

** Alderman **
Michele Smith

Chicago's 43rd Ward



Additional Informational Presentation for the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Annex

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**Join Us for
Clean and Green
Neighborhood Clean Up**

Saturday, April 26th the City of Chicago and neighborhood volunteers will be cleaning up the City. This is a great opportunity to join the your neighbors in making the Ward cleaner and more attractive, especially after this year's winter! The City will provide brooms, rakes, trash bags, and other tools for cleaning. See the flyer [here](#).

For questions and registration, call 311.

**Saturday, April 26th
Ward Wide**

**Lincoln Elementary
Kindergarten
Registration**

Registration for Lincoln Elementary Kindergarten opened on April 21st. Parents are strongly

Dear Friends,

As you know from our last newsletter, last Thursday (4/17) the Public Buildings Commission (PBC), Chicago Public Schools (CPS), and my office hosted an informational meeting about the annex to be built at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

Given that many families were out on spring vacation, I urged the PBC to host an additional meeting for those who could not attend. The [presentation](#) will be similar to the initial meeting, and will allow parents an opportunity to view the plan in its entirety and receive answers to their questions.

WHAT: Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Annex

WHO: Hosted by the Public Building Commission, Chicago Public Schools and Alderman Michele Smith

WHEN: Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE: Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
615 W. Kemper Place
Auditorium**

We have also asked the PBC to host small meetings for the residents of the immediately adjoining blocks to review construction staging in more detail. These will be scheduled soon.

And check out [Crain's](#) for an article on the Lincoln Park baby boom!

encouraged to register now so the school can prepare for students' arrival in September. For more information regarding registration and school boundaries please click [here](#) and [here](#).

AFS High School Exchange Program

AFS is looking for families to host high school exchange students for the 2014/15 school year at Chicago area schools.

Click [here](#) to view the flyer and learn more about being a host family!

Keep the Pressure On! Sprinkler Update

Help continue the fight against a statewide sprinkler mandate. The best way to show your continued support for House Bill 4609, sponsored by Rep. Sara Feigenholtz is to sign on to the online petition and voice your concerns.

Click [here](#) to sign on to the Lakefront Coalition for Responsible Fire Sprinkler Policy Petition, and share with others.



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Office Hours:
Monday
9a.m.-7p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday
9a.m.-6p.m.

Patent Litigation Abuse Round Table

Patent "trolls" are firms or individuals that buy up very old or weak patents and frivolously sue businesses, especially in the tech industry. Faced with huge litigation costs, small companies pay unjustified licensing fees, creating a hurdle to new businesses.

With my background in the industry and my commitment to growing Chicago businesses, I was delighted to moderate an exciting panel discussion regarding the increasing problem of patent trolls. Joined by representatives of Orbitz, Loyola University Law School, tech start-up CEO's, and the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA), we discussed the next steps and encouraged our elected officials to take action to prevent this crude targeting practice. Successful new tech businesses cultivate more dollars flowing to Chicago. Residential property owners alone can't fund our world class city --we need to fight for an expanding business climate in Chicago!

You can also urge your federal representatives to support legislation on the topic [here](#).

For brief audio clips from WGN/720 AM, please click [here](#) and [here](#). You can also view a [wrap up](#) piece from DNAinfo.com providing further information regarding this issue.



Sincerely,

Friday
9a.m.-12p.m. & 2p.m.-6p.m.

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