

Third Ward Newsletter August 2014

Dear Third Ward Resident,

It is hard to believe that summer is already winding down. Even so, there are still a lot of great events to enjoy in the month of August that celebrate our students and our communities.

I am excited about my 8th Annual Back to School Extravaganza on August 16th at Fuller Park (see below). Of course, I will be at the 85th Annual Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic on August 9th. I look forward to these events every year as they are always filled with family-oriented fun, resources, and information that help our students get back to school on the right foot.

Additionally, the Bash on Wabash, Bronzeville Nights, and the African Festival of the Arts are August events that celebrate the great culture, history, and resources in our Third Ward communities. The National Night Out events are great opportunities for outdoor fun while promoting unity on the community.

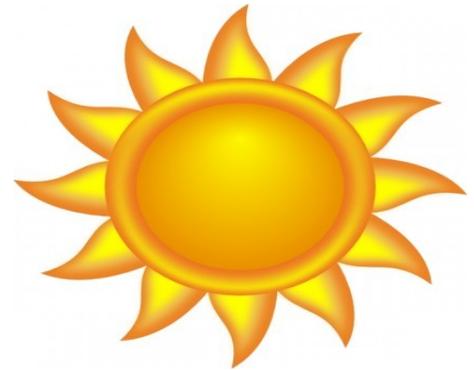
As families and schools prepare for the upcoming school year, I am committed to ensuring these students have safe passage and other resources they need. Issues related to vacant buildings, illegal activity, broken sidewalks, and overgrown and dirty vacant lots that are near schools are a top priority. We must be vigilant in our handling of these issues, so I ask that you do your part by reporting these issues to my office and if necessary, to the local police. In the "Important Announcements" section of this newsletter, you will find multiple extra-curricular resources for our youth that can provide safe, recreational, and educational options for students.

We are still in construction season and there are still several ongoing projects to improve public transportation, sewer and water service, and other infrastructure improvements. It is great to know that by the end of the summer, the Third Ward will have significantly better services to residents throughout the area. I believe it is vital to garner community input on development projects. I am hosting a Community Meeting regarding parking, traffic, and safety issues relative to the construction of the McCormick Place Event Center and Hotel on August 19th (see below). Additionally, I am hosting a Third Ward Town Hall Meeting on August 20th regarding other upcoming proposals and initiatives (see below).

I hope everyone really enjoys the rest of their summer and I look forward to seeing you at all the great events we have coming up in the ward!

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward



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Third Ward Update

Sewer and Water Main Improvement Projects

When working on a sewer or water main project, the Department of Water Management (DWM) will allow traffic to flow on the streets where they are working outside of their 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 their work area for "No Parking" as needed, during work hours (7am-4pm). 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 they can.

Third Ward Update (continued)

E. Oakwood Blvd.

The Department of Water Management (DWM) will be working on a new sewer improvement project on Langley Avenue from East 40th Street to East Oakwood Blvd. and on East Oakwood Blvd. from South Langley to South Vincennes. This \$850,000 project will benefit the area bounded by Pershing Rd to the north, East 40th St. to the south, South Cottage Grove Ave. to the east, and South Vincennes Ave. to the west. This area will experience better drainage, which will reduce flooding in the area after heavy rains.

Approximately 1,400 feet of new sewer line will be installed ranging from 24 to 36 inches in diameter. Construction will commence in late August and is expected to be completed by late October.

E. 23rd St.

Benchmark Construction Company will be installing approximately 818 feet of 8-inch water main on E. 23rd St. from S. Wabash Ave. to S. Indiana Ave. Installation is scheduled to begin in mid-August and is expected to be completed by early October. Upon completion, the area will experience an increase in the availability of water for fire protection and domestic use. Every effort will be made to minimize inconveniences to area residents.

S. Forrestville

The Department of Water Management will soon be installing 677 feet of 8-inch water main in S. Forrestville Avenue, from E. 45th Street to E. 46th Street. The old main consist of a 6-inch pipe and we want to expand capacity. Further, the old pipe dates back to 1909 and needs to be replaced. DWM will begin installing the new water main shortly, and expect the job to be completed in early November 2014. This includes restoration.

Cermak Road Green Line Station Construction

As construction for the Cermak Road Green Line Station continues, 1-16 E. Cermak will be under full closure during the following dates and times:

- 8/2: 4am to 10am
- 8/9: 6am to 3pm
- 8/10: 1am to noon

Detour: EB Cermak to NB State to EB 18th to SB Michigan Ave. (reverse for WB traffic). Pedestrian and ADA access will remain throughout the construction project.

