



# Pat Dowell

## Third Ward Alderman

### Third Ward Newsletter

#### July 2016

Dear Third Ward Resident,

There are two issues I hear about from constituents more than any other. Public safety and jobs. Residents want to feel safer in their communities and they need jobs - especially for youth - who coincidentally are the most susceptible to violence. These issues are linked, the more job opportunities there are the less need there is to make money on the street doing illegal things.

I am proud to partner with 4th Ward Alderman Sophia King to address these issues head on by starting a brand new Summer Safety program for the 3rd and 4th Ward communities. This program, unique to our neighborhood, will provide over 44 jobs to local residents and additional job training opportunities for youth this summer. This is in addition to the 12 jobs provided to businesses along 51st Street as part of a special program through One Summer Chicago. The Summer Safety program is not only a great employment initiative, it will also increase public safety by placing safe passage workers at targeted locations like parks, schools, commercial corridors and other "hot spots" to ensure that there are eyes and ears in the community protecting residents as they enjoy the city this summer. This collaboration would not have been possible without the leadership of numerous community stakeholders and the cooperation of countless city agencies including CPS and the Park District. Thank you to all who committed time, energy and resources to make this program possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the annual Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic is right around the corner! On Saturday, August 13th, thousands of residents will flock to Bronzeville to see their favorite floats and enjoy the post-parade fun in Washington Park. For more information about Bud Billiken Day events visit [www.budbillikenparade.org](http://www.budbillikenparade.org). The parade is a great chance to show off our community, so please do your part and keep your block clean and free of debris. If you would like to organize a Clean and Green for you and your neighbors to clean up the block, please call my office at 773-373-9273. We can provide you with tools and trash bags and schedule a pickup for whatever waste you remove from your block.

Thank you for reading my monthly newsletter and have a great beginning to your summer! As always, you can reach my office anytime at 773-373-9273 or at [Ward03@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward03@cityofchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3rd Ward

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# Third Ward Update

## Bronzeville CAC Honors Valedictorians

On Monday, June 13th the Bronzeville Community Action Council - a group of parents, teachers, elected officials and community leaders dedicated to improving education for all Bronzeville students - came together to award outstanding Bronzeville students for their academic achievements.

Gift bags were given to the valedictorians, salutatorians, and most improved students from every school in the Bronzeville community. In addition, principals were recognized for their outstanding contributions and rewarded with a free dinner event at a local Bronzeville restaurant.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the gift bags and who worked so hard to make this event a truly special one. For a full recap of the event, please visit this website: <http://us.emob.io/NTqcKc>.



## Burke School Awarded for Healthy Eating and School Garden

Thanks to a collaboration between Burke Elementary School (5356 S. King Drive) and UIC's Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion, Burke students are eating healthy - consuming vegetables grown right at the school and fruits such as kiwi, grapes and bananas. These boys and girls (and their parents) are also learning about high quality nutrition in the classrooms. Thank you to Principal Jessica Biggs and Shaka Rawls for making healthy eating a priority at Burke.



## 401 E. Bowen Getting a Face Lift!

Residents of the Paul G. Stewart Apartment building at 401 E. Bowen will see some exciting changes to their building in the upcoming year. 401 E. Bowen was recently granted a permit to renovate the 20-story, 180-unit senior living facility to help beautify the property and make it even more livable for its residents.

Located in the heart of historic Bronzeville, the Paul G. Stewart Center has been offering quality housing options to local residents since 1975. For more information about living at Paul G. Stewart call 773-924-2100.

## 3rd Ward Job Fair - Friday, July 22nd

Dozens of local businesses will be attending the 3rd Ward Job Fair to meet candidates and fill open positions. Be sure to leave a good impression on employers by being ready for the Job Fair. That means dressing professionally, having copies of your resume and being prepared to talk about your work history and qualifications. The Job Fair is scheduled for July 22nd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Charles Hayes Center at 4859 S. Wabash. For information call the 3rd Ward Office at 773-373-9273.

# Third Ward Update (Continued)

## South Loop Elementary School Survey

In early June, the leadership of South Loop Elementary School sent out a public survey to parents, educators and community residents regarding the proposed new elementary school building to be constructed at 16th St. and Dearborn St. This extensive survey was done to gauge community interest and solicit ideas for the new building. Thank you to all those who took the time to fill out the survey.

