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 Chicago's 43rd Ward



Community Wants More Parking - And Gets It

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**St. Pauls Oktoberfest
This Saturday**

Stop by St. Pauls this weekend to celebrate their German heritage with them. Enjoy brats, beer polka music, and fun for the whole family! Click here for more information.

Saturday, September 21
5:00pm - 10:00pm
St. Pauls
2335 N. Orchard

**CTA Ravenswood
Connector Project
Update**

This Sunday, September 22nd and next Sunday, September 29th, CTA crews will be working in the alley between the 1600 and 1700 blocks of N. Clybourn and N. Bissell. The crews will be performing structural maintenance on the El track.

Dear Friends,

Adequate parking in Lincoln Park has been a challenge we have faced since I took office. In fact, one of the first [community meetings](#) our office held concerned a proposal to convert the then-decrepit garage at 2036 N. Clark into a storage facility. Upon learning that the community was overwhelmingly in support of maintaining neighborhood parking, we rejected the developer's proposal and instead supported the sale of the garage to a parking garage operator.

Today, we're proud to announce the grand opening of the USA Parking Lot located at 2036 N. Clark. This Art Deco building has been lovingly restored and reconstructed to allow the garage to continue to provide over one hundred spots, offering daily, monthly and valet parking.

We have also increased parking around the [Green City Market](#) and helped preserve the parking in the former Children's Memorial Hospital garage after the hospital closed (the first two floors offer free parking for up to 5 hours every day).

Additionally, our office is partnering with FasPark- an app hosted on our [website](#) that will allow you to find street parking before you arrive at our office.

Work will last from 7:00am to 7:00pm each day. Residents will have access to their garages. Click here for more information.

LSC Vacancy at Lincoln Elementary

Lincoln Elementary School seeks a committed education advocate to serve on its Local School Council in the role of Community Representative for the 2013-2014 school year. The LSC plays a role in decision making at the local school level.

Candidate Statement forms must be submitted to Mrs. Miles in the main office by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 27. For more information e-mail LSC Chair Katie Fairbank, at mkfairbank@gmail.com.

Proposed Halsted-Willow Development Community Mtg.

Please join our office and RANCH Triangle for a community meeting about the proposed development at the northwest corner of Halsted and Willow.

Golub, the owner of property located at the northwest corner of Halsted and Willow, is proposing a mixed-use re-development that will include:

- a multi-story residential building
- new retail along Halsted
- town homes along Willow



Renewed parking garage at 2036 N. Clark

But we are far from being all about cars. Several [new Divvy bike stations](#) have opened in the last week - with more to come. We can all see how popular "Divvying" has become.

Safety for all is our biggest priority. To date, we have installed 30 in-road pedestrian signs throughout the ward - more than any other ward. And over thirty residents joined us for our Clark Street Assessment walk with Active Transportation Alliance and Bike Walk Lincoln Park to determine how to make Clark Street as bicycle, car, AND pedestrian friendly as possible. Click [here](#) to read the findings.

And if you are looking for a transportation-related challenge, click [here](#) to learn all about Active Transportation Alliance's "Car Free Week" September 22nd -28th. Enter to win prizes, including FREE Divvy and Zipcar memberships and more. Just leave your car - parked.

All 43rd Ward Homeowners Property Tax Assessment Appeals Until September 30th

ALL 43rd Ward homeowners may currently appeal their property tax assessment to the Cook County Board of Review until **September 30th, 2013**. Appealing your property tax assessment is an opportunity to ensure your assessment is fair and accurate. Click here to file your

View presentations by the developer, provide input, and get answers to your questions.

appeal [online](#). Questions? Contact Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office at 312-603-4210. Click [here](#) for a printable flyer.

**Monday, September 30
6:30pm - 8:00pm
St. Teresa de Avila, PC4
1950 N. Kenmore**

Lakeview Township Property Tax Assessment Seminar

Join Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Michael M. Cabonargi at a seminar in Lakeview Township with County Commissioner Fritchey on how homeowners can appeal their property assessment and potentially lower their property tax bills. Questions? Contact Commissioner Cabonargi's office at 312-603-5560 or visit their website www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.



43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted
www.ward43.org

Office Hours:
Monday
9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday
9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Contact us:
phone
773-348-9500
email
yourvoice@ward43.org

**Monday, September 23rd
6:30pm - 7:30pm
DePaul Student Center
2250 N. Sheffield
Room 314**

In addition, Commissioner Gainer's office will be hosting satellite office hours at the 43rd Ward Office. The Commissioner's staff will be available to assist homeowners with filing an appeal on-site and to answer any property tax questions they may have:

**Friday, September 27th
2:00pm - 6:00pm
43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted**

Sincerely,

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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