112 S. Wentworth
- 5500 S. Stewart
- 600 W. 59th St.

## Traffic Signal Upgrade at 47th/Racine

A traffic signal modernization project is scheduled to begin this month at Racine Avenue and 47th Street. The project scope of work includes the removal and replacement of the existing pavement, curb, and gutter, sidewalk, sodding, tree planting, pavement marking/signage, street lighting and installation of new traffic signal poles and equipment.



## Bronzeville Featured on This Old House

Last month, This Old House ran a story on their website about the best "Old House Neighborhoods" in the Midwest. Not surprisingly, Bronzeville was at the top of the list. The article celebrates the history of the neighborhood and explores its current vibrancy. After the Great Fire of 1871, Queen Anne and Richardsonian style houses built primarily from stone were constructed. Many are still a part of the Bronzeville neighborhood.

# Third Ward Update (continued)

## Third Ward Crime Stats

CompStat is an important tool that allows the Chicago Police Department to keep track of crime in the various districts throughout the city. The Third Ward is comprised mostly of the 1st, 2nd, and 9th Districts. The tables below show the crime stats for these districts and the progress made from 2011-2012 and from 2011-2013. Although there are areas that still need to be addressed, overall crime has gone down significantly in all three districts. Thank you to our police commanders, their staff, the officers, and the many neighborhood groups who have been involved in making the Third Ward a better and safer place.

1st District					
	2013	2012	2011	% Change 2013-2012	% Change 2013-2011
<b>Murder</b>	3	0	1	0%	200%
<b>Criminal Sexual Assault</b>	30	39	23	-23%	30%
<b>Robbery</b>	258	293	291	-12%	-11%
<b>Aggravated Battery</b>	89	115	103	-23%	-14%
<b>Burglary</b>	169	201	165	-16%	2%
<b>Felony Theft</b>	191	168	253	-13%	-15%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	191	168	253	14%	-25%
<b>Total</b>	1460	1647	1679	-11%	-13%

2nd District					
	2013	2012	2011	% Change 2013-2012	% Change 2013-2011
<b>Murder</b>	15	23	17	-35%	-12%
<b>Criminal Sexual Assault</b>	53	56	61	-5%	-13%
<b>Robbery</b>	503	520	567	-3%	-11%
<b>Aggravated Battery</b>	242	278	294	-13%	-18%
<b>Burglary</b>	530	625	803	-15%	-34%
<b>Felony Theft</b>	497	469	539	6%	-8%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	467	530	701	-12%	-33%
<b>Total</b>	2307	2501	2982	-8%	-23%

9th District					
	2013	2012	2011	% Change 2013-2012	% Change 2013-2011
<b>Murder</b>	19	34	22	-44%	-14%
<b>Criminal Sexual Assault</b>	59	54	67	9%	-12%
<b>Robbery</b>	363	489	519	-26%	-30%
<b>Aggravated Battery</b>	319	414	435	-23%	-27%
<b>Burglary</b>	761	1009	1088	-25%	-30%
<b>Felony Theft</b>	630	625	529	1%	19%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	709	886	1232	-20%	-42%
<b>Total</b>	2860	3511	3892	-19%	-27%

## New Playground at Armstrong Park

As part of the Chicago Plays! Playground Replacement Program, Friends of the Parks and members of the Bronzeville community got together and spread new fiber throughout the playground at Armstrong Park located at 4433 S. St. Lawrence. With the support of Alderman Dowell, they were able to provide an improved playground for the children in the area. Thank you Friends of the Park and Bronzeville community members for your advocacy and hard work!



# Third Ward Update (continued)



## Alderman Dowell Receives the 2013 Mary Herrick Humanitarian Award

On October 20, 2013, Alderman Dowell was presented the 2013 Mary Herrick Humanitarian Award by the Board of Directors for the Mary Herrick Scholarship Fund for DuSable Students. They chose Alderman Dowell to receive this year's award based on her "commitment to good government, participatory democracy, and social justice."