This survey is only one step in what is going to be an extensive community process for South Loop Elementary School. If you have any thoughts about the school or suggestions you would like to have considered, please contact Alderman Dowell's office at 773-373-9273 or at [Ward03@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward03@cityofchicago.org).

## Obama Library Foundation Selects Architects

After an extensive vetting process, the Obama Library Foundation has selected the architects for the Barack Obama Presidential Library. The winning team is Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects | Partners (TWBTA) to lead the design team and Interactive Design Architects (IDEA) to be their partner as they begin this exciting project. A final site for the library has not yet been selected.

Alderman Dowell has been meeting with Michael Strautmanis, the head of the Obama Library Foundation, to discuss the library's potential placement in Washington Park and ways to leverage the library to benefit residents and businesses in the community.



## 2nd District Hosts Outdoor Roll Call

Commander Terence Williams and the officers of the 2nd Police District hosted an outdoor roll call on the corner of 43rd and King Drive on June 28th. Thank you to Commander Williams, the officers, and all of the residents who attended this important event.

An outdoor roll call is a strong signal to the community that the police are out in force protecting residents. It's also an opportunity for neighborhood residents to engage with their local police officers to develop a positive relationship and learn about what the police are doing to protect the community.

## U. of C. to Further Sculpt Arts Block on Garfield Boulevard

In addition to the existing Arts Incubator, Currency Exchange Cafe, book store and other amenities, the stretch of Garfield Blvd. between Prairie Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will get a significant investment to open a cinema, performance theater, dance studio and creative space.

Please see the link below for a Chicago Tribune article profiling the new Arts Block in Washington Park.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-arts-block-washington-park-20160603-story.html>

## Installation of New Track at Lillian Hardin Armstrong Park Begins

Alderman Dowell, working with the Park District and the Armstrong Park PAC, has secured funding to install a brand new hybrid asphalt and limestone track at Armstrong Park (4433 S. St. Lawrence Ave.). The new track will feature a 6-foot wide asphalt surface path and a 3-foot wide limestone running track. The work on the new track will be completed in early fall. For more information, please contact Armstrong Park Staff at 312-747-7138.

