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Chicago's 43rd Ward



Supporting Local Business in the 43rd Ward

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Property Tax Appeal Deadline October 14

43rd Ward homeowners who live in North Chicago Township (south of Fullerton Ave.) have from Sept. 14 - Oct. 14, 2012 to file an appeal of their property tax assessment. Questions? Commissioner Gainer is offering satellite office hours at the 43rd Ward office in addition to a property tax workshop at the Lincoln Park Library. Click here for more information.

Satellite Office Hours
Monday, October 1
43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted
1:00pm - 7:00pm

Property Tax Workshop
Thursday, October 4
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Chicago Public Library
Lincoln Park Branch
1150 W Fullerton

834 W. Armitage
Community Mtg.

Dear Friends,

Lincoln Park would not be the wonderful place it is without a thriving business community. But that community has been facing some challenges lately. I'm here to report on our progress.

Shop Local - Help Lincoln Avenue

Many business owners and residents have been worried about the affect on Lincoln Avenue since Children's Memorial Hospital has left the neighborhood. I asked for support - and DePaul University responded. DePaul President Fr. Dennis Holtschneider wrote to local stores stating, "Ald. Michele Smith has brought to my attention that you may have lost a significant amount of business due to the departure of the main Children's Memorial Hospital site. In the spirit of being a good neighbor, we'd like to help." DePaul launched Shop Local, giving Demon Discounts to DePaul students at participating businesses. Click [here](#) to read more and [here](#) to read about the success the program is already having. Thanks so much to Father Holtschneider and DePaul University for being such good neighbors.

Healthy Fare for Kids

Right after assuming office in 2011, I was approached by Diane Schmidt, a Lincoln Park parent, concerned about the unhealthy food that was being served to children in local restaurants. I agreed that healthy menu items in restaurants help children make life-long good food choices and I was happy to be able to introduce her to similarly-minded members of our dining community. A few months later, Diane founded [Healthy Fare for Kids](#) and less than a year later there are nearly 50 participating restaurants throughout Chicago, each

Join us for a meeting concerning the proposed redevelopment of 834 W. Armitage, including a potential Walgreens.

**Monday, October 1st
6:30pm
St. James Church
2050 N. Fremont.**

Want Healthy Fare for Your Kids?

Almost 50 restaurants now participate in Healthy Fare for Kids, including these in Lincoln Park:

Basil Leaf Cafe
Cafe Ba Ba Reebea
Four Farthings
Gemini Bistro
John's Place
Nookies
North Pond
Old Town Social
Perennial Virant

Learn more or suggest a restaurant that needs a healthier option by e-mailing diane@healthyfareforkids.com or clicking here.



43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted
www.ward43.org

Office Hours:
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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committed to offering at least one healthy dining option on their menu for kids. [Recently profiled](#) in the Tribune, Healthy Fare for Kids has not only brought healthier food to Lincoln Park but has turned Lincoln Park into a dining destination for health-conscious parents.

Attracting Business to Armitage Avenue

We need to keep our Armitage Ave. corridor competitive. So when I heard that the Italian trade magazine *Retail & Food* was coming to visit top retail locations in Chicago, I pressed to bring them here, in addition to their visits to the Magnificent Mile and O'Hare. Thanks to World Business Chicago, our own former 43rd Ward Alderman Chuck Bernardini, and Laura Kofoid of Laudi Vidni, we treated two journalists to a whirlwind tour of 12 Armitage and Halsted shops. The trip [recently made the cover](#) of *Retail & Food*, which is distributed to a wide list of Italian food, hotel, and clothing chains. Our new Italian friends called Lincoln Park "a real discovery," citing its "creativity" and enthusiasm. (Click [here](#) to read the English translation). *Retail & Food* is currently working in Milan to attract participants for an October trade mission to Chicago.

Sincerely,

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