Along with Alderman Dowell, Karen Lewis and Carolyn Townes were also honored. Ms. Lewis is the President of the Chicago Teacher's Union and was awarded the 2013 Community Service Award. Ms. Townes was

awarded the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award for her excellence as a teacher, principal, and community member.

The awards were presented at the Mary Herrick Scholarship Fund's 28th Annual Award Reception and Fundraiser, which was held at University Church located at 5655 S. University. Proceeds from the event went to the scholarship fund that makes financial assistance for college available to graduates of DuSable High School.

Congratulations Karen Lewis, Carolyn Townes, and Alderman Dowell!

Third Ward Calls for Service September 2013		
Group	Total Requests	Completed Requests
311 City Services	57	57
Animal Care and Control	81	57
Budget and Management	2	0
Buildings	81	12
Business Affairs and Consumer Protection	8	5
Family and Support Services	103	100
Health	3	2
Police	9	2
Streets and Sanitation	226	129
Transportation	100	79
Water Management	56	41
CHA	5	0
Park District	1	1
JC Decaux (bus shelters)	2	2
CTA	8	3
Housing	2	2
Revenue	1	0
Zoning	2	0

## Third Ward Calls for Service

According to 311 City Services, 503 calls were made to 311 from the Third Ward, which generated 741 city service requests in September, 2013. These figures do not include calls made to 911, from cell phones, or requests made directly from Alderman Dowell's office, which means

Top Ten 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Streets and Sanitation Calls for Service for September, 2013	
Group	Total Requests
Weed Removal	655
S.W.A.P.	267
Neighborhood Improvement	248
Recycling Pickup	86
Recycling Contamination	63
Graffiti Removal	55
Immediate Tow	26
Tree Emergency	25
Dead Animal Pickup	24
Parking Meter Sign	22

# Events in and around the Ward

## Men 2 Young Men Prayer Breakfast

Join True Rock Ministries for a time of discussion between men and young men. The power of choice will be the topic of discussion and the purpose is to listen, encourage, love, and motivate young men to walk in their purpose. Breakfast is free. Please call True Rock Ministries at (312) 939-1109 to confirm your attendance.

Where: True Rock Ministries (57 E. 16th St.)

When: November 2, 2013, 9am

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## Pre-College Acceptance Workshops

The Society Of Lights Inc. and Black Student Union-IIT presents: Pre-College Acceptance Workshops - A series of workshops for High School seniors dealing with the college application process, and more. The event is open to current High School Seniors (parents also welcome). For more information, please contact [societyoflights@gmail.com](mailto:societyoflights@gmail.com). Register online at <http://goo.gl/4toVLw>.

When: 4 workshops in the month of November on Saturdays 9am-12pm  
Nov 2nd: "The early bird"- early applications and how to choose the right school  
Nov 9th: "Money Talks"- financial aid 101, filling out FAFSA and dealing with your finances  
Nov 16th: "The Hunt"-Scholarship applications and essays, Do's, Don'ts and how to's  
Nov 23rd: "Finishing Strong" wrap up and completion of applications and essays.

Where: IIT Main Campus Engineering 1 Building (10 W. 32nd St.)

## The World's Columbian Exposition - a 120 Year Perspective

Glessner House Museum, located at 1800 S. Prairie Avenue in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood, will host a lecture entitled "The World's Columbian Exposition - a 120 Year Perspective" on Wednesday November 6, 2013 at 7:00pm.

The Columbian Exposition of 1893 remains one of the most legendary events in the history of Chicago. In this presentation by Diane Dillon, director of scholarly and undergraduate programs at the Newberry library, attendees will explore the highlights of the fair that drew 27 million visitors and learn how the fair helped shape the city as it entered the 20th century.

Glessner House Museum is a National Historic Landmark and the last surviving work by Richardson in Chicago. Completed in 1887, the museum is recognized nationwide for its groundbreaking architecture as well as its important collection of arts and crafts decorative arts.

