

# Third Ward Newsletter

## September, 2013



**Pat Dowell**  
**Third Ward Alderman**

Dear Third Ward Resident,

With the end of summer comes the beginning of a new school year. I have spent much time visiting each school in the Third Ward, talking to students, teachers, principals, and parents and am happy to say the new school year has gotten off to a great start. Even so, it is important to be mindful as drivers and engaged citizens that there will be children traveling to and from school.

Any effort that can be made to help our students excel academically is worth doing. There are many ways for residents to get involved with their school through volunteering. For example Real Men Read Bronzeville is looking for volunteers (see Important Announcements).

Even though summer is winding down, but there is still a lot of outdoor activities and other events happening in and around the Third Ward. My annual Senior Update is coming up on September 28th (see Events in and around the Third Ward), there are job fairs, and several community-related events still happening.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer!

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3rd Ward

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## Third Ward Review

### New CTA Bus Stop

For customer convenience, effective Sunday, August 25, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has a new bus stop at the northbound far side of Halsted/51st will be added on the #51 reroute.

### Pershing Bus Shuttle

CTA implemented the R39 Pershing Shuttle on Saturday, August 10th. This shuttle will operate on Saturdays and Sundays/holidays until the completion of Red Line South reconstruction in October. Buses will operate along the weekday #39 Pershing routing between Lake Park on the east end and the 35th/Archer Orange Line Station on the west end (note: the weekday #39 service operates past the Orange Line to St. Louis Avenue). Buses will operate hourly between approximately 8 am to 6 pm. Similar to the other "R" shuttles, no fare will be charged.

The purpose of the shuttle is to serve customers who used to access the Sox-35th Red Line station from around Pershing Avenue who now face a longer walk due to the temporarily closed station. The shuttle will connect to the Red and Green Lines at the Indiana Elevated station.

### Red Line Construction in the South Loop

As part of the Red Line South Rehabilitation project, the CTA will continue work begun earlier this summer that may affect your community. While progress sometimes comes with inconveniences, the CTA will do their best to keep them to a minimum. There will be some noise while the work is being performed and restricted street and sidewalk access at various times while work is being performed. "No Parking" restrictions will also be in effect.

Where: 18th Street - approximately Clark to State

When: August 29th through October 20, 2013, 7am to 5:30pm; if necessary, 9pm to 5am

# Third Ward Review (continued)

## New Water Main on W. 49th Place

The Department of Water Management (DWM) will soon be installing 645 feet of 8-inch water main in W. 49th Place, from S. Halsted Street to S. Union Avenue. The old main consists of a 6-inch water main and DWM wants to expand capacity. Further, the old pipe dates back to 1891 and needs to be replaced. DWM will begin installing the new water main shortly, and expect the water main work to be completed by early November 2013. This includes restoration. Dates may change depending on weather and other factors. Any changes will be communicated with residents.

DWM will allow traffic to flow on W. 49th Place outside of working hours. When they 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.

DWM will post work area for "No Parking" as needed, during work hours. They are agreeable to parking outside of those hours, but will have to insist that cars be moved by the start of the next workday. They will try to preserve as much parking as possible.

## Catch Basin Repairs

The Department of Water Management (DWM) continues to make improvements in their maintenance processes to improve the city's water and sewer infrastructure. As part of this effort, DWM performs catch basin outlet repairs on a regular basis.

The catch basin outlet pipe is the pipe between the catch basin and the sewer main. When this fails, storm water may pool up on the street and wastewater might back up into homes and businesses. DWM tracks repairs for future evaluation by their sewer engineers to consider for future capital planning and infrastructure renewal. If the catch basin pipe continually requires repairs, the sewer engineers evaluate it for full replacement.

Currently, there are 13 completed catch basin repair sites in the Third Ward with 4 more scheduled to be complete. The completed locations in the Third Ward are:

- 3828 S. King Dr.
- 4810 S. Princeton
- 4469 S. Princeton
- 353 W. Garfield
- 4100 S. King Dr.
- 3901 S. State
- 4258 S. Wabash
- 4331 S. King Dr.
- 5228 S. State
- 4445 S. Wabash
- 4201 S. King Dr.
- 5500 S. Stewart
- 3710 S. Wentworth

The locations in the Third Ward that are scheduled to be completed are:

- 329 E. 43<sup>rd</sup> St.
- 5239 S. Green
- 4701 S. King Dr.
- 3800 S. Michigan

## Speed Cameras

A pilot study of speeders using the newly installed speed cameras was recently concluded. The study, which clocked 93,000 speeders last December, estimated the City of Chicago stands to make several millions of dollars more in annual revenue than the city's original estimate of \$30 million. Citing likely changes in driver behavior, the fact the city only collects about 70% of the fines issued, and other factors, transportation officials placed the number between \$40-60 million. 50 speed cameras are set to be installed throughout the city by the end of the year.

