

** Alderman **
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Chicago's 43rd Ward



Pothole Repairs & Election Day Tomorrow

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Grassroots Meeting for North Lake Shore Drive

As part of the planning for the [North Lake Shore Drive redevelopment](#), Bike Walk Lincoln Park will be hosting a meeting to generate a list of specific problems facing people on foot, on bike and on public transit.

The final document will be presented to the Redefine the Drive task forces so it will be part of the public record and used in the process in deciding next steps for redesign.

Saturday, March 22
9:00 am - 11:00 am
City Grounds, upstairs
507 W. Dickens

Conservancy Docent Search

The Lincoln Park Conservancy is looking for volunteers to become docents at the Lincoln Park Conservatory & the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool. The docents give free tours to

Dear Friends,

We reported last week on the outstanding work done in the ward to solve water problems caused by the winter weather. These repairs continue in earnest throughout our community, as evidenced by the ongoing construction occurring on area streets.

I am now writing to report further progress on another major infrastructure concern - potholes. The continuous snow and ice this winter gave our streets a beating. As many residents are aware, I have been in frequent contact with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) alerting them of pothole locations based on community feedback, and have continually request CDOT assistance in repairing these areas.

Last week, I personally conducted a ward-wide survey to further document the areas needing immediate attention, and have been in close contact with CDOT Commissioner Rebecka Scheinfeld to get these repairs done as soon as weather conditions permitted.

I am **very pleased to report** that over the last few days, CDOT began the long-awaited pothole repairs to ease the stress on our streets. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Chicago Department of Transportation crews, potholes have been repaired on the following streets:

North State Pkwy (1200-1600)

Wells Street (1600-1800)

Stockton Drive (1600-2400)

Clark Street (1700-2800)

Fullerton Avenue (300-800)

North Avenue (800-900)

Halsted Street (1800-2400)

Diversey Avenue (400-1000)

Armitage Avenue (300-400 and 600-800)

visitors at these two sites.

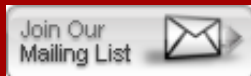
The registration deadline for this opportunity closes March 24th. Click [here](#) to learn more!

Recycling Drive

Saturday, April 5th St. James Lutheran and The Epilepsy Foundation will be hosting a shredding and recycling drive. Bring documents, clothes, electronics, and any household items.

This is a free event for the community and there will be no charge for shredding, donating, or recycling.

**Saturday, April 5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. James Lutheran
2050 N. Fremont St.**



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Monday
9 a.m.-7p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday
9 a.m.-6p.m.
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9 a.m.-12p.m. & 2p.m.-6p.m.

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To give you an idea of the magnitude of the problem, repairs were done last Thursday night on Stockton Drive - **resulting in over 300 potholes being filled using over 6 tons of material on this street alone!**

It is my hope that these repairs - while temporary - will help residents as they commute on the main arterial streets in our neighborhood. Rest assured, I have secured a commitment from CDOT that repairs on these streets will continue for the near future to mitigate residential concerns.

Further, I will continue to work with CDOT on full repaving of the worst streets as the weather improves. I will continue to keep you informed of the status of these repairs.

Of course, if you notice any areas that need attention, please contact my office so we may alert CDOT.

Thank you for your patience as we work to repair the damage done by this historic winter!

Don't Forget to Vote Tomorrow!

Tomorrow is Primary Day for our mid-term federal and statewide races, as well as important county-wide races. If you are unsure as to your polling place, click [here](#), as some polling places have changed.

Please be sure to take a moment to vote - even if some of these races are uncontested, there are important contested elections, particularly in the judicial races. Your vote makes a difference.

Sincerely,

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman



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