New Alley Construction

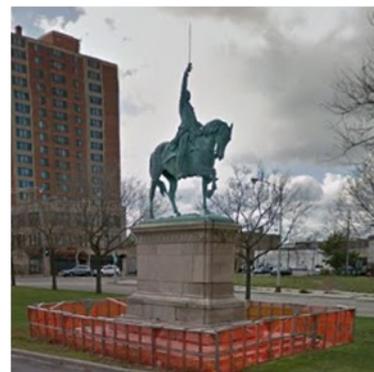
Mayor Rahm Emanuel, 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, and the Chicago Department of Transportation are pleased to inform you that the construction of a new alley will begin on Monday, August 11, 2014. The new alley will be bounded by: E. 44th Street, E. 44th Place, S. St. Lawrence Av., S. Vincennes Av. (north-south leg east of Vincennes Av.)

Due to construction the following changes will occur:

- During construction, garbage collection will be curbside and we ask that the homeowner relocate cans to the front of the property.
- There will be no access to the alley for approximately four weeks depending on the weather conditions.
- Barricades will block all entrances to the alley.
- Access to garages and parking lots from the alley will be unavailable.
- Homeowners are advised to seek alternative parking.
- Garage aprons will be replaced only as needed.

Statue at 51st/King Rehab Project

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) will be proceeding with the rehabilitation of the George Washington statue at 51st and King Dr. The base is unstable and the statue needs to be cleaned. DCASE will absorb those expenses, which will cost about \$100K. Per the City's process, they will need to solicit for bids for the removal and the expenditure will have to be approved by budget. In total, the expected cost of the job is about \$300K. DCASE will work with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to reinforce the fencing and barrier to better ensure public safety until they can find all the necessary resources for conservation. The statue will be returned upon the rehabilitation of the statue and replacement of the base.



Events in and around the Ward

Way to Well Health Bus Tour Coming to the Third Ward

Sponsored by Walgreens and the National Urban League, the Way to Well Health Tour bus is coming to the Third Ward. Each guest 18 years and older can receive over \$100 in free health tests including glucose, total cholesterol, blood pressure, and a complete weight assessment. These tests can be used to make risk assessments that may indicate symptoms and potential risks for cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. The tests are administered by certified wellness staff and can be completed in about 20 minutes.

Where: Walgreens (5401 S. Wentworth, #1A)

When: August 5th, 2014, 12-6pm

National Night Out

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August. Each police district sponsors their own National Night Out event that generally features food, fun, entertainment, and prizes. Call your police district to find out more about their event and visit www.natw.org for more information about National Night Out.

1st District

Cottontail Park
(44 W. 15th St.)
Aug. 5th, 6-8pm
(312) 745-4290

2nd District

Ellis Park (707 E. 37th St.)
Aug. 5th, 5-8pm
(312) 747-5109

7th District

Lindblom Park
(6054 S. Damen)
3pm-Sundown
(312) 747-8723

9th District

9th District Parking Lot
(3120 S. Halsted)
Aug. 5th 5:30-8pm
(312) 747-3501

Great Chicago Fire Festival at National Night Out

Created to unite the neighborhoods of Chicago and show the world its strength, the Great Chicago Fire Festival (GCFF) will express the city's unique character by celebrating Chicago's epic resurgence following the fire of 1871. In addition, we will honor the spirit of Chicago by showcasing artwork created by people from 15 diverse neighborhoods all produced at free local celebrations leading up to the festival.

The GCFF is collaborating with the Chicago Police Department and their National Night Out Event in the 2nd District to celebrate with the residents of the Bronzeville community! There will be free music, food, haircuts, school supplies, games and more! GCFF will capture neighborhood stories that show the resilience, courage and strength of the community with The Mobile Photo Factory and Cyclone Grill. All are invited to celebrate!

For more information on the this event and the upcoming Great Chicago Fire Festival, visit www.chicagofirefestival.com.

Where: Ellis Park (707 E. 37th St.)

When: August 5th, 5-8pm

Garfield Corridor Advisory Services Panel

On behalf of 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell and 20th Ward Alderman Willie B. Cochran, Urban Land Institute (ULI) Chicago, in partnership with World Business Chicago, invites you to join them for a public meeting to discuss the ULI Panel recommendations from the Garfield Corridor Advisory Services Panel which took place in February 2014.

The public presentation is an important opportunity for ULI experts to recap what they heard from stakeholders and community members who participated in the panel process, and to share panel recommendations with the public. The Panel's Scope of Work, is available for your reference by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/n7rtwpr>.

Please RSVP your attendance by calling 773-549-4972 or emailing Swasti Shah, Director of Community Engagement, ULI Chicago, at Swasti.Shah@uli.org. All community members are welcome, so please feel free to invite your neighbors, friends or colleagues.