Alderman Dowell did not vote in favor of the speed cameras and there are currently none located in the Third Ward. However, she wants to remind everyone that there is one located at 5531 S. King Dr. Motorists should be mindful because speeding between 6-10 mph over the speed limit can result in a \$35 ticket and over 11 mph can result in a \$100. Tickets would be received via mail.

## New Turf Field at the National Teacher's Academy

The Public Building Commission (PBC) of Chicago is happy to announce a new turf field will be constructed at the National Teacher's Academy (55 W. Cermak). This 100,000 square foot artificial turf field will be surrounded by a four lane running track. It will be designed to accommodate high school standard football and soccer practice fields and the running track will be a 400M non-standard track. The general contractor, construction timeline, and opening date will soon be announced. For more information about PBC projects, please visit [www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com).

# Third Ward Review (continued)

## Troubled Businesses

**King Food Mart (200 E. 43rd)** was added to the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) Flagged Business List for 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.)**

was added to BACP Flagged Business List August 2013-Licenses held: Retail Food and Tobacco Retail.

This business had 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, handwashing 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 bought [sic] some general mills cookie crisp cereal and it smell [sic] like roach spray", "selling unstamped cigarettes - cigarettes are kept under the counter", and "Installed sinks without any permits."

### **Jimmy's Food Mart (3700 S. Indiana) CLOSED**

As a result of ongoing investigations by Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and the Chicago Police, Jimmy's Food Mart's business license was revoked on August 19th, 2013.

### **Swagger Bar and Grill (5048 S. Prairie)**

After BACP completed their investigation, a 14 day suspension was issued to Swagger on August 14th, 2013. The suspension is in effect from 7am on September 5th to 7am on September 15th, 2013.

## Renaissance-Bronzeville Toastmasters Club

Renaissance - Bronzeville Toastmasters club will be housed in the Bronzeville YMCA located at 3857 S. Wabash. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month starting at 6:30pm and ending at 8pm.

## Third Ward Calls for Service

According to 311 City Services, 599 calls were made to 311 from the Third Ward, which generated 816 city service requests in July, 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.

Third Ward Calls for Service July 2013		
Group	Total Requests	Completed Requests
311 City Services	57	56
Animal Care and Control	66	52
Budget and Management	3	0
Buildings	79	19
Business Affairs and Consumer Protection	11	3
Family and Support Services	97	92
Health	10	8
Police	4	1
Streets and Sanitation	273	166
Transportation	127	88
Water Management	82	68
CHA	1	0
Park District	3	3
JC Decaux (bus shelters)	3	1

Top Ten 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Streets and Sanitation Calls for Service for July, 2013	
Group	Total Requests
Weed Removal	616
S.W.A.P.	231
Ash Tree Treatment	139
Graffiti Removal	59
Immediate Tow	59
Vehicle Impoundment	43
Parking Meter Sign Posting	39
Recycling Pick Up	38
Recycling Contamination (recycling mixed with food products)	34
Sanitation Code Violation	29

# Third Ward Review (continued)

## New Aldermanic Aide at the Third Ward Office

The Southeast Chicago Commission's summer intern, Mattie Carter is working towards her Masters Degree at Chicago State University. According to Mattie, it is through her work and connections with the SECC in addition to her previous experiences that she obtained her new full time position as an Administrative Assistant for Pat Dowell, Alderman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Alderman Dowell is happy to welcome Mattie to her team. Mattie began her new career with the City of Chicago on August 16, 2013.

## Go Bronzeville - A New Transportation Options Marketing Program in Chicago

Go Bronzeville is a new City program that offers free resources, activities, and support to Bronzeville residents to encourage them to walk, bicycle, and take transit more often. The focused campaign effort will launch this August and run through November 2013. This pilot program is the first of five similar programs in Chicago neighborhoods over the next four years.

The goals of the Go Bronzeville program are to:

- \* Reduce drive-alone trips in Bronzeville;
- \* Increase trips made by foot, bicycle, transit, and carpool;
- \* Increase the use of bike share, particularly at stations within Bronzeville;
- \* Foster a sense of community around walking and bicycling activities; and
- \* Support local businesses and community efforts.