Admission is \$10 per person. Reservations may be made by calling (312) 326-1480. The museum is easily accessible by taking the #3 or #4 bus on Michigan Avenue to 18th Street, and then walking 2 blocks east.

Where: Glessner House Museum (1800 S. Prairie)  
When: November 6, 2013, 7pm

## Family and School Partnership Forum

Chicago Public School's (CPS) Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services (ODLSS) wants to hear from parents and family members of children with diverse learning needs. Attend a Family and School Partnership Forum and share your feedback on resources, supports, and services to help improve learning for CPS students receiving special education services. Light refreshments will be served and the event is free. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information and to view a complete list of forum times and locations, please visit [www.cpsdiverselearner.org](http://www.cpsdiverselearner.org). To pre-register, please visit [www.odlssfamlyforums.eventbrite.com](http://www.odlssfamlyforums.eventbrite.com). The event in the Third Ward is:

Where: Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Herman Hall (3241 S. Federal)  
When: November 9, 2013, 9am to 12pm (registration begins at 8am)

## Construction in Chicago Seminar

In conjunction with Strategic Precision Management, The Small Business Association (SBA), and SCORE, Alderman Dowell is hosting Construction with Chicago, a seminar designed to give businesses an in-depth tutorial on engaging with Chicago's many construction projects. This seminar will provide information regarding bonding, procurement, union guidelines, technical assistance resources, resource identification, and more.

Where: IIT's Hermann Hall (3241 S. Federal)  
When: November 19th, 2013, 9am

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Zion Grove Baptist Church welcomes the homeless, the less fortunate, and those in need of a home cooked meal served with love to their free Thanksgiving Dinner. For more information, please visit [www.ziongrovebaptistchurch.com](http://www.ziongrovebaptistchurch.com) or call (773) 536-3510.

Where: Zion Grove Baptist Church (231 E. Pershing Rd.)  
When: Thursday, November 28, 2013, 12pm to 6pm (Thanksgiving Day Service from 10am to 12pm)

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## Free Citizenship Workshop

Iraqi Mutual Aid Society, Korean American Resource and Cultural Center, Muslim Women Resource Center, World Relief Chicago, and United African Organization and present this event. You may qualify for citizenship at no cost! To be eligible for citizenship, you need to be a Legal Permanent Resident (Green card Holder) for at least 5 years or 3 years if you are married to a U.S. Citizen.

To fill out the citizenship form, please bring the following documents:

- Have your Green Card, Social Security Card, State ID or Driver's License
- List of places you have travelled to since you received your residency (Including month, day, and year of travel)
- List of where you have lived, worked and/ or studied for the past 5 years
- Information about your spouse including: name, date of birth, social security number,
- Green Card number and/or date and place your spouse became a citizen (if applicable)
- Information about your children including address, name, date of birth & green card number (if applicable)
- If you are married, have your date of marriage available
- Information about previous marriages for both you and your spouse (if applicable):
- Date of prior marriage, date the marriage ended and reason the marriage ended.
- If applicable, information about any arrests: reason for the arrest, date, place and disposition
- For men only: Selective Service number and date of registration, call (847) 688-6888 if you don't know
- Money Order/Cashier's Check for \$680.00 payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security

To determine if you are eligible, please bring: the most recent federal income tax returns, unemployment checks, a letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) stating the date when you started receiving Food Stamps (LINK card), and/or medical and TANF benefits.

Free Parking is available at the parking lot on 34th and State. For more information call (312) 949-9980

Where: IIT Tower - 6th Floor Cafeteria (10 W. 35thSt.)