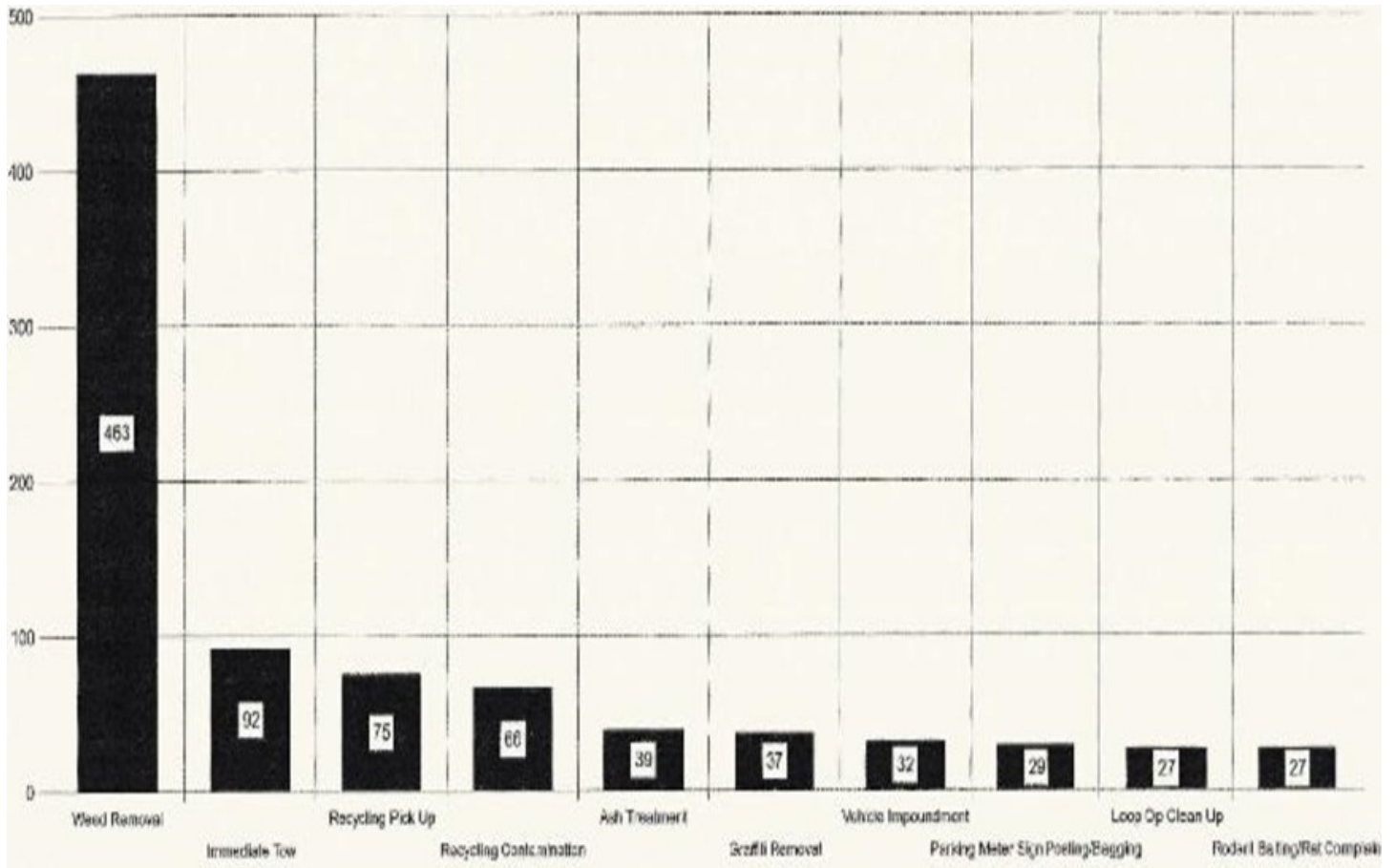


# Third Ward Update (Continued)

## May 311 Requests

Type	Number
DFSS - Human Services	91
Animal Care and Control	86
Streets and Sanitation - Street Cleaning	55
CDOT - Electrical Operations	42
DWM - Infrastructure	41
Streets and Sanitation - Rodent Bating	38
DWM - Sewer Complaints	34
Streets and Sanitation - Sanitation Code Violations	33
Streets and Sanitation - Recycling	27
Streets and Sanitation - Garbage Carts	25

## May 2016 Streets and Sanitation Requests



# Third Ward Update (Continued)

## 3rd Ward Parade of Homes Receives 5 Responses

Alderman Dowell, in partnership with the Department of Planning and Development, has released a Response for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Parade of Homes to be built in the Bronzeville community. The RFQ will help the city determine which proposal is most suited to build a series of single-family homes on vacant City-owned property between 39th Street and 43rd Street on Indiana, Prairie and Calumet Avenues.

The RFQ received responses from Click Development, Greenline Development, R&D Builders, Urban Equities, and Wade Enterprises & Associates. The City of Chicago is now reviewing the responses. The idea for a Parade of Homes was presented at Alderman Dowell's April 2016 Town Hall meeting and as more information becomes available, will again be presented publicly for community input and evaluation.

## Bronzeville Scholastic Institute Gets New Principal

Bronzeville Scholastic Institute (4934 S. Wabash Ave.) has a new principal! Leading the school will be Stephanie Glover-Douglas. Principal Douglas began her 15 year career in education as a teacher at Morgan Park High School. For the past three years she served as Assistant Principal at Hyde Park High School. Prior to that she was a resident principal under Dr. Janice Jackson at Westinghouse and served as a Network ISL for four years. Stephanie and her family have been residents of Bronzeville for the past 12 years.



## Jokes and Notes Closing

It is with great sadness that Jokes and Notes, a staple in the Bronzeville community for a decade, will be closing its doors according to the owner's recent statement. Despite calling Alderman Dowell "very supportive and the best Alderman a business could have," the owner cites a lack of tourism in the area, competition from "pop-up" shows at local bars, and the fact that turning a profit in this type of business is very difficult as the reasons Jokes and Notes is being forced to close.

The final show (pictured left featuring owner Maryella Lindsey and comedian Damon Williams) was June 25th. At this time Ms. Lindsey is evaluating options moving forward with an eye to reopening at another location if feasible.

## Paid Sick Leave Will Be Required in City of Chicago

With Alderman Dowell's support, starting July 1, 2017, it will be required for businesses in the City of Chicago to offer paid sick leave to employees (some exclusion apply). To be eligible, employees must work 80 hours for an employer during a 120 day period and an employee must work 180 days for the employer to be eligible for paid sick time. For every 40 hours worked, an employee receives 1 hour of paid sick leave, with a cap of 40 hours of paid sick leave every 12 months. Employees can only carry over a maximum of 20 hours of accrued paid sick leave to the next 12 month period. When an employee is absent for more than three consecutive work days, the employer may require certification, like a note from a licensed health care provider.