The Go Bronzeville team will work with local and regional partners, including Aldermen Dowell and Burns, the Bronzeville Area Residents and Commerce Council (BARCC), Bronzeville Visitor Information Center (BVIC), Bronzeville Cycling Initiative, City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), CTA, Metra, and other organizations to offer a suite of services customized to the neighborhood's assets, needs, and desires.

Go Bronzeville is seeking program partners and interested community members to help make the program a success. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Maggie Melin at the Active Transportation Alliance at [Maggie@activetrans.org](mailto:Maggie@activetrans.org) or 312-427-3325 ext. 285.

## Mariano's Job Fair

On August 13th, Mariano's in conjunction with Alderman Dowell's office held a job fair in preparation for the opening of their new South Loop location at 16th and Clark. Over 500 people attended to submit applications for approximately 400 full and part time jobs. Of those, 148 were from the Third Ward. Special thanks to Wendell Phillips High School for hosting and to Tri-nal Inc. for organizing the event.



## 2013 Bud Billiken Day Parade

In years past, you would have seen Alderman Dowell on a float with a full live band playing great music. As much fun as that has been, Alderman Dowell decided to seize the opportunity to promote bicycling in the Third Ward. She partnered with Bronzeville Bikes and the Active Transportation Alliance on this year's message, "Bike to School". Over 40 bicyclists wearing purple Alderman Dowell Bike to School shirts joined the Alderman to help promote the message. As always, this is an event she looks forward to participating in every year because of the history, the community, and the fun!

## Alderman Dowell's Seventh Annual Back to School Extravaganza

This year's Back to School Extravaganza at Fuller Park was another success. The weather was absolutely perfect and attendees received school supplies, food, and were treated to performances by the Golden Knights Drill Team and Bronzeville Drums. Special thanks to the performers, Bernie's Book Bank who gave away over 1500 books, Bears in Blue, Ounce of Prevention/Educare, True Star, Chicago Public Schools Office of Family and Community Engagement, Jasmine Entertainment Services, the University of Illinois-Chicago, and to all the wonderful volunteers who made this year's event a success. Also thanks to the schools that participated: Bronzeville Scholastic Institute, Hendricks Community Academy, Daniel Hale Williams Prep, and Drake Elementary School.



# Events in and around the Ward

## **AFRICOBRA in Chicago**

AFRICOBRA (African Commune Of Bad Relevant Artists), founded in 1968 and still active. The founding members, Jeff Donaldson, Jae Jarrell, Wadsworth Jarrell, Barbara Jones-Hogu, and Gerald Williams, came together in 1968 on the South Side of Chicago and had a lasting impact on peers and subsequent generations. This project examines AFRICOBRA's broader contexts, its history, and its immediate and continuing impact on contemporary art and culture. It will also create opportunities for educational engagement with the collective's work and philosophy. AFRICOBRA in Chicago is a linked series of exhibitions and public programs scheduled May-September 2013 focusing on the Chicago artist group. For more information, please visit [www.dusablemuseum.org](http://www.dusablemuseum.org).

Where: DuSable Museum of African American History (740 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Pl)  
When: Through September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## **Free 7 Week Basic Computer Course**

Second Faith Temple Community Church is offering a free 7-week computer training course. Subjects to be covered include: Intro to Basic Computing, Keyboarding, Internet and E-mails, and Microsoft Word 2007. After school study courses are also available. For more Information and Registration: Call (773) 624-0799 or (708) 383-5136 or send info to: [sftbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sftbob@sbcglobal.net). Registration is Sept. 5th, 2013 and classes begin: Sept. 9th, 2013

When: Mon., Tues. and Weds., 10am -2pm  
Where: 424 E. 49th St (Use Side Door)

## **Resource and Job Fair**

For over 75 years, Chicago Area Project has enhanced the skills and potential of many participants through their services. The Chicago Area Project's Career Development, Training, and Employment Services Division (CDTES) has implemented programs designed to empower the community with improved knowledge, information, training and educational opportunities. CDTES is hosting this event that will feature entertainment, food, giveaways, and more. Employers and service providers will be on hand to give you valuable information regarding jobs and resources in the community.

Where: 605 S. Albany  
When: September 6th, 10am-2pm

## **King Center Open House**

The King Center is one of the City's Human Service Centers and is hosting an open house for residents to learn more about the array of services they provide. In addition to helping residents access shelter, food, clothing, veteran's services, drug treatment, and homeless prevention resources, the King Center also serves as a warming and cooling center. Along with staff from the Department of Family and Support Services, representatives from various community organizations will be present to provide additional information.