When: Saturday, November 9, 2013, 9am - 11am

## Committed Knitters

Committed Knitters build a sense of community through knitting and crocheting. Learn the basics or use as a refresher course on how to knit or crochet and make a project. If you already know how to knit or crochet, join and share ideas. All supplies will be provided. For more information, contact 773-702-9724 or [artsandpubliclife@uchicago.edu](mailto:artsandpubliclife@uchicago.edu) or visit [www.arts.uchicago.edu/apl](http://www.arts.uchicago.edu/apl).

Where: Arts Incubator(301 E Garfield Blvd)

When: Wednesdays 11/6-12/11, 2013, 12-3pm

## Greener Together Contest Gives South Loop Opportunity to Fund Environmental Project

As anyone who has ever had a good idea knows, one of the biggest barriers to turning the idea into reality is money. Whether you're a condo association looking to install low-flow showerheads in your building or a teacher trying to start a composting program at your school, you will inevitably need some funding to make it happen. Thanks to the Alliance for a Greener South Loop<<http://greenersouthloop.com/>>, there is a new opportunity to fund an environmental project in the South Loop.

On October 20th, the Alliance will launch the Greener Together Contest<<http://greenersouthloop.com/greener-together-contest/>> to award \$1,000 to help implement a plan that helps make the South Loop a little greener. Contenders for the prize will be project proposals that engage people in the South Loop to work together on a project that contributes to the City's Sustainability Plan<[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/progs/env/sustainable\\_chicago2015.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/progs/env/sustainable_chicago2015.html)>. The winning project will have a clear environmental focus, a way to actively engage community members, a budget, and a four-month implementation timeline. Anyone who lives, works, goes to school, or plays in the South Loop is eligible to apply.

More information about entering the contest can be found on the Alliance's website: [greenersouthloop.com](http://greenersouthloop.com)<<http://greenersouthloop.com/>>. The deadline to submit contest entries is November 22, 2013.

# Important Announcements

## Head Start and Childcare Resource

The mission of the Maggie Drummond Child Development Center at Ada S. McKinley Services (4301 S. Wabash) is to promote and encourage life-long learning, recognizing the fact that each and every child has the potential to become a great citizen. Their Head Start Program offers comprehensive services to children 3 to 5 years of age and their families. The Child Care Program is designed to bring about a greater degree of social competence in young children. The Center welcomes children with disabilities or other special needs. Free, sliding scale, and tuition-based programs are available. For more information, please visit [www.adasmckinley.org](http://www.adasmckinley.org) or call (773)373-8200.

## Decrease in SNAP Benefits

On November 1, 2013, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will decrease for all SNAP households due to the expiration of extra benefits provided through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. For example, the cuts to monthly benefits to a family of three will be \$29, and a family of four will see a reduction of \$36/month. If you have any questions, please call the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services Hotline at (800) 843-6154.

## CPS Revised Elementary School Promotion Policy

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) today unveiled a new elementary promotion policy for students exiting grades 3, 6 and 8. This policy change is being proposed in order to better align with more rigorous state assessments, as well as to create a more well-rounded picture of student progress and needs by considering both grades and performance for student promotion.

The current promotion policy is no longer consistent with state requirements and must be updated. The state changed the format of Illinois Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) for School Year 2013-2014 (SY 13-14), so that it now aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Scores derived from the SAT10, which were comprised of the first 30 items on the old version of the ISAT, were previously used as the performance lever under the old promotion policy. However, due to the changes of this year's ISAT, the SAT10 no longer exists. CPS is adopting the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to replace the SAT10 as the tool to be considered, in conjunction with student grades, for promotion decisions in critical grades of 3, 6, and 8.

Under this new policy, a three-tiered level achievement model will be introduced, moving from a two-tiered model, guaranteeing that a wider range of student needs are identified and proper supports are provided throughout the year to prepare them for all future grade levels. The new achievement levels will allow teachers to better evaluate student needs and build more focused curriculum based on their individual needs.