## City Passes Ordinance to Regulate Home Sharing

On June 22nd the Chicago City Council passed new regulations for the home sharing industry to ensure consumers and residents are protected while generating new revenue to address homelessness in Chicago. Alderman Dowell was part of a City Council working group that helped craft the new home sharing ordinance.

Specifically, the ordinance requires home sharing companies (like Airbnb) to be licensed and report on rental data to the city. Companies are also required to submit and comply with a quality of life plan to address problem rental units. Units themselves will be required to register as a shared housing unit or as a vacation rental. Additionally, hosts with multiple rental units are required to obtain a shared housing unit operator's license which subjects the units to strengthened regulatory standards. A four percent surcharge on the booking of shared-housing units is expected to generate approximately \$2 million. Up to eight percent of the revenue raised from the surcharge will be used for enforcement and administration. Half of the remaining funds will be earmarked to fund permanent housing for homeless families, with the other half dedicated to providing supportive services and housing to the homeless.

## City Approves Measures to Protect Residents in Accessing Bathroom Facilities

A new measure passed by the Chicago City Council prohibits public accommodations like hotels, restaurants or grocery stores from requiring patrons to show a government issued ID upon request to access facilities like restrooms for the purpose of denying service based on biological category, gender identity or both.

As Chairman of the Human Relations Committee, Alderman Dowell held the initial public hearing on the proposed ordinance, taking testimony from the head of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, experts and interested members of the public. The resulting ordinance was passed by the full City Council during the June meeting.

# Events in and Around the Ward

## Shared History Closing Reception

Curated by Rashayla Marie Brown and Ms. Masequa Myers, *shared history* is a historic exhibition celebration the relationship between the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the South Side Community Art Center. The closing reception will feature a panel discussion, spoken word, refreshments and more. This is a free event.

Where: South Side Community Art Center (3831 S. Michigan Ave.)

When: Saturday, July 2nd at 1:00 pm

## Bankruptcy Basics for Seniors

The Circuit Court of Cook County's Elder Justice Center, as part of their Free Senior Enrichment Seminar Series, is proud to present "Bankruptcy Basics for Seniors." This free event will teach participants about Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy, bankruptcy exemptions, non-dischargeable debt and how bankruptcy affects family and friends. To register please call 312-603-9233.

Where: Richard J. Daley Center (50 W. Washington, Room 2005)

When: Thursday, July 7th from noon until 1:30 pm

## Concert in the Park

Lakeside Bank in partnership with VanderCook College of Music present a free concert in the park. This all-ages show will feature show tunes and classics performed by the VanderCook Graduate Concert Band. Toddlers, Tunes and Turtles begins at 5:30 pm and the Family Drum Demonstration starts at 6:30 pm. For more information call 312-435-5100.

Where: Chicago Women's Park and Gardens Clark House Museum (1827 S. Indiana Ave.)

When: Thursday, July 7th at 7:00 pm

## Lab: Individual Giving

The Arts & Business Council of Chicago, as part of their Nonprofit Development Workshop series, is hosting an event entitled "Lab: Individual Giving." This session will cover the basics of developing a well-rounded individual giving plan and provide an opportunity to craft and practice these new skills. Learn how to cultivate individual donors, build an organizational giving plan, and engage board members.

Where: Beverly Arts Center (2407 W. 111th St.)

When: Monday, July 18th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

## Unity in the Community Unity Festival

Help stop gun violence by participating in the Unity in the Community Unity Festival Block Party hosted by the Fuller Park Advisory Council, GREGG and F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Free food, live music, games, and prizes will be provided. For more information call 773-328-8553 or 773-952-6277. Vendors and volunteers are welcome.

Where: Fuller Park (331 W. 45th St.)

When: Saturday, July 23rd from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

## Bronzeville Summer Nights Trolley Tour

Explore the rich artistic culture and entertainment of Bronzeville and surrounding neighborhoods as part of the Bronzeville Summer Nights Arts District Trolley Tour. Rotating trolley stops at each gallery and featured business every 15 minutes. For a complete list of stops and to receive more information about the trolley tour, please visit [www.bsnadt.com](http://www.bsnadt.com).