Where: Burke Elementary School (5356 S. King Drive)

When: Tuesday, August 5th, 2014 , 6- 7pm

Events in and around the Ward (continued)

85th Annual Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic

On Saturday, August 9th, 2014, 10am, come out and celebrate one of the country's largest and most historical parades and help us get our students ready to go back to school. Now in its 85th year, the Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic was started by Chicago Defender founder Robert Sengstacke Abbott in 1929. The picnic in Washington Park will follow the parade.

Parade Start: King Drive at Oakwood Blvd.
Parade End: Garfield Blvd. (55th St.) and Ellsworth Dr.

Parade Route: King Drive south from Oakwood Boulevard to 51st Street. Ellsworth Drive (in Washington Park) from 51st Street to Garfield Boulevard (55th St.).

Street Closures:
King Dr., South bound lane from 33rd to 35th
King Dr., all lanes, 35th to 51st
Pershing Drive (39th St.) Cottage Grove to Indiana
Oakwood Blvd., (Cottage Grove to King Drive)
Vincennes (40th to Pershing Drive)

For more information about the 85th Annual Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic, please visit <http://www.budbillikenparade.org/home>.

Where: King Drive/Washington Park
When: August 9th, 2014

Bronzeville Nights

Bronzeville Nights is an opportunity for community and business to interact in a phenomenal way. The goal is for people to learn about the great businesses, amazing business owners and spend money by shopping local. It is an event series pairing local arts, culture and entertainment in some of the Bronzeville area's best businesses.

The kick off to the event series is August 13, August 27, September 10 and September 24. Join Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC) as they connect some of the hottest in arts, culture and entertainment in our local businesses. There will be an interactive mural design, lead by artist Paul Branton. Tasting menu provided by local area businesses. Stop by H-Dogs, Jokes and Notes and Blanc Gallery for an evening of fun.

Suggested donation of \$5 to attend, \$10 includes tastings. For more information, please contact QCDC at (773) 268-7232.

Where: 47th/King Drive
When: August 13th, 2014, 6pm

Where: 43rd/Ellis
When: August 27th, 2014, 6pm

Career Fair for Construction and Related Industries

This Career Fair for Construction and Related Industries is sponsored by Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO), Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and St. Paul Church of God in Christ Community Development Ministries, Inc. This is for students who are entering the 11th and 12th grades. There will also be on-site voter registration. On-line registration for the event ends August 8, 2014.

Visit <http://careerfair14-trades.eventbrite.com> to register and for more information.

Where: St. Paul Church of God in Christ (4550 S. Wabash Avenue)
When: August 11th, 2014 from 8am - 12pm

Events in and around the Ward (continued)



Alderman Pat Dowell's 8th Annual Back to School Extravaganza

If you have ever attended Alderman Dowell's Annual Back-to-School Extravaganza, you know it is a day filled with fun, entertainment, prizes, resources, and more! Refreshments and food will be served and school supplies will be available to Third Ward students (while supplies last). Additionally, several organizations and schools will be on hand to provide valuable information about resources that can help students achieve. Come on out for a great day of family fun and help us send our students back to school on the right foot!

Where: Fuller Park (341 W. 45th St.)

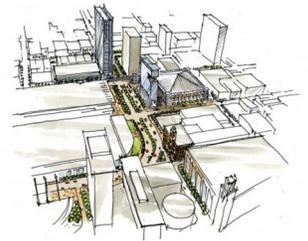
When: Saturday, August 16th, 10am to 1pm

McCormick Place Event Center & Hotel Community Meeting

Join Third Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, representatives from Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority to discuss traffic and safety issues regarding the construction of the McCormick Place Event Center and Hotel.

Where: McCormick Place, Room W187

When: August 19th, 6:30-8:30pm



Third Ward Town Hall Meeting

Join Third Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, representatives from the Chicago Park District, the Department of Planning and Development, and XS Tennis to discuss upcoming developments in the Third Ward. The agenda for the evening will include an updates on the Hadiya Pendleton Park, the 43rd St. Prairie/Calumet RFP, the acquired area around the former Attucks School (39th/State), and the incoming XS Tennis Facility to be located at 51st/State.

Where: Illinois Eye Institute Auditorium (3241 S Michigan Ave)

When: August 20th, 6:30-8:30pm

2014 Bash on Wabash

2014 marks the Eleventh Year Anniversary for the "Bash On Wabash" with the goal of bringing neighbors and businesses alike, from near and far, to a festival that showcases the beauty, creativity, history and culture of the South Loop. Located in the heart of the neighborhood on Wabash Avenue between 13th Street and 14th Place, this years' "Bash on Wabash" promises to be an experience to remember!