Where: King Center (4314 S. Cottage Grove)  
When: September 6th, 9am to 5pm

## **TRC Senior Village Yard Sale**

This will be a huge yard sale with over a dozen different sellers! Clothes, food, appliances, household items, and much more will be available for purchase.

Where: TRC Center (346 E 53<sup>rd</sup> Street)  
When: September 6th, 10am to 4pm

## **Maleness to Manhood: Reclamation of the Young Black Man**

The South Side Community Arts Center presents Maleness to Manhood: Reclamation of the Young Black Man. This exhibit runs from September 6th to October 5th and is a visual response by noted male artists of color to the ongoing violence and multi-layered crisis facing young black men in the community. For more information, please call (773) 373-1026 or visit [www.sscartcenter.org](http://www.sscartcenter.org).

Where: South Side Community Arts Center (3831 S. Michigan)  
When: Opening Reception - September 6th, 6 to 9pm  
Artist Talk - September 28th, 2 to 5pm  
Closing Reception - October 5th, 2 to 5pm

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## A Second Chance Summit

State Representative LaShawn K. Ford presents A Second Chance Summit to assist those in need of sealing felony convictions. Representatives from various organizations will be on hand to assist participants and help them understand how sealing can help them obtain a LINK card, student and other loans, professional licenses, employment, housing, and other resources. Participants should bring their rap sheets.

Where: UIC Forum, Rooms D and E (725 W. Roosevelt) - Parking is available at 1135 S. Morgan  
When: September 7th, 10am to 2pm

## Cargo Bike Roll Call

Bronzeville Bikes, Go Bronzeville, and Cargo Bike Roll Call are teaming up on Sunday, September 8th to bring Bronzeville free bike repair and a chance to win prizes and try out "cargo bikes" - bikes designed for carrying kids, groceries, and cargo of every kind.

Cargo Bike Roll Call is an ongoing event for Chicagoans to explore their options in carrying children, groceries, books, and more while cycling. Kids love riding in and on bikes! At the event, you can test out every manner of cargo bike. Several lucky people will win a free bike rack and milk crate for their bike to immediately start hauling cargo!

Bronzeville Bikes will also be hosting its monthly Pop-Up Bike Repair stand where you can get your bike fixed for free, and meet Bronzeville neighbors who are working to make our neighborhood more bike-friendly! Mechanic Aaron Swanton from Blackstone Bicycle Works will be on hand to do assessments and small repairs. If you're the DIY type, learn what tools and parts you'll need to confidently fix your bike on your own.

Where: Bronzeville Community Garden (51st/Calumet)  
When: September 8th, 3 to 6pm

## Glessner House Book Signing and Lecture

### Yearning to Breathe Free: Three Women Search for Meaning in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Chicago

Glessner House Museum, located in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood, will host a book signing and lecture entitled "Yearning to Breathe Free: Three Women Search for Meaning in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Chicago".

The "Avenue of Dreams" series of historical novels explores the lives of three women and the challenges they overcome in order to live life on their own terms. Readers are introduced to Lucy Banning - a young woman from Prairie Avenue society; Charlotte Farrow - her maid; and Sarah Cummings - an orphan dreaming of a life beyond her grasp. Author Olivia Newport and research partner Stephen Reginald will review how these works of historical fiction line up with the realities of life in late-19<sup>th</sup> century Chicago. Copies of all three books, including the newly released *The Invention of Sarah Cummings*, will be available for sale and signing.

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 \$5 per person which may be applied toward the purchase of a book. Reservations may be made by calling (312) 326-1480. The museum is easily accessible by taking the #3 or #4 bus south on Michigan Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and then walking 2 blocks east.

Where: Glessner House (1800 S. Prairie Avenue)  
When: Wednesday September 11th, 2013 at 7:00pm

## St. Elizabeth's Food Pantry

St. Elizabeth's Church is hosting a food giveaway. No identification is needed, but please bring a cart for your supplies.

Where: St. Elizabeth's (50 E. 41st St.)  
When: September 12th, 4-6pm

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## Become a Police Officer

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is looking for women and men who want to be part of one of the nation's largest and most technologically advanced police departments. The CPD is a diverse workforce of over 12,500 sworn women and men who serve the City of Chicago by protecting its people and property. The CPD has a strong tradition of service to the community, challenging assignments, and opportunities to use broad-based skills. Applications are being accepted online between August 1st and September 16th, 2013. For more information or to complete an application, please visit [www.chicagopolice.org](http://www.chicagopolice.org). They are looking for individuals who are:

- bright, energetic and motivated to protect and serve our diverse community
- willing to live by our core values of Professionalism, Obligation, Leadership, Integrity, Courage and Excellence, both on and off duty
- interested in using new technology to solve crimes and improve service
- open to new ideas and strategies to advance our goal and mission

There will be an informational session for interested applicants and an Open House for anyone who wishes to learn more about the CPD.