Where: Various locations in Bronzeville

When: July 15th, August 19th and September 16th

# Events in and Around the Ward (continued)

## South Loop Beer and Cider Fest

The South Loop Beer & Cider Fest will consist of one afternoon session from 4:00 - 7:30 pm (3pm entry for VIP Guests) and will offer an impressive array of beer and hard ciders from Illinois and beyond. In addition to the sampling of craft beers, attendees can enjoy food and live music from Zydeco Voodoo and other craft beer-centric activities. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-loop-beer-cider-fest-tickets-24889624537> for more info or to buy tickets.

Where: Chicago Women's Park and Gardens (1801 S. Indiana)

When: Saturday, August 6th from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm (VIP entry at 3:00 pm)

## 3rd Annual Construction Expo

Spend the morning and bring the family to learn what it takes to enter a career in one of the many skilled union trades such as: Bricklayers, Carpenters, Electricians, Laborers, Operating Engineers, Pipefitters, Plumbers and others.

For more information about the skilled union trades, contact Johnetta Ryan, CISCO's Education-to-Careers Director at 630-472-9411.

Where: St. Paul Church of God in Christ (4526 S. Wabash Ave.)

When: Thursday, August 25th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

# Important Announcements

## Soldier Field Events

Parking restrictions are in place for the South Loop during all Chicago Bears football games as well as other events hosted at Soldier Field. Vehicles parked in the South Loop without a valid Soldier Field Parking Pass or Soldier Field Guest Pass are subject to ticketing or towing.

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

<b>Guns N' Roses</b> - Friday, July 1st at 8:00 pm	<b>Guns N' Roses</b> - Sunday, July 3rd at 8:00 pm
<b>Truck It</b> - Thursday, July 1st evening	<b>US Women vs. South Africa</b> - Saturday, July 9th at 12:00 pm
<b>TLC Block Party</b> - Saturday, July 16th from noon to 5:00 pm	<b>Glow Run</b> - Saturday, July 16th from 9:00 am to midnight
<b>Burgers and Beers</b> - Monday, July 18th from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm	<b>Rock the Night</b> - Thursday, July 21st from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm
<b>Coldplay</b> - July 23rd and 24th at 7:00 pm	<b>Bayern Munich v. AC Milan</b> - Wednesday, July 27th at 8:00 pm

## Chicago Clerk's Office Open Saturday, July 2nd

The Chicago Clerk's Office will be open for special Saturday holiday hours as the deadline to get new city vehicle stickers was June 30th. All Chicago Clerk locations will be open from 9:00 am to noon on Saturday, July 2nd.

The special weekend hours are to assist motorists whose vehicle stickers expire at the end of June avoid tickers over the long holiday weekend. Also beginning July 1st, changes to the Chicago Municipal Code regarding the city vehicle sticker grace period go into effect. This means that motorists whose city vehicle stickers expire at the end of June are eligible to be ticketed immediately starting July 1st. The \$200 ticket can be issued daily.

You can visit the City Clerk at their City Hall (121 N. LaSalle St.) office or at their Gale Street (5430 W. Gale St.) or Archer Avenue (5674 S. Archer Ave.) offices. For more information please call 312-742-5375.

## Senior Programming at Ellis Park

The Hyde Park Art Center is partnering with the Chicago Park District's Arts and Recreation Center at Ellis Park to provide programming for Senior Citizens this summer. Seniors will be able to participate in a free 6-session program that will create a Memory Book. Participants will create their own handmade paper, bind the paper into a simple book, and create a photo collage. The program will meet in the multi-purpose room at the new Arts and Recreation Center at Ellis Park located at 3520 S. Cottage Grove Ave. The program begins on July 12th and ends on August 3rd. For more information contact Ellis Park Supervisor, Monique Scott, at 773-285-7099.

## Proposal to Strengthen Recycling Regulations for Rental and Condo Buildings

A new proposal by Mayor Rahm Emanuel would fine building owners \$5,000 for not offering recycling options for their properties. Since 1993 it has been required that all building owners provide recycling options for their residents. However that law did not contain fines or enforcement regulations. The new proposed ordinance would outline penalties for non-compliance.

The proposed ordinance requires owners of multi-unit buildings provide "source-separated, single stream recycling" to building residents. Failure to comply with the ordinance subjects owners to a fine of \$500-\$1,000 for the first offense, \$1,000-\$2,500 for a second offense and \$2,500-\$5,000 for a third offense within a one-year period.



