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## Budget Hearings Start Today

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### Run for Science 5K at the Nature Museum

Join 1,000 of your closest friends as they band together for a morning of exercise and a celebration of science education to benefit the Nature Museum! Click here for more information.

**Saturday, October 20**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**  
**Lincoln Park/Diversey**  
**Harbor, across from the**  
**Nature Museum**  
**2430 N. Cannon Dr.**

### Stop by Park West's Halloween Pumpkin Party

Bring the whole family (in costume!) for an afternoon of pumpkin decoration, refreshments and Halloween fun. Click here for more information.

**Saturday, October 20**  
**12:00pm-2:00pm**  
**Park West Playlot**  
**(Burling at Wrightwood)**

Dear Friends,

The City of Chicago Budget Hearings start today, Tuesday October 16th and continue through next week. All hearings are open to the public. On the agenda are presentations from every City Department and opportunities for aldermen to ask tough questions of City spending. The entire [schedule](#) is online as is the [Mayor's Executive Budget Recommendations](#) for City Council and the [summary](#), the [Budget Overview](#) and the [2013 Draft Action Plan](#).

I invite all of you to the Wednesday, October 31st City Council Meeting where there will be a Public Hearing Session. In addition, you can always e-mail me at [yourvoice@ward43.org](mailto:yourvoice@ward43.org) or call us at 773-348-9500 with any questions or comments about the Budget.

### Early Voting Starts Monday, October 22nd- Saturday, November 3rd

To early vote you must already be a registered voter and bring along a government-issued photo ID. You can early vote at [51 locations](#) throughout the City. Below are the hours and locations that are most convenient for 43rd Ward residents:

In the 43rd Ward:

**Lincoln Park Library**  
**1150 W. Fullerton Ave.**  
**Mon. thru Sat., 9 am-5 pm**

If you would like to early vote downtown or on a Sunday:

**Board of Elections**  
**69 W. Washington St.**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**  
**Mon. thru Sat., 9 am-5 pm, Sun., 9 am-3 pm**

**And if you did not register to vote in time, it's not too late!**

**19th District Open House**

Stop by and meet new 19th District Commander Elias Voulgaris. Listen to a speaker from 911, receive Clearpath Training and take a tour of the 19th District Police Station.

**Saturday, October 20  
850 W. Addison  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Lincoln Park High School  
Open House**

Find out why we are so proud of our neighborhood high school! This Open House is a great opportunity to introduce LPHS to Chicago's 7th and 8th graders.

**LPHS  
2001 N. Orchard St  
Sunday, October 21  
2:00pm-5:00pm**



43rd Ward Office  
2523 N. Halsted  
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Office Hours:  
Monday  
9a.m.-7p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday  
9a.m.-6p.m.  
Friday  
9a.m.-12p.m. & 2p.m.-6p.m.

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**Every day through Sat., Nov. 3,** voters may register, update their address or file name changes during the "Grace Period" at the Chicago Election Board downtown. You must vote during the same visit and bring along TWO forms of identification, at least one of which shows the current address. Click [here](#) to see your sample ballot.

**Chicago Election Board  
69 W. Washington St., 6th Floor  
Oct. 10 through Nov. 3, 2012  
Monday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sundays: 9 am - 3 pm**

**City and County Pension Town Hall Mtg.**

Join Commissioner Bridget Gainer and me, as we discuss the status of our local pension funds and what we are doing to ensure fair and sustainable pension reforms for taxpayers, employees and retirees. Click [here](#) for the flyer and [here](#) for more information. I hope to see you there.

**City and County Pension Town Hall Mtg.  
Thursday, October 25th  
6:30pm  
DePaul University Student Center, 3rd Floor  
2250 N. Sheffield Ave.**

Sincerely,

43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith

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