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Michele Smith
 Chicago's 43rd Ward



Two Court Advocacy Victories!

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**LPHS Jazz Ensemble at
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This Sunday, our very own Lincoln Park High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Chicago Jazz Festival. Come out and support this wonderful accomplishment. Click here for more information.

Sunday, September 1st
3:45pm-4:15pm
The Chicago
Community
Trust Young Jazz
Lions Pavilion
(Harris Theater Rooftop)
205 E. Randolph

**"Shop the Steeple" at St.
Pauls Next Saturday!**

Next Saturday, stop by the largest church rummage sale in Chicago, St. Pauls' "Shop the Steeple". Browse furniture, artwork, jewelry, toys, and more! Proceeds from "Shop the Steeple" benefit St. Pauls United Church of Christ. Click here for more information.

Dear Friends,

It is often said that the wheels of justice turn slowly. But sometimes, when the community and police work together, and when the evidence is there, justice can be swift. That is why I'm glad to report that our court advocacy program had two successes yesterday that resulted in convictions for cases we have been following.

A few weeks ago, I wrote a [newsletter](#) about a garage in the Gold Coast that was burglarized while a neighbor of ours was bringing his suitcase to his back door. Fortunately, the crime was recorded on a security camera, resulting in a good identification of the defendant. The defendant was arrested approximately 10 days later on June 4th. He had eight prior felony convictions.

Yesterday, several community members and I went to court and spoke with the Assistant State's Attorney to express our support for the victim and to insist that this career criminal be prosecuted. The defendant chose to plead guilty in exchange for an eight-year sentence.

Another case that our office followed was the battery of a local restaurant owner outside of his Lincoln Park establishment by a customer who had a disagreement over the bill. Our staff accompanied the victim to court yesterday morning and the accused plead guilty to the battery charge. She was sentenced to 1 year of supervision and a no contact order - she is now barred from the restaurant.

These sentences send the message that crime will not be tolerated in our community and emphasize the importance of community support. As your Alderman, I'm committed to personal advocacy for victims of crime in our ward. If you would like to join me at court dates for the other cases we are following, please email me at

*Saturday, September 7th
8:00am - 2:00pm
St. Pauls
2335 N. Orchard*



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at yourvoice@ward43.org. I would also like to thank Commander Dunn and the officers of the 18th District who protect our neighborhood, and to the neighbors who came out as part of the [court advocacy program](#).

Finally, let me remind everyone to join our "[Lock Your Door Campaign](#)" by (1) Locking your door (2) Getting a good quality deadbolt; (3) Calling 911 whenever you see something out of place. If you'd like to join or start a neighborhood watch block club, contact us at yourvoice@ward43.org.

Sincerely,

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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