Benefiting the Greater South Loop Association (GSLA) and a portion of proceeds to the South Loop Food Pantry, this lively, colorful festival will have something to offer everyone including a wide variety of musical acts, food and beverages (including beer and wine), arts & crafts, an elaborate children's area, vendor booths, and so much more! For more information including a complete 2014 lineup of events, please visit www.bashonwabash.org.

In addition to great music, entertainment, food, and other activities, the 2014 Bash on Wabash will feature:

Kid's Bash

Simply put, there is a lot of fun to be had in the Bash on Wabash family fun area in 2014. We've got something for all ages and interests. Keep checking this page as we post updates and announcements. For any questions about the family fun area, including if you would like to volunteer, please contact Thomas Paukovitz at thomaspauk@hotmail.com.

Dash at the Bash

Get your sweat on! Meet your neighbors, see the sights of the South Loop and Chicago's beautiful lakefront and have some healthy fun at the 2014 Bash on Wabash, the South Loop's premier street festival.

Whole Foods Chef Demonstrations

Generously sponsored by the South Loop Whole Foods Market, the demo table gives our talented neighborhood chefs a chance to show off their stuff, and a chance for South Loop foodies to meet, chat with and learn from the folks that make the dishes we love.

Where: Wabash Ave. between 13th and 14th Streets

When: August 23rd and 24th, 2014

Events in and around the Ward (continued)

Acts of Kindness

Calling all kind individuals to help inspire and make someone's day happy through the sincere kindness of our hearts. Acts of Kindness is dedicated to encouraging and empowering people to practice kindness in their everyday lives. On August 27th, they will demonstrate acts of kindness by:

- Engaging and galvanizing the community with kindness
- Distributing water, granola bars, kindness cards, and other items
- Sharing literature on community resources and job opportunities
- Engaging people with smiles, handshakes, and conversation

For more information, please contact Christopher Watts at cwatts@trewabash.org or (773) 924-9270 , ext. 25.

Where: 51st Street/King Drive

When: August 27th, 5:25-5:30: receive instructions, 5:30-6:45pm: execute acts of kindness

Dinah Washington Honorary Street Renaming



Ruth Lee Jones (aka Dinah Washington) moved to the south side of Chicago at the age of three. Like many other accomplished musicians, she attended DuSable High School. At the age of fifteen, her talent was noticed after she won a talent contest at the Regal Theater formerly located at 47th and Grand Boulevard (now King Dr.). She then began performing with many jazz greats like Lionel Hampton, Wynton Kelly, Cannonball Adderley, and Joe Zawinul among others. She also enjoyed a successful solo career that yielded a 1959 Grammy Award for "What A Difference A Day Makes" and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993.

Join Third Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, Al Carter Bey and WHPK Radio, and others for the honorary street renaming of the 3800 block of South Prairie Avenue to celebrate the accomplishments of one of Bronzeville's legends.

Where: 3800 S. Prairie Ave.

When: August 29th, 2014, 12-2:30pm

African Festival of the Arts

Celebrating the African Festival of the Art's 25th year, the festival grounds in Chicago's Washington Park will come alive as a simulated African village over Labor Day weekend. Attendees will be transported across the Diaspora with interactive demonstrations, vibrant drumming, historical artifacts, colorful and rich fabrics, informative health and wellness workshops as well as fascinating entertainment.

This year's Festival line-up includes Grammy-Award winning vocalist, songwriter, producer and Jazz musician Cassandra Wilson Johnson as well as Salif Keita Malian music ambassador and afro-pop phenom. Visit www.africanfestivalchicago.com or the AFA's Facebook page for updated performance and festival information.

Where: Washington Park (51st/Cottage Grove)

When: August 29th through September 1st

Ambassadors for Peace

Later this month, several concerned citizens and community leaders (Sister Afrika Porter, Spencer Leak Jr., Nicole Wheatly, Dorian Minor and many others) will convene for an "emergency peace summit" to tackle some of the issues relative to gun violence in the city of Chicago.

This Peace Rally will have 25 to 30 social service organizations present, so that families can have access to resources that address the critical issues they are faced with (i.e. gun violence, parental socioeconomic status, child neglect and abandonment, homelessness, lack of economic development and lack of self-esteem).

Where: NE Corner of 38th/King Dr.

When: August 31, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Events in and around the Ward (continued)

How to Make A Hood Art Exhibit

How to Make A Hood unfolds a wide canon of stereotypes that foster misconceptions as they relate to black bodies and their environments.

The artists represented in this exhibition produce work that in some fashion explore the multi-faceted characteristics of the word "hood"; a slang term for a black neighborhood, cultural theory references such as objecthood, personhood and negrohood, and hood referencing the hoodie of Trayvon Martin that served as a signifier along with him being a objectified young black male in which an act of racial in justice occurred.

