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## Personal Safety Meeting and Anti-Crime Update

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### CTA Track Renewal Project Bissell and Sheffield Streets

As part of a track renewal project, the CTA will maintain a presence in the alley of 1808-1962 N Bissell on the weekends in the next few months. Major work will be taking place on each weekend throughout March. This critical step in the project will improve the core structure of the tracks. Access to the alley will be impeded on weekends, but will remain open.

### Water Main Replacement Diversey Ave.

A water main replacement project will begin on Monday 2/24/2014 on Diversey Ave. between Halsted and Sheffield. This project also includes work on Wilton between Wrightwood and Diversey, which has begun and on

Dear Friends,

Concern about personal safety is my top priority as alderman. Come and learn street safety tips that may help you avoid becoming a victim of crime. Please join us and the 18th District and click [here](#) to view the street safety event flyer.

**Personal Safety Seminar**  
**Thursday, February 27th, 2014**  
**6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Moody Church Room 103**  
**1635 N. LaSalle St.**

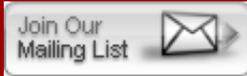
### **ARRESTED: Burglary/Home Fraud Ring**

The 18th District has arrested a group of alleged professional burglars in the Gold Coast neighborhood.

On January 28, the alleged offenders rang a homeowner's front door and tried to gain entry to offer construction work. She wisely asked to see identification and searched the name on the driver's license. She called 911 when she discovered that one of the offenders had been involved in fraudulent home repair elsewhere. Officers quickly responded and made arrests, also discovering that the offenders had cut out building material around a barred window, thus possibly creating an entry point for a later burglary.

The offenders have prior records and pending charges in the suburbs as well as in Chicago. To ensure that these criminals see justice, [court advocates](#) are needed to go to court, beginning on March 26. Court advocates are citizens who observe court dates to show the prosecutor and judge that the community cares about the case.

Mildred Ave. between Wrightwood and Diversey which will begin in one to two weeks. Parking will not be prohibited on both streets at the same time. Parking will be prohibited on the north side of Diversey and two way traffic will be maintained at all times.



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Going to court is our chance to make sure criminals know they are not welcome in our neighborhood. If you would like to join me for this or other cases we are following, please email me at [yourvoice@ward43.org](mailto:yourvoice@ward43.org).

The 18th District Community Alert can be viewed [here](#).

### **Plan Commission Passes Children's Memorial Redevelopment Plan Zoning Committee Date Set**

On Thursday, the Chicago Plan Commission considered the redevelopment plans for the Children's Memorial Hospital site, put forth by McCaffery Interests. The development team presented the proposed project and the Commission took public comment. The Commission voted unanimously to advance the plan to the City Council's Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards. The plan will now be considered by the Zoning Committee at its **March 24th** meeting (not February 27th as previously indicated).

Click [here](#) to see all the Plan Commission documents related to the site, including the [developer's presentation](#), site plans, planned development statements, infrastructure improvements, traffic study, and bulk table.

Sincerely,

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