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Celebrate the Launch of "Artrageous"!

Come celebrate the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce's inaugural art fair on Clark Street "Artrageous".

*Artrageous Artists'
Reception
Friday, April 20
Nest Furniture
2707 N Clark
6 pm - 8 pm*

Artrageous runs from April 20th through May 5th and art will be displayed in retail locations along Clark Street. Click here for more information.

Come Support CDH Awareness

Mayor Emanuel has declared April 19 to be the Day of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness in Chicago. Our own Children's Memorial Hospital has been at the forefront of combatting this birth defect. Come and support CDH Awareness.

*Chicago Parade of
Cherubs
Thursday, April 19*

Speed Cameras- What do YOU think?

Dear Friends,

At next week's City Council meeting, I will be asked to vote on the Mayor's proposal to install speed cameras within a block of any school and park. Signs would be installed to warn drivers, and fines could range from \$50-\$100. In the 43rd Ward, we could expect cameras near schools and parks as well as on Lincoln Park's borders: Stockton, Cannon, Clark, Lincoln Park West and Lakeview.

Pedestrian safety is an important issue in our busy ward. Constituents often complain about cars racing down residential streets, and in 2006, a small child was killed by a driver who ran a stop sign at Belden and Lincoln Park West. While we must prioritize pedestrian safety we must be certain that we are choosing the appropriate way.

Pros:

- **Speed cameras deter speeding since drivers slow down knowing there's a speed trap.** [WGN](#) reported that almost every car driving down Addison in front of Lane Tech during one ten minute period would have gotten a ticket.
- **The placement of the cameras would target high accident areas.** According to the City, from 2005-2009, more than 7,700 pedestrian accidents occurred within 1/8 mile of a school or park.

Cons:

- **There are concerns about the contract process and promises made to the private contractor.** Transportation Commissioner Klein has assured me that the contract would not give incentives to the contractor to write tickets. Mayor Emanuel says the contract for the cameras will be put out to bid,

11am - 2pm

For more information and to get involved, click here.



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however, that has been historically problematic.

- **Cameras don't really reduce accidents.** The administration has based its safety arguments on reduced accidents at redlight camera locations. However, the [Chicago Tribune](#) reported that that redlight cameras reduced accidents by only 26%, which "mirrored a broader accident trend in the city and across the nation."

I'd like to hear from you before making a decision on my vote. Email me at yourvoice@ward43.org or call my office at 773-348-9500.

Sincerely,

43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith

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