For more information about this exhibit, please visit <http://www.htmah.com/>

Where: Washington Park Arts Incubator (310 E. Garfield Blvd.)

When: Through October 10th, 2014

Senior Resources

Southwest Regional Senior Center

6117 S. Kedzie Ave.

Chicago, IL 60629

(312) 747-0440 TTY: (312) 744-6777

Special Events & Programs

Harvest Fest

Friday, August 22, 2014

12:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m

Join us for our home grown fruit and vegetable contest. Bring your home grown fruits and vegetables and you may win a prize! This event features a display of your produce which will be judged, and awarded prizes to the winners. A dance party will follow the event. Refreshments will be served.

FREE

Mexican Independence Day Celebration

Friday, September 12, 2014

12:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Mexico's Independence Day with a display of Mexican cultural artifacts by the Latino Heritage Group. Entertainment will be provided by a Mariachi Band, followed by a Disc Jockey. Refreshments will be served.

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Southwest Center's 34th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 19, 2014

12:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for the celebration of our center's 34th anniversary. Long time regular participants will be recognized. Music will be provided for the party. Refreshments will be served.

Free

Classes

AARP Drivers' Safety Program

Thursday August 21, 2014

Friday August 22, 2014

9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m

This approved course is taught by AARP for Accident Prevention. You must be at least 55 years old and a \$20.00 fee is required for the two day training. You may be eligible for a premium reduction on your automobile insurance at the completion of the class. Interested persons should call the center at (312) 747-0440 to register. Class size is limited. **\$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non- members (payable to AARP)**

Sewing For Leisure

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Mary Simmons

Come and join us to learn the art of sewing. A limited number of sewing machines will be available, so participants with sewing machines are encourage to bring their own machines. Students will supply their own sewing machine materials for the class. Classes meet every Tuesday, except on holidays. **The class size is limited to 15 students. \$3.00 per**

person for each class.

Senior Resources (continued)

Southwest Regional Senior Center (continued)

Zumba Gold

Thursday (1st and 3rd)

10:00 a.m - 11:15 a.m

Instructor: Mayah McKinnie

Ditch the work out, Join the Party! Zumba is a cardio-based fitness class that fuses latin and international rhythms and movements. The Zumba Gold format is designed for the active older adult or the beginner participant and features dances from popular rhythms such as meringue, Salsa, Cha Cha, Belly Dance Flamenco, Tango, Rock and Roll and more. The format is so easy that anyone and any age can do it! Zumba is for people who like to exercise, dance, party, and have fun!!!

FREE

Rules Of The Road

Friday, August 22, 2014

10 a.m - 12 p.m

Secretary of State Jessie White's Office is providing a Rules Of The Road class, which will provide information to assist you with taking your drivers test and also provide information on highway safety. Bring your driver license or state ID to attend. Hand outs will be available, but please sign up at the center to make sure we have enough material for everyone.

Free

Too Much On Your Plate?

Wednesdays, July 2, 16; August 6, 20; September 3, 17, 2014

10:15 a.m - 11:15 a.m

Have you forgotten how to relax? Have you got too much to do and not enough time to do it? Do you feel overwhelmed? Do you want to handle stress better? Do you want to learn how to take better care of yourself? If you answer yes to any of these questions, this support group is for you. It will meet every other Wednesday morning. The program facilitator is Jane Stolowich, LCSW from Rush University Medical Center, Bowman Health Center.

FREE

Computer Classes

Tuesday, Starting August 5, 2014 (Eight week sessions)

1:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m

Instructor: Myron Nash

This beginner computer course will teach you how to email, use the Internet and create labels. Advance registration is required, so please call (312) 747-0440.

\$40.00 (Due on the first day of class)

Beads & Baubles Making Class

Thursday: July 3, 17, 31, 2014

August 7, 21, 2014

September 4, 11, 2014

10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m

Instructor: Annette Abajian

FREE

Yoga

Fridays, July 11- September 19, 2014

10:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m

Instructor: Yaddria Tirado

Cost \$2.00 per class

Ceramics

Saturday, 9:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m

Join them for a fun class of ceramics and learn the fine art and technique of pottery.

FREE

Other Events and Resources at the SW Regional Center

Support Groups for Caregivers

1st Saturday of each month, 9:30

Support Groups for older Relatives Raising Children

1st Saturday of each month, 11:00

Wellness Team

Wellness Nurse: Cindy Nissen MSN, CWCN

Every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m

Pharmacist: Aimee Chevalier, PharmD

Third Thursdays, 10:15 - 11:30 a.m

July 17, August 21, September 18

Social Worker: Jane Stolowich, MA, LCSW, ACSW

First and third Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m

July 2& 16, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17

Dietitian: Kristin Gustashaw, MS, RD, CSG/ Melanie Betz, MS, RD

Third Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m

July 21, August 18, September 15

Senior Resources (continued)

Other Events and Resources at the SW Regional Center (continued)

Support and Weight Loss Groups

We'll Eat Better...Together Support Group

Tuesday Sept. 9 at 10:15- 11:00 a.m

A support group for older adults to share tips and tricks for healthier eating to maintain, gain, or lose a few pounds.