# Important Announcements (continued)

## ComEd Overhead Line Program

In 2006, the City Colleges of Chicago partnered with ComEd to establish the Overhead Electrical Line Worker (OELW) program. Program participants are trained for success as an overhead lineman, and are provided job placement assistance in the electrical utility industry. Graduates of this five-and-a-half month program receive a certificate from the City Colleges of Chicago as well as 35 hours of college credit. Since 2006, 319 students have graduated with 171 of these graduates hired by ComEd. In recognition of the program's 10th anniversary, ComEd created a new scholarship for students seeking to access the program.

## Become a Summer Food Services Site

Be part of the solution! If you run a summer program for kids 18 years and under, you may qualify for FREE breakfasts, lunches and snacks plus stipends to help offset labor costs. Community centers, sports leagues, playgrounds, schools, churches and other non-profits can be feeding sites as long as they serve at least 25 breakfasts or lunches per day. For information on how to become a summer food service program site visit FSP's website at [www.food4summer.com](http://www.food4summer.com), call 773-Gr8-Food or email [Gr8food@fspro.com](mailto:Gr8food@fspro.com).

## Foreclosure Legal Assistance

In need of legal assistance due to foreclosure? Are you a tenant in a property facing foreclosure or having other legal issues with your landlord? Chicago Legal Clinic's Foreclosure Substantive Representation Program assists residents impacted by the foreclosure process. For the past 4 years, the program has assisted hundreds of residents with their foreclosure lawsuits, Cash for Keys, short sales, etc. If you need legal advice or representation, call the Chicago Legal Clinic at 773-364-1120 or email Jamie Davis-Maxfield at [jdavis@clclaw.org](mailto:jdavis@clclaw.org).

## ComEd CONSTRUCT Program

Beginning in 2013, ComEd partnered with several construction industry firms to launch CONSTRUCT, a tuition-free 11-week job training program. Through this program, participants develop job readiness skills including preparedness for industry-specific tests. This program was launched in conjunction with the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, the Chicago Urban League, the National Latino Education Institute, ASPIRA of Illinois and the City Colleges of Chicago. In February 2016 ComEd and its partners enrolled the program's fourth class.

# 3rd Ward Star

## Beverly Allison

This month's 3rd Ward Star is Beverly Allison (pictured right in black), longtime Fuller Park resident and community activist. Mrs. Allison has a long and distinguished history of community service and in recognition of her efforts, the auditorium at Fuller Park (331 W. 45th St.) has been dedicated in her honor.

Please join Alderman Dowell in thanking Beverly Allison for her leadership in the community. Fuller Park and the entire 3rd Ward are better places because of her tireless efforts.



# July CAPS Meetings

Attending and participating in the Chicago Police's Community Policing Program (CAPS) is one of the best ways to address crime and quality of life issues in your neighborhood. By attending CAPS meetings, you can share important information with the police that will assist them in making arrests and preventing crime as well as receive valuable information about resources that promote homeowner and community safety. Visit [www.chicagopolice.org](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

<b><u>1st District</u></b>				
<b>131/132</b> Tuesday, July 19th @ 7:00 pm 1st District Station (1718 S. State)	<b>133</b> Wednesday, July 20th @ 7:00 pm Trinity Church (125 E. 26th St.)			
<b><u>2nd District</u></b>				
<b>211</b> Monday, July 11th @ 6:30 pm Il College of Optome- try (3240 S. Indiana)	<b>212/214</b> Tuesday, July 5th @ 6:30 pm Mandrake Fieldhouse (3858 S. Cottage Grove)	<b>213/215/224</b> Wednesday, July 13th @ 6:30 pm St. Elizabeth's (4058 S. Michigan)	<b>221/223</b> Tuesday, July 19th @ 6:30 pm King Center (4313 S. Cottage Grove)	<b>225/231</b> Thursday, July 14th @ 6:30 pm Coppin AME Church (5627 S. Michigan)
<b><u>7th District</u></b>		<b><u>9th District</u></b>		
<b>711/712</b> Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 pm Sherwood Park (5701 S. Shields)	<b>915</b> Tuesday, July 12th @ 6:30 pm 9th District Station (3120 S. Halsted)	<b>924/931/933</b> Tuesday, July 5th @ 6:00 pm New City Supportive Living (4707 S. Marshfield)	<b>925</b> Wednesday, July 20th @ 6:00 pm St. Gabriel's Church (4500 S. Wallace)	<b>934/935</b> Tuesday, 19th @ 6:00 pm Westhaven Apts. (850 W. Garfield)

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