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## *Agreement Reached Regarding Oz Park Hoops*

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### **North Avenue Update**

Night time work on North Avenue has been rescheduled and will be done on **September 6th, 7th, and 8th** from Clark to Halsted, starting at 8 pm. No work will be done during the day on these dates.

### **Shop the Steeple Rummage Sale**

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Dear Friend,

I am happy to report a new community agreement supporting improved Oz Park safety measures. As you may recall, earlier this year fights had broken out on the basketball courts. To keep students safe and to send a clear message that such behavior will not be tolerated, the principal of Lincoln Park High School and I asked the Park District to temporarily take down the hoops.

This action sparked a good deal of interest in our community, leading to a series of meetings among Lincoln Park High School, the Oz Park Advisory Council, the Lincoln Central Association, the Park District, Oz Park Basketball Association and the Chicago Police. As a result, these organizations have formed an **Oz Park Neighborhood Watch and have decided on a series of goals:**

- Create a safer environment for all to enjoy the basketball court
- Support Lincoln Park High School
- Increase community awareness and involvement in park safety
- Involve students from Lincoln Park High School in park safety

To start the academic year and work toward our goals, the Park District has agreed to provide rim locks to keep the hoops closed during a few critical hours after school. This will provide the principal with a tool to clearly communicate standards of behavior on the basketball court to the students and neighborhood. Community organizations and I are showing supporting by partially funding this effort.

I believe this experience will set the stage for future cooperation with Lincoln Park High School, a significant educational asset in the ward and the community. I applaud the commitment of our community organizations in working together. If you would like

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## 2011 Mayor Emanuel Senior Fest

This year, the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) will host the 2011 Mayor Emanuel's Senior Fest in Millennium Park. This one day event is open to all Chicago residents age 60 and better, and will feature: a free picnic lunch, flu shots, health screenings, senior resource fair, game and art area, dancing, live music, raffle prizes and bingo!

**Thursday, September 8, 10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Millennium Park**

Michigan Avenue at Washington Street

\*Vehicles dropping off passengers should proceed to north entrance of Park on Randolph Street between Michigan and Columbus

**Tickets to the 2011 Senior Fest are FREE** and available by visiting any one of the City's 19 Senior Centers. The Regional Senior Center located nearest the 43rd Ward is at Renaissance Court, 78 E. Washington Street. Click [here](#) to see the full list. For more information, please call the DFSS, Area Agency on Aging at 312-744-4016.

Sincerely,

43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith

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