Relax and Renew

Tuesday- August 26, & Sept. 9 at 11:00 a.m

Explore a variety of relaxation techniques with your Wellness Nurse for the health of it!

Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls

Special program in an 8- week program. **Registration requires and class size is limited to 12 students.** The program will meet from 10:00 a.m - 12: noon on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 29, August 5, 12, and 19. **Please note that Cindy will be unavailable during these times due to this class.**

Special Program: Put Pain in its Place:

How to get your Osteoarthritis Under Control. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 10:15 a.m.

Are you one of the 27 million people who have osteoarthritis? Join Wellness Nurse Cindy for this program developed by the Arthritis Foundation. You'll learn ways to prevent and relieve pain and ways to get your pain under control as well as some safe and effective exercise.

Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Call (312) 747-0440 for more information

Group Exercise Classes

Day	Time	Class
Monday	9:00 a.m	SFP
Monday	1:00 p.m	Arthritis
Tuesday	1:00 p.m	SFP
Wednesday	9:00 a.m	SFP
Thursday	1:00 p.m	Weights
Friday	9:00 a.m	SFP
Friday	10:30 a.m	Yoga
Saturday	11:00 a.m	Arthritis

Englewood Satellite Center

653-657 W. 63rd St. 60621

Grandchildren Day

Monday, August 25, 2014, 10am-2pm

Englewood Satellite Center will be celebrating Grandparents with their Grandchildren. Lunch and activities will be provided.

Flu Shot Clinic

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Call (312) 745-3328 for more information.

Open House

Friday, September 19, 2014, 10am-3pm

The public is invited to get to know the center better.

Tours, classes, demonstrations, and refreshments will be provided.

Group Exercise Classes

Day	Time	Class
Monday	10:00 a.m	SFP
Tuesday	9:30 a.m	SFP
Tuesday	1:00 p.m	Fit & Strong
Wednesday	10:00 a.m	SFP
Thursday	9:30 a.m	SFP
Thursday	1:00 p.m	Fit & Strong
Friday	9:45 a.m	Limbercise

Important Announcements

Roseland Community Hospital Mammography Center

The Mammography Center at Roseland Community Hospital is for all women, regardless of insurance coverage. Experience their new mammography system with state-of-the-art technology, a quick and efficient process, 40-50% less radiation, and 2-3 times the resolution of other digital mammography equipment. Appointments are available Monday through Fridays from 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 9am to 3:30pm. Walk-ins are welcome Thursdays from 9am to 4:30pm.

Roseland Community Hospital is located at 45 W. 11th Street. Free transportation and lunch is available to all mammography patients (please ask for more details when scheduling an appointment). To schedule an appointment, call Rhonda Perdue at (773) 291-1935.

Important Announcements (continued)

2015 Roof and Porch Repair Program

The Roof and Porch Repair Program (RPRP) provides grants up to \$30,000 to owner-occupants of 1 to 4-unit residential buildings (condominiums do not qualify under this program). The program is limited to the repair and/or replacement of roof or porches for low-and moderate-income households. Repairs will be commensurate to the level of damage determined by a Department of Planning and Development (DPD) rehab construction specialist upon inspection.

For applications selected to receive assistance, work will be performed between April 1 and October 31 of each year. **The intake process for the 2015 roof and porch repair/replacement program will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, September 4, 2014 and continue until capacity is reached.** Call will not be taken on January 1st as in previous years. Interested applicants must call 311 to initiate the process. A Service Request Number (SR#) is issued by an operator at the time of the call. Registration will remain open for the first 1,000 calls.

DPD will mail applications to households who completed the phone registration. Homeowners must meet income and program requirements. Assistance is limited to funding availability. Eligible properties must be in Chicago, habitable, owner-occupied, and not at risk of foreclosure. All applicants must be income-eligible and can only receive a one-time service for roof or porch repair/replacement.

Households earning 80% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI) are eligible to participate in the program. If the property is jointly owned, the total income of all owners shall be included and may not exceed this limit. The incomes of all adults, 18 and older, who reside in the property, are included to determine income eligibility.

