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More Trees Growing in Lincoln Park

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Park West Halloween Pumpkin Party

Bring kids 12 years of age and under (costumes encouraged), to the annual Park West Halloween Party! Enjoy food, candy and soft drinks as you carve and decorate pumpkins. Don't forget to grab a goody bag on your way out! Click [here](#) for more information and a flyer.

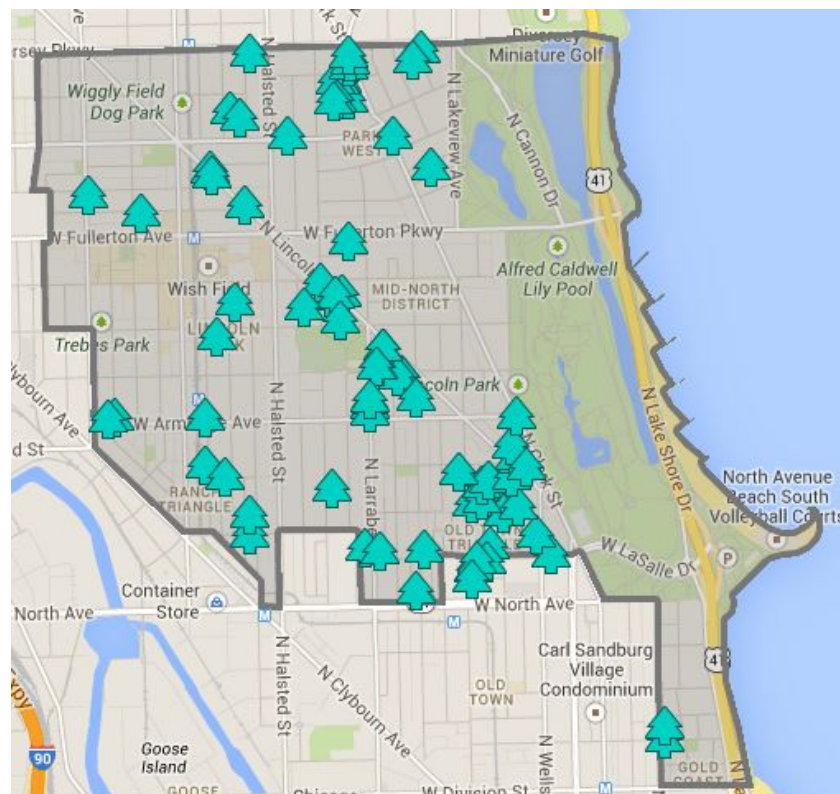
Saturday, October 19th
Noon - 2:00pm
Park West Playlot
Burling/Wrightwood

Chicago Sculpture Exhibit Celebration

This Saturday, walk or Divvy to all 24 sculptures (including one by our ward office) in the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit. Start at Trader Todd's to pick up a map and visit sculptures

Dear Friends,

Our canopy of trees is one of the most distinctive characteristics of Lincoln Park. That is why I am pleased to announce that over 100 new trees will be coming to the parkways of the 43rd Ward. During our Ward Walks this year, ward residents helped us identify locations needing trees. Using funds from our aldermanic [menu](#) and from the Department of Forestry, we are planting 78 trees throughout the ward. Below is a map of locations of these new trees (some locations get more than one).



In addition, tomorrow, Friday, October 18th [Chicago Gateway Green is leading a neighborhood beautification project](#) in Lincoln Park, and will be planting another 11 trees near the Lincoln Park West/Armitage cul-de-sac. Volunteers will also pick up litter and remove weeds in the area. Visit www.gatewaygreen.org if you are interested in

between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Circle back to Trader Todd's between 4:30pm and 6:30pm for a reception. Click [here](#) for more information.

Saturday, October 19th
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Stop by Trader Todd's
for maps and visit
sculptures
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Reception
Trader Todd's
3216 N. Sheffield

Bring Your Home Movies to the Big Screen

Home Movie Day is an opportunity for you to bring reels of home movies and have them shown at the Chicago History Museum. Bring your 16mm, 8mm, or Super 8 film and have them inspected and projected for free by archivists from the Chicago Film Archives and the Northwest Chicago Film Society. Click [here](#) for more information.

Saturday, October 19th
11:00am - 3:00pm
Chicago History
Museum
1601 N. Clark Street

Parenting Teenagers Workshop

Nationally renowned author, speaker, and expert on parenting teenagers, Dr. Susan Smith Kuczmarski, will be speaking to high school parents, sponsored by the Lincoln Park High School Local School Council. The topic of the discussion is "The Teen

learning more - and contribute to this great organization.

Finally, kudos to the Old Town Triangle Association, which is planting up to 30 trees in the Old Town Triangle.

It's been many years since new trees have been planted in the ward - and we need to replenish this precious resource.

Lincoln Park Showcased in Open House Chicago This Weekend

For the first time ever, Lincoln Park has been chosen as one of the neighborhoods for the Chicago Architecture Foundations "Open House Chicago." Get unparalleled behind-the-scenes looks at some of Chicago's hidden architectural treasures for FREE. Click [here](#) for a list of Lincoln Park sites and [here](#) for a full list of the sites throughout the City.

Saturday, October 19th
Sunday October 20th
9:00 - 5:00pm*
Sites throughout Lincoln Park and Chicago
Admission is FREE

*times may vary by site, check [site listing](#) for details.



St. Clement Church, one of the destinations in Lincoln Park.

Get Your Ventra Questions Answered at the 43rd Ward Office

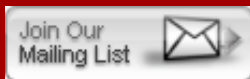
In response to your questions and concerns regarding the

Survival Tool Box: What Parents Need to Know About their Teens." Click [here](#) for more information.

Tuesday, October 22nd
7:00pm
Lincoln Park High School
2001 N. Orchard

Chicago Water Safe to Drink

Chicago tap water is as safe as ever to drink according to Commissioner Powers of the Department of Water Management. Click [here](#) to read his letter to our office assuring us that Chicago water meets or exceeds all standards set by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois EPA.



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

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

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transition to Ventra we have coordinated an information session at our office. Representatives from the Chicago Transit Authority and the Regional Transit Authority will hold office hours at our ward office to answer your questions.

Wednesday, October 23rd
9:00am - noon
43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted

Important Ventra Card Timeline

The Ventra Phase-out period is accelerating and some important deadlines are fast approaching. Below is a timeline to keep you up-to-date:

Friday, November 15th, 2013

- Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus will no longer be accepted on CTA buses/trains and Pace buses.
- Customers will no longer be able to add value to stored value magnetic stripe cards. They will need to spend down balances or transfer their existing balance to Ventra cards.
- CTA and Pace will no longer sell magnetic striped passes. Customers need to use up existing passes by December 15.

Sunday, December 15th, 2013

- The CTA and Pace will no longer accept any magnetic stripe fare cards.
- Ventra replaces all CTA and Pace existing fare media.

Balance transfers to Ventra

The CTA and Pace encourage customers to spend down their balances on current fare cards. As a convenience to customers who want to transfer their balances from current CTA and Pace fare media, the agencies have announced [27 dates starting in mid-September through December 15th at multiple locations throughout the region](#) to allow customers to transfer their balances to Ventra cards. Customers may bring a maximum of five eligible fare media cards at a time with a combined minimum of five dollars in transit value on the cards to transfer to a registered Ventra card. For more information about Ventra and to obtain a Ventra Card, click [here](#) or call (877) 669-8368.

Sincerely,



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