### Informational Session

Where: 25th District Station  
(5555 W. Grand)  
When: September 14th, 10am-2pm

### Open House

Where: 1300 W. Jackson  
When: September 7th, 10am-2pm

## Harding Park Advisory Council Meeting

This small playground is located in the Grand Boulevard community. The park features a playground and basketball court. The Harding Park Advisory Council invites you to attend their next meeting.

When: September 14th, 2013 at 12p  
Where: Taylor Park (39 West 47th Street)

## Healing Through Music: Sing-A-Long Praise Party & Friends and Family Afternoon!

Come pack a pew, have fun and a great time in music ministry with Saint John Church-Baptist! Hear some of the world's greatest inspirational and gospel music! Performers will feature songs by: *Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke, Mary Mary, The Canton Spirituals, Kirk Franklin, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Smokie Norful, Beverly Crawford, J. Moss, Chicago Mass Choir, Mahalia Jackson, The O'Jays, Vashawn Mitchell, The Clark Sisters, Darryl Coley, The Tommies, Eddie Kendricks, Walter & Edwin Hawkins, The Staple Singers, Rance Allen, Bebe & Cece Winans, Whitney Houston and more!*

Enjoy praise & worship, traditional, contemporary, inspirational gospel and hip-hop, as well as performances by young and seasoned praise dancers. The best part is, everybody gets to sing to their favorite inspirational songs along with lip-sync performers. This event is free and for all ages. Our doors are open to everyone; the young, the seasoned and the in-between!

Where: Saint John Church-Baptist (4821 S. Michigan Ave.)  
When: Sunday, September 15th, 1:30 p.m.

## UniverSoul Circus

Laugh, dance in the aisles, and be amazed by world-class acts from around the globe, including Chinese aerialists, pretzel twisting contortionist, pampered pooches, tigers that will have you roaring, and more! The UniverSoul Circus is a highly interactive combination of circus arts, theater, and music that spans genres including Pop, Classic R&B, Latin, Hip Hop, Jazz and Gospel. It embraces and celebrates the unique and familiar aspects of pop culture globally by bringing them center stage with a cast of international performers. UniverSoul Circus is rated as one of the top three circuses in America. Visit <http://www.universoulcircus.com> for more information and to purchase tickets.

Where: Washington Park (5531 S. King Dr.)  
When: September 18th through October 6th

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## Senior Day at the UniverSoul Circus

Beginning September 3rd, senior citizens can purchase discounted tickets for Senior Day at the Circus. The discounted price for senior tickets is \$8 and can be purchased at numerous Park District locations including Washington Park. Tickets can be purchased Monday through Friday between 10am and 4pm. For more information and to see a complete list of parks where you can purchase Senior Day tickets, please visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

Where: Washington Park

When: Senior Day at the Circus is September 18th

## Jobs Galore II Job Fair for the Disabled

In an effort to boost employment prospects for people with disabilities, particularly those who are blind or visually impaired, The Chicago Lighthouse is joining forces again with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) to host a "Jobs Galore II" Fair on Thursday, Sept. 19th.

This event, which follows in the footsteps of a successful venture held in 2012, will take place from 11 am to 4 pm at the MOPD field office located at 2102 W. Ogden on Chicago's near west side.

The Lighthouse will be pre-screening candidates for more than 100 positions, ranging from entry level to management. Included will be call center supervisors, call center agents, mailroom processing clerks and retail sales associates.

Limited free parking is available at the 2102 W. Ogden location. The site is also close to public transportation, including the #157 CTA bus route and the Pink and Blue rapid transit lines. In addition, the Lighthouse will provide shuttle service every 30 minutes between its headquarters building at 1850 W. Roosevelt Road and 2102 W. Ogden.

Where: 2102 W. Ogden

When: Thursday, September 19th, 11am-4pm

## Bronzeville Pointe Garage Sale

The neighbors along the 4400 blocks of Calumet and King Drive are hosting a community garage sale. Collectibles, toys, bicycles, jewelry, household items, artwork, African-American memorabilia, and more will be available for purchase. If you live in that area and are interested in participating, please contact Marie Smith at [mmsmith3@gmail.com](mailto:mmsmith3@gmail.com).

Where: 4400 Blocks of King Drive and Calumet Avenue

When: September 21st, 9am to 4pm

## Forrestville Block Club Multi-Family Yard Sale

The Forrestville Block Club is hosting this multi-family yard sale where you can purchase gently used household, clothing, and other items. For more information, please contact Adrienne Bryant at [abryant5080@aol.com](mailto:abryant5080@aol.com).