Household size	Maximum (Gross) Household Income
1	\$ 40,550
2	\$ 46,350
3	\$ 52,150
4	\$ 57,900
5	\$ 62,550
6	\$ 67,550
7	\$ 71,800

Free Mulch

The Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Streets & Sanitation offers free mulch. The mulch is available during working hours of 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. These locations are Streets and Sanitation yards where chips are kept for pick up:

- 4101 North Oak Park Avenue (Chicago Read Center)
- Grand and Rockwell (South of Grand Avenue, behind of the salt pile, along the south fence)
- 52nd and Oakley (near the Salt Dome)
- 2342 South Ashland Avenue (North West corner of property)
- 900 East 103rd Street (North East corner of property)

Additionally Streets and Sanitation will deliver 100 yard loads of wood chips to community gardens or for other community projects. 100 yards would be a full semi-truck load. Often groups with a large garden might request 3-4 truckloads. The requests may be made to John Lough at 312-746-5254 or jlough@cityofchicago.org, or to Danny Munoz 312-746-5222 or Danny.Munoz@cityofchicago.org.

The person making the request should provide:

1. Name with contact phone number
2. Address for the delivery
3. Amount of chips in 100 yard amounts
4. Date requested for delivery

The Southern Pitch Food Truck

The Southern Pitch Food Truck will pitch deliciously healthy variations of southern "comfort" food, coupled with historical facts about negro leagues baseball players and teams. Through a commitment to providing freshly made dishes from family recipes, they will swing to make smiling faces and satisfied appetites. "Enjoy the food. Digest the history." To find out more information, view their menu, and place an order, please visit <http://www.southernpitchfoodtruck.com/>

Online Voter Registration in Illinois

Last year, legislation was passed in Springfield allowing Illinois residents to register for voting online. Under the legislation, anyone with a valid driver's license or state identification card can go online to sign up to vote online beginning July 1, 2014. The legislation would also allow voters to request mail-in ballots online, though county clerks will not be required to offer the service. In addition to a state-issued ID, those wishing to register online will be required to enter the date the ID was issued as well as the last four digits of their social security number. Visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov> to get started on your online voter registration.

Important Announcements (continued)

POWER UP Boot Camp Youth Nutrition Program

The Illinois Currency Exchange Charitable Foundation (ICECF) is a nonprofit that works to create and support educational opportunities for disadvantaged Illinois youth. This year they are expanding their operations to include the POWER UP! Boot Camp, which they are running in partnership with the Chicago Park District. Two of its three sessions take place in Washington Park.

The POWER UP! Boot Camp is a free program that will educate kids about fitness and nutrition through a series of fun workshops and physical activities. The first session of the Boot Camp is open to 10th-12th graders, who will be trained as Mentors to help out the 4th-6th graders participating in the next two Boot Camps. For three months after the program, Mentors will exchange emails with their kids to support them in reaching their personal fitness and nutritional goals. During this period, kids will also use pedometers to monitor their physical activity online as well as keep a journal.

Important POWER UP Boot Camp Dates:

August 8 - Mentor Application Deadline (10th-12th grades)

September 1 - Youth Application Deadline (4th-6th grades)

August 23 - Mentor Training, Washington Park [5531 S. King Drive] 9:30-4pm

September 13 - Boot Camp #1, Washington Park [5531 S. King Drive] 9:30-4pm

September 14 - Boot Camp #2, Broadway Park Armory [5917 N. Broadway Ave] 9:30-4pm

For more information and to complete an application, please visit www.icecf.org/programs.

Anyone Can Learn Coding for Free

Did you know that anyone between the ages of four and 24 can learn to code for free anytime and anywhere through Chicago City of Learning's Month of Code Challenge from now until August 8? Month of Code participants learn to design and develop video games, interactive stories, mobile apps and more while they earn digital badges and win prizes, including movie tickets, video games, gift cards, a Chromebook or an iPad Air.

Young Chicagoans can explore the Month of Code alone at home or visit CCOL Youth Hubs located in four different areas of the city. They can access to computers, work with others who are taking part in Month of Code, or receive assistance from a mentor. It all starts at <http://ChicagoCityofLearning.org/Month-of-Code-Battle>, where an activity map will lead the way from playing games to obtaining computer science skills that could result in a passion for the profession. Along with Month of Code, CCOL's Weekly On-line Challenges provide fun, learning and earning - of digital prizes and additional prizes - wherever there is internet access. Each week the challenge focuses on a different topic. Visit www.chicagocityoflearning.org for more information.

Solar Chicago: Solar Energy for Your Home

The City of Chicago is pleased to announce Solar Chicago, a new community wide group solar discount program offered by the City of Chicago, the World Wildlife Fund, ELPC and Vote Solar. Chicago and cities throughout Suburban Cook County and neighboring towns are participating in this program to help homeowners of single-family homes and 2-flats pool their buying power to secure significant discounts that make installing solar more affordable than ever. The response to Solar Chicago has been terrific, exceeding prior registration goals of 750 and 1,000 participants. As a result a new goal of 1,500 homeowners has been set.

