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Take a Stand Against the Proposed Sprinkler Rules

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North Pond Tours This Week!

The North Pond is our neighborhood jewel. Celebrate the annual return of the Great Blue Heron and take a guided wildflower walk for FREE with the Lincoln Park Conservancy this week. Advance registration is required. E-mail info@lincolnparkconservancy.org to reserve your spot.

***Heron Walk
North Pond Nature
Sanctuary
Thursday, August 1st
8:00am***

***Wildflower Walk
North Pond Nature
Sanctuary
Saturday, August 3rd
10:00am***

Dear Friends,

As you know from my [previous newsletter](#), I am firmly opposed to the State Fire Marshal's proposed regulations to impose sprinklers on pre-1975 highrises and audible fire alarm systems on buildings 4 stories and up with 11 units or more. The regulations are possibly illegal, are completely unnecessary from a safety standpoint, and are definitely a financial disaster for our residents.

The best way for us to fight is to directly contact the 12 members of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), who must vote to approve the regulations. If you have not done so already, you should send letters to the members of the JCAR. We have posted a sample letter and list of addresses on our [website](#). The deadline for comment is August 12, so please do not delay.

This Wednesday night, State Rep. Ken Dunkin is hosting a town hall meeting on the proposed sprinkler regulations. Members of the Joint Committee, which must approve the rules, and officials from the State Fire Marshal's Office will be present to provide more information on the proposed rule changes and to answer your questions. Click [here](#) for a printable flyer. We would like to pack the hall. Come and take a stand!

**Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, July 31st
6:00pm-8:00pm
Roosevelt University,
Auditorium Building
430 S. Michigan Ave.**

**And Next Week, Join Us in Springfield to Fight
the Proposed Mandatory Sprinkler Regulations!**

Red Cross Community Blood Drive This Friday

Drop by the Red-Cross Truck this Friday and help alleviate the national blood shortage. Walk-ins and appointments both accepted with ID.

Friday, August 2nd
1:00pm - 6:00pm
North/Wells

National Night Out with the 18th District

Join the 18th District Police for a fun, free, family night at the station celebrating safe neighborhoods and welcoming the Target Corporation to the Near North Community! Click here for more information.

Tuesday, August 6th
18th District Police Station
1160 N. Larrabee

2:00pm-7:00pm-
Scholastic Book Fair

6:00pm-7:00pm-
BBQ

7:00pm-7:30pm-
Bag Toss

7:30pm-9:30pm-
Movie: "Despicable Me"



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Office Hours:
 Monday
 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 6th at 9:00am, the Illinois State Fire Marshal will be holding the only public hearing regarding the proposed sprinkler regulations at its headquarters in Springfield. I will be going to Springfield to testify against the proposed regulations and I hope you join me. Contact my office at yourvoice@ward43.org or 773-348-9500 if you plan on attending.

Tuesday, August 6th
9:00am
Office of the State
Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL

The Future of North Lake Shore Drive Planning Meeting

Do you drive on North Lake Shore Drive? Bike or walk on the Lakefront Trail? Use any of the lakefront parks? Or value living by and using Lake Shore Drive? We want your input! The Illinois Department of Transportation and the Chicago Department of Transportation have initiated a long-term study to improve North Lake Shore Drive from Grand to Hollywood. Tell us how you use North Lake Shore Drive and what the issues are, then share your ideas for change. Click [here](#) for more information.

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
2430 N. Cannon Drive, South Gallery
Thursday, August 8th
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Some public stakeholders are already weighing in. Here is a [statement](#) from the Active Transportation Alliance and a coalition of transit and planning organizations.

Goodbye and Good Luck, Chasse!

We are sad to announce that our Director of Constituent Services, Chasse Rehwinkel, will be leaving us this week to pursue his PhD in Economics at the University of Chicago. Like you, we will miss his commitment to delivering great constituent services and his dedication to getting the job done right. Good luck, Chasse!

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

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