Where: 4800 Block of South Forrestville

When: September 21st, 9am to 4pm

## Dreams Deferred

Over 900 Chicago school children have been shot since September, 2007. Dreams Deferred is a stage play that illustrates the devastating affects of violence and offers possible solutions. This production is suitable for ages 13 and up. Tickets at the door are: \$25 -Adult, \$15 for high school students with id, \$50-VIP. Advance tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for high school students with id, and \$40 for VIP. VIP ticket includes: priority seating, meet and greet with the cast and crew, and an autographed keepsake. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the IIT Chapter of the Black Student Union. For more information, please call (312) 772-6804.

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

When: September 21st, 7pm

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## **Reinvent/Reinvest Public Discussion**

Reinvent/Reinvest is a public discussion designed to bring greater attention to Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood and its long-forgotten cultural gems. Haki Madhubuti, founder of Third World Press, will join Bernard Loyd, founder of Urban Juncture, Inc. in a dialogue that will explore the role of arts in Bronzeville's rejuvenation and will also include a live performance by Discopoet Khari B. This event builds on their recent efforts with See Potential Chicago and is part of a long term initiative to utilize The Forum as a platform for celebrating the art, history, and future of Bronzeville. Revival Arts Collective, See Potential Chicago, and Urban Juncture, Inc. hope to encourage a large audience of Bronzeville residents and Chicagoans at-large to see the arts as a powerful vehicle through which neighborhoods may be redeveloped. Please email curators@revivalartscollective.org for more information or to RSVP.

Where: The Forum (318-328 East 43rd Street)

When: September 21, 2013, 2:30-4pm

## **All High Schools Reunion**

The DuSable High School Alumni Association and the DuSable Breakfast Club present the All High Schools Reunion. Drinks and dinner will be served and the event is \$15. Come on out and reunite with some long lost friends!

Where: Mr. G's Supper Club (87th/Ashland)

When: September 25th, 2013, noon to 4pm

## **Alderman Dowell's Annual Senior Update**

Every year, Alderman Dowell hosts a Senior Update event to provide Third Ward senior citizens with the latest information about important resources and events relative to health, nutrition, and activities. The event is a lot of fun and features raffles, bingo, and prizes. Additionally, the seniors are treated to a catered lunch.

Where: Charles Hayes Center (4859 S. Wabash)

When: September 28th, 10am to 1pm

## **Parent University: Back to School and Moving Forward**

The Bronzeville, Englewood, and South Shore Community Action Councils in invite you to attend their next Parent University. Workshops will cover the topics of violence prevention, wellness, restorative justice, and parent engagement. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served and there will be raffles and prizes. Free parking is available behind the building. For more information or to RSVP, please call Carl Hurdlik at (773) 553-1554.

Where: Kennedy King College (740 W. 63rd St.)

When: September 28th, 9am to 1pm

## **AIDS Run and Walk Chicago**

Join the AIDS Foundation of Chicago for AIDS Run and Walk Chicago, the largest Midwest event supporting those living with HIV/AIDS with 35 benefiting HIV/AIDS service organizations. On race day, AFC and the Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) will provide free HIV testing. Additionally, the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display. For more information about walking or volunteering or for event details, please call (312) 334-0946 or visit [www.aidsrunwalk.org](http://www.aidsrunwalk.org).

Where: Soldier Field

When: September 28th

## **Back of the Yards Farmer's Market**

The Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council and The Plant Chicago are happy to present a new farmer's market that will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, cheeses, baked goods, music, games, and children's activities. LINK is accepted. For more information, please contact Roger Sosa at (773) 523-4416 or [rsosa@bync.org](mailto:rsosa@bync.org).

Where: The Plant (1400 W. 46th St.)

When: Every Friday from September 6th to November 1st, from 9am to 3pm

# Events in and around the Ward (continued)

## Youth Programming at Second Presbyterian

Second Presbyterian Church is offering two programs for children and youth from economically-challenged families this fall. LIVE FIT is for middle school children (grades 4th-8th grades) to learn how to choose healthy lifestyles, build relationships and enjoy basketball, volleyball and other gym activities. The program is free and open to all students.

Second Presbyterian Church is also offering free tutoring sessions for students in need of assistance. A caring tutor will provide help with homework for students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school, evenings and Saturday mornings.