Implemented in School Year 2012-2013 (SY 12-13), the NWEA is currently administered to students in Grades 3-8 at the beginning and in the spring of the school year. As the common assessment used throughout the District, NWEA will serve as a far more accurate indicator of student readiness for grade promotion and will align with national standards of achievement. The added rigor of NWEA, coupled with a more accurate achievement level model, will better gauge the need for summer school intervention. Furthermore, summer school instruction will now be tailored to individual student needs, versus a one-size-fits-all approach, enabling teachers to deliver more powerful instruction to students.

This revised policy aligns directly with the vision of CEO Byrd-Bennett's Strategic Five-Year Action Plan. By positioning teachers and school leaders to better identify student needs, instruction will reflect the expectations of both the Common Core State Standards and the pillars that support the next generation of Chicago's children. To view both the current and proposed promotion policies, please visit [http://cps.edu/About\\_CPS/Departments/Pages/TeachingLearning.aspx](http://cps.edu/About_CPS/Departments/Pages/TeachingLearning.aspx)

## Energy Savings and Rebate

Participants in the Home Energy Jumpstart Program also can receive a \$250 bonus rebate in addition to standard rebates on qualifying furnaces, boilers and water heaters through the Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas Home Energy Rebate Program.

Homeowners can reduce their energy and water use with free installation of these products: Faucet Aerators, Programmable Thermostats, Pipe Insulation, Showerheads, and Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs). Call 855-849-8928 to get started. Please have your ComEd and Peoples Gas or North Shore Gas account numbers available. Information is also available at [peoplesgasrebates.com](http://peoplesgasrebates.com) or [northshoregasrebates.com](http://northshoregasrebates.com).

# Important Announcements (continued)

## These Girls Got Game! Elementary School Holiday Basketball Tournament at Fuller Park

### Tournament Information:

- Six team tournament
- No entry fee required
- Each team guaranteed at least two games
- Team Entry due 12/20/13
- Ages (11 –15)
- Games: 12/27/13, 12/28/13–1/3/14, and Championship Game on 1/4/14
- First tip-off: 10:00 a.m.
- Ten players per team
- Game shirts provided
- House Rules and NCAA Rules govern play

There is a mandatory coaches meeting at Fuller Park (331 W. 45th St.) on Thursday, 12/26/13, 7:00 p.m. Please bring Roster and Entry forms. Rosters from Fuller Park are available by calling Michael Brown, Elaine Spencer, Lyvonte Eskdridge at (312) 747-6144.

For more information about your Chicago Park District visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call (312) 742-PLAY or (312) 747-2001(TTY).

## November CAPS

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

<a href="#">1st District</a>		<a href="#">2nd District</a>		
131/132 Nov. 19th @ 7pm 1st District Station (1718 S. State)	133 Nov. 20th @ 7pm Trinity Episcopal Church (125 E. 26th St.)	211 No Beat Meeting	212/214 Nov. 5th @ 6:30pm Oakwood Shores (3711 S. Vincennes)	213/215 Nov. 13th @6:30 St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)
				<a href="#">7th District</a>
221/223 Nov. 19th @ 6:30 King Center (4313 S. Cottage Grove)	224 Nov. 21st @ 6:30 Hall Branch Library (4801 S. Michigan)	225/231 Nov. 14th @ 6:30 Coppin AME Church (5627 S. Michigan)	233 Nov. 20th @ 6:30 Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (5480 S. Kenwood)	711/712 Nov. 12th @ 6:30pm 7th District Station (1438 W. 63rd St.)
<a href="#">9th District</a>				
915 Nov. 5th @ 6:30 9th Dist. Station (3120 S. Halsted)	924/931/933 No Beat Meeting	925 Nov. 13th 6pm St. Gabriel's Church (4500 S. Wallace)	934/935 Nov. 12th @ 6pm Westhaven Homes (850 W. Garfield)	

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### Third Ward Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 9am to 5pm  
Thursdays: 12pm to 8pm (Ward Night from 6-8)  
Fridays: 9am to 1pm  
Every Third Saturday: 10am to 1pm