

** Alderman **
Michele Smith

Chicago's 43rd Ward



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Willow Street Closure

Willow will be closed **this weekend** between **Halsted** and **Sheffield/Clybourn** for CTA track maintenance. The daily closures will take place from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday, 12/14 & 12/15. **Local access** will be **maintained** between **Halsted and Bissell**.

Saturday & Sunday
12/14 - 12/15
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Help Feed the Hungry This Holiday Season

The Lincoln Park Branch Library is collecting food donations this holiday

Dear Friends,

I've studied as much as I could of the 4-inch thick city budget. And I voted yes to support the budget, which, as reported, mostly held the line on spending.

But I believe we have the ability to do so much more with our city budget. That is why I am proud to announce that today the City Council passed the [ordinance](#) establishing the City Council Office of Financial Analysis (COFA). For the first time, City Council will have some tools to independently analyze our city budget.

The ordinance tasks the office with identifying cost savings measures, analyzing the city budget and reviewing significant transactions, like public-private partnerships. Its focused mission means that City Council has the chance to get help on the most important projects.

The new Council Office of Financial Analysis, once established, will allow City Council to begin to gain the skills and get the information to propose independent ways to achieve cost savings.

I'd like to thank my colleagues Ameya Pawar (47th) and Pat Dowell (3rd) for spearheading this proposal with me, and my other colleagues in the Paul Douglas Alliance (Proco Joe Moreno (1st), Will Burns (4th), Rey Colon (35th), Brendan Reilly (42nd), James Cappleman (46th), Harry Osterman (48th), and Joe Moore (49th)) for standing by us. I'd like to also thank our Budget Committee Chairman, Carrie Austin (34th), for shepherding this ordinance through the City Council process, and for being open to this new reform.

ZooLights

season and you can help! Drop your donations off through Monday December 16th at the large barrel by the front door located at 1150 W. Fullerton.

Volunteers Wanted for New Colleen Henry Writing Center at LPHS

Starting January 2014, volunteers are needed to help incoming freshmen at Lincoln Park High School improve their writing through the new Colleen Henry Writing Center. Click [here](#) for more information. For questions and to volunteer Kathy Berghoff at 773-525-0053 or KTBerghoff@aol.com.

Winter Parking Ban Reminder

The annual Winter Overnight Parking Ban is in effect. There is no parking on critical arterial streets at night. This ban is in effect until April 1, 2014. Check out the [map](#) and the [list](#) of streets to learn more.



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Monday
9 a.m.-7 p.m.
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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Join us for the brilliance of this annual fun, free, family-oriented holiday celebration, featuring luminous displays and holiday-season activities throughout zoo grounds. ZooLights will shine every night starting this Friday (except December 24th and 25th) until January 5th. However, Santa heads back to the North Pole after December 23rd. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Friday, December 13th through January 5th
5:00pm - 9:00pm
Lincoln Park Zoo
2001 N. Clark St.**

Free Flu Shots

Starting Saturday December 14th, free flu shots will be available to patients on a first-come, first-serve basis through Tuesday, December 24th (while supplies last). Free parking is available, click [here](#) for more information.

**Saturday, December 14th - Tuesday, December 24th
M-F: 8am-8pm, SAT: 9am-6pm, SUN: 9am-5pm
Immediate MD
2077 N. Clybourn Ave.**

Winter Bazaar on Wrightwood!

Stop by and enjoy Smith & Davis's Winter Bazaar. They will be featuring high quality handmade and vintage goods from local artisans and vendors. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Sunday, December 15th
11:00am to 5:00pm
Smith & Davis Salon
735 W. Wrightwood Ave**

Intel Pop up Store on Armitage

The former Shine restaurant at 901 W. Armitage is now home to a seasonal Intel pop up store through January 25th, 2014. Through a partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Intel will make a donation for each visit when customers bring e-waste items into the store for recycling. Built into the program is a competition between cities, with

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the one recycling the most items receiving an additional monetary donation in addition to the donation from each recycling visit. Click [here](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Michele".

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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