To enroll, or for more information, please call (312) 225-4951 or e-mail: youthleader.secondchurch1936@comcast.net

Where: Second Presbyterian Church (1936 S. Michigan)

When: Saturday mornings September 21 from 10-12 am and Saturday afternoons 1-3pm through December 14.

## Wine and Spirits Tasting

Come and join the Parent Association as they host the first Wine and Spirits Tasting event. The evening will include a tasting of delicious wines with complimentary food pairings, bourbon, scotch and beer samplings, hors d' oeuvres and a silent auction. Enjoy cigars from a cigar rolling station and live jazz. You must be 21 years of age to attend. The proceeds from this event will benefit the students and programs of DeLaSalle Institute.

The tickets are: \$25 per person and \$30 with Souvenir "D" Glass. Tickets can be purchased online at: <http://meteorshoponline.com/upcoming---events/>. For more information contact: dlsparentassoc@gmail.com or Lee Ann Eiland, Parent Association moderator at (312) 842-7355 ext.154.

Where: DeLaSalle Institute, Bansley Alumni Hall (3434 South Michigan Avenue)

When: October 3, 2013 6:00pm - 9:00pm

# Important Announcements

## Windy City Harvest Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certificate Program

This 9-month certificate program starts mid-February and ends mid-October with no breaks. There is a mandatory, paid, full-time internship during the middle of the program, late May to early Sept. Students are placed to intern at Chicago Botanic Garden farm sites and other partners in the Chicago area, according to their individual interest and farm needs. Although the days and hours vary at each job site, all students work 37.5 hours per week. Students must also attend classes at the Arturo Velasquez Institute during the weeks before and after their internship. For 2013, Mon. and Wed. classes are lectures, 9am - 11am and Tues and Thurs classes are hands-on labs/work days, 9am - 3pm. There is a total of 16 class hours each week, plus a final crop plan project.

Windy City Harvest will recruit 20 participants for 2014, with priority given to individuals who have the following qualifications:

- eligible for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) (a minimum of 50% of participants)
- physically prepared to work for 8 hours/day performing manual labor in all weather conditions
- meaningfully focused on gaining employment in the field of urban agriculture
- passionate about sustainable agriculture production and education in Chicago communities
- able to commit to a community set standard of classroom and field behavior
- excited to work as a team with fellow program participants

In order to continue the application process, you must attend one Information Session. Please RSVP to Luanne at 847.835.8216 or ljanikow@chicagobotanic.org with the date you are attending.

Where: Arturo Velasquez Institute, Room 1310 (2800 S. Western Ave)

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When: September 20, 2013, 9am - 12pm

When: September 27, 2013, 9am - 12pm

# Important Announcements (continued)

## Coaches and Tutors Needed for Second Presbyterian Youth Programs

Second Presbyterian Church is beginning a gym program for underprivileged boys and girls on Saturday mornings and afternoons, beginning September 21. Male and female athletes and coaches are needed to lead middle school youth (grades 4th--8th) to learn how to live fit, engage in a healthy lifestyles, build relationships and enjoy basketball, volleyball and other gym activities. Commit to one session each week Saturday 10-12 am or Saturday 1-3 p.m. Women coaches are especially needed! The program will run each Saturday, September 21 through December 14.

Tutors are also needed for the fall If you could volunteer 60-90 minutes a week to help teach a deserving student, your commitment of time and energy could change a student's life. To volunteer or for more information, please contact the church at (312) 225-4951 or e-mail at youthleader.secondchurch1936@comcast.net

## Woodworkers Training Program

If you need some skills to help with your career path, job training, and job placement, you may want to look into the Greater West Town Training Partnership's Woodworker's Training Program. This is a 15-week program with job placement assistance available upon completion. The training is at no cost for those who are income eligible. Orientations are Mondays and Thursdays and training starts on September 3rd. For more information or to register, please contact (312) 563-9570.

## Seasonal Driver Positions Open

Kelly Services is staffing for FedEx Ground for seasonal positions. To be eligible, you must be 21 or older, have one year of commercial driving experience (preferred), have a minimum of 6 months experience driving a like-sized vehicle within the last three years, have a valid driver's license, have a clean driving record, have customer service skills, and be able to pass a drug and background test. Please submit resumes to mwstrd@tempdriver.net.

## RTW Vet Center

The RTW Vet Center provides housing assistance, clothes, and free hot meals seven days a week, and snacks for homeless and needy veterans. They can also assist with helping veterans obtain their benefits from the VA, provide job referrals, and assist those who are interested in opening their own business. The RTW Vet Center also serves youth and the general public with their services and resources that include a computer lab and two sustainable gardens. The center is located at 5536 S. King Dr. and is open 10am-6pm, Mondays through Fridays and 12-5pm on weekends and holidays. For more information, please visit [www.rtwvetcenter.org](http://www.rtwvetcenter.org) or call Ms. Arnetha at (312) 972-2582.