Now is the time to explore if solar is right for your home. The program is available through September 30, 2014 so please register to receive your no cost / obligation proposal. For more information or to register for the program, visit <http://www.mygroupenergy.com/group/solarchicago>.

CTA Improving Wireless Communications

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is moving closer to significantly improving wireless communications in CTA subways and underground facilities by awarding a contract to upgrade wireless infrastructure that will increase the speed and reliability of all major wireless carriers.

By providing continuous, reliable mobile phone service underground in all CTA subway platforms, mezzanines and tunnels, the upgraded network will offer better and more robust voice and high-speed data services and improve safety by providing more reliable communication between CTA personnel and emergency responders. It will replace existing infrastructure that dates back to 2005 -- before most smartphones, tablets and social networks were introduced - which is inadequate to support modern wireless data needs.

The CTA has funds to pay for the project but is aggressively seeking to partner with private-sector entities to pay for all or part of the \$27 million project. The agency expects that project work will begin as early as November 2014. During the entire project period, estimated to be 12 months, the CTA will keep the current wireless network operational and will continue to receive revenue from the six major wireless providers that currently provide service in CTA subways.

Important Announcements (continued)

Discounted Internet Service

Families in our communities may qualify for up to six months of complimentary Internet service if they apply and are approved for Internet Essentials Internet service from Comcast for a discounted rate of \$9.95 a month, from August 4th - September 20th.

To qualify, households must meet all these criteria:

- To qualify, the household must meet all of the following criteria:
- Be located where Comcast offer Internet service
- Have at least one child eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program
- Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
- Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

Parents looking to enroll in the program can call 1-855-339-6124 or visit Apply.InternetEssentials.com/event/bts/2014 between August 4th and September 20th to see if they qualify and to apply. Educators or others interested in helping spread the word can find more information at InternetEssentials.com/partner.

911 Surcharge Ordinance Passed

At the July 30th City Council Meeting, an ordinance was passed that will raise the monthly emergency service surcharge on phone lines to fully fund the 911 center and Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC), while also allowing \$50 million to be contributed for the first payment to municipal and laborer pension plans under the recent pension reform legislation without a property tax increase. The ordinance increases the monthly wireless line and land line surcharge by \$1.40 to \$3.90 per line and the prepaid surcharge to 9 percent. The increase would be effective September 1 for wireless lines and landlines and effective October 1 for prepaid.

By adopting the increases this year, we will generate an estimated additional \$10 million in 2014 and an additional \$40 million in 2015. This revenue will support OEMC and fund a vital emergency service for residents, while allowing the corporate fund to end its subsidy of the 911 center and instead make the additional \$50 million payment required for the first year under the reform plan to the Municipal Employees and Laborers pension funds.

The phone surcharge is authorized by State law and was recently renewed by the General Assembly. The legislation caps Chicago's fee to the highest level in Illinois as of January 1, 2014, which is the same level as the fee in Putnam County. The current highest fee in Illinois is \$5, which was imposed by Kenilworth on June 1.

The annual cost for OEMC and the 911 Center is approximately \$140 million, and last year the City collected approximately \$90 million from the surcharge. The 911 surcharge applies to landlines and wireless communications devices, as well as devices that use only a data plan but have the ability to dial 911. The increase in the surcharge would raise the average cellular customers' bill by approximately 1 percent.

August 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 to find out what district you live in.

1st District		2nd District		
131/132 Aug. 19th @ 7pm Hilliard Apts. (30 W. Cermak)	133 Aug. 20th @ 7pm Trinity Episcopal Church (125 E. 26 th St.)	211 Aug. 11th @ 6:30pm Il. College of Optometry 3240 S. Indiana	212/214 Aug. 5th @ 6:30pm Oakwood Shores (3711 S. Vincennes)	213/215 Aug. 13th @ 6:30 St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)
				7th District
221/223 Aug. 19th @ 6:30 King Center (4313 S. Cottage Grove)	224 Aug. 21st @ 6:30 Hall Branch Library (4801 S. Michigan)	225/231 Aug. 14th @ 6:30 Coppin AME Church (5627 S. Michigan)	233 Aug. 20th @ 6:30 Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (5480 S. Kenwood)	711/712 Aug. 26th @ 6:30pm 7 th District Station (1438 W. 63 rd St.)
9th District				
915 Aug. 12th @ 6:30 9th Dist. Station (3120 S. Halsted)	924/931/933 Aug. 5th @ 6pm Park Federal Bank (1823 W. 47 th)	925 Aug. 20th @ 6pm St. Gabriel's Church (4500 S. Wallace)	934/935 Aug. 19th @ 6pm Westhaven Homes (850 W. Garfield)	