## Real Men Read Bronzeville

Glorious Light Church has made a commitment to partner with local schools in the Bronzeville community. Real Men Read is one way we are fulfilling that commitment. Each week male volunteers read to young children in grades kindergarten through third grade.

Reading aloud to children inspires them and spurs them on to be readers as well. The program is designed to easily accommodate the busy schedules of any male volunteer. Reading starts the week of September 3, 2013.

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd	Wednesday, Sept. 6th	Thursday, Sept. 7th
Jackie Robinson School 4225 S. Lake Park Ave	Drake School 2710 S. Dearborn	Mollison School 4415 S. King Drive
Fuller Elementary 4214 S. St. Lawrence	Doolittle Elementary 535 E. 35th Street	Woodson South Elementary 4415 S. Evans
Ariel Community Academy 1119 E. 46th Street Dr.	Wells Prep 249 E. 37th Street	Burke Elementary 5334 S. King Drive
	Pershing Elementary 3200 S. Calumet	

# Important Announcements (continued)

## CTA & Pace Announce Steps to Ease Customers' Transition to Ventra

As part of the ongoing rollout of the new Ventra fare payment system for both Chicago Transit Authority and Pace customers, the agencies today announced more information that will allow customers to easily prepare for the transition to Ventra.

Select customers began using Ventra in early August in a gradual rollout of the new Ventra fare payment system. On September 9th, Ventra will be available to all CTA and Pace customers, beginning a transition to replace a nearly 20-year-old fare-payment system and offering transit customers the convenience and flexibility of using one card for all transit needs with faster boarding, easy account management and balance protection.

Visit [www.ventrachicago.com](http://www.ventrachicago.com) or call (877) 669-8368 for more information including multiple ways to get a Ventra card, balance transfers, and a timeline for the transition.

## Chicago Ready to Learn Early Childhood Resources

Do you have a child under the age of five who is ready to learn? Chicago Ready to Learn (CRL) offers Head Start, preschool for all, and childcare. CRL also offers qualified teachers, access to free medical and dental services, free healthy meals, quality child care, half and full day programs, and educational fun. For more information, please visit [www.chicagoearlylearning.com](http://www.chicagoearlylearning.com), text your zip code to 773-886-1819 or call 312-229-1690.

## Bike Sharing is for Everyone, Even Beyonce

From riding in the Bud Billiken Day Parade to hosting Youth Bike Fairs and working with officials on the installation of bike lanes and bike share stations, Alderman Dowell has worked hard to encourage bicycling among her constituents. You will likely see her and other elected officials riding around the ward for the rest of the summer. If Beyonce is in town, you may even see her riding around Chicago as she is also an advocate of biking and bike sharing. To read the article about Beyonce on a bike, please visit <http://m.theatlanticcities.com/commute/2013/08/beyonce-bike-commuter/6453/>

# September CAPS

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 more about your district.

<u>1<sup>st</sup> District</u>		<u>2<sup>nd</sup> District</u>		
131/132 Sept. 17th @ 7pm 1 <sup>st</sup> District Police Station (1718 S. State)	133 Sept. 18th @ 6:30pm Trinity Episcopal Church (125 E. 26 <sup>th</sup> )	211 Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm Illinois College of Optometry (3240 S. Indiana)	212/214 Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 Oakwood Shores (3711 S. Vincennes)	213/215 Sept. 11th @6:30 St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)
				<u>7<sup>th</sup> District</u>
221/223 Sept. 17th @ 6:30 King Center (4313 S. Cottage Grove)	224 Sept. 19th @ 6:30 Hall Branch Library (4801 S. Michigan)	225/231 Sept. 12th @ 6:30 Coppin AME Church (5627 S. Michigan)	233 Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (5480 S. Kenwood)	711/712 Sept. 24th @ 5pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Station (1438 W. 63 <sup>rd</sup> St.)
<u>9<sup>th</sup> District</u>				
915 Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 9 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Station (3120 S. Halsted)	924/931/933 Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm Park Federal Bank (1823 W. 47 <sup>th</sup> Street)	925 Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 6pm St. Gabriel's Church (4500 S. Wallace)	934/935 Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Westhaven Homes (850 W. Garfield)	

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### Aldermanic Office Hours

Monday through Wednesdays: 9am to 5pm  
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Fridays: 9am to 1pm  
Every Third Saturday: 10am to 1pm