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Office Closed 3/4

In observance of Casimir Pulaski Day our Office will be closed Monday, March 4, 2013.

Marge's Still Community Mtg

Please join me at a community meeting on the proposed sidewalk cafe for Marge's Still at 1758 N. Sedgwick. Marge's Still is proposing a sidewalk cafe that is open from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm daily with a seating capacity of 10 people. [Click here](#) for Marge's proposed site plan.

Monday, March 4
7:00pm-8:00pm
Old Town Triangle Assoc.
1763 N. North Park Ave.

Happy Birthday, Chicago!

Dear Friends,

The Chicago Department of Transportation will temporarily **cease train service on the Wells Street Bridge** for two 10-day periods from **Friday evening, March 1 until Monday morning, March 11** and again from **Friday evening, April 26 until Monday morning, May 6** while CDOT and CTA complete necessary repairs and improvements to the bridge.

Here are some ways that your commute will be affected:

- **Brown line trains will only operate between Kimball and Merchandise Mart**
- Service will be substantially reduced during rush periods
- During rush periods, **some trains will be rerouted into the Red Line subway after Fullerton until Roosevelt.**
- Purple Line Express service will be suspended

To compensate for this inconvenience there will be:

- Free shuttles that will connect Brown Line riders from Chicago and Merchandise to the Loop at Washington/Wells or Clark/Lake during all normal operating hours
- A Loop Shuttle Train that will stop at all Brown Line Loop stations
- Extra service added to #37 Sedgwick bus and a variant #37 A Sedgwick bus will operate at peak hours in the morning

Click [here](#) for the complete list of how the CTA will be affected.

Join the Chicago History Museum in celebrating Chicago's 176th birthday this Monday, March 4th. There will be fun for the whole family including kids' activities, arts and crafts and musical performances from The Tony Do Rosario Trio, as well as a speaking program starting at 11:00am. Illinois residents will get a special birthday treat with free admission to the museum all day. Click [here](#) for more information.

***Monday, March 4
10:00am-1:00pm
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark St.***

18th District Beat Mtgs Next Month

If you live SOUTH of Fullerton Ave., join your neighbors at CAPS meetings the second week in March. Discuss current crime trends and share ideas for problem-solving in your community. Questions? Call the 18th District Office at 312-744-5778. **Click [here](#) to see your beat.**

***Beats 1821/1822/1823/1824
Tuesday, March 12
7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Paul's Church
1301 N. LaSalle Drive***

***Beats 1811/1812/1813/1814
Thursday, March 14
Old Town Triangle Center
1765 N North Park Ave.
7:00pm-8:30pm***



43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted
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Blue Cart Recycling Throughout the 43rd Ward

The Gold Coast and Old Town south of North Avenue will now have Blue Cart Blue cart recycling starting March 18, 2013. Here are the details:

- All residents who live in single family homes or buildings with four units and smaller will receive blue cart recycling from the City of Chicago.
- Recycling will be the same day as your garbage day for all buildings that currently have curbside pick-up.
- Recycling occurs every other week, starting with the week of March 18th.
- When you receive your blue cart, a permanent decal on the cart will explain what items can be recycled. If you have any questions about a specific item you are unsure of recycling, call our office at 773-348-9500.

Take the Chicago Polar Bear Plunge This Sunday!

Last year more than 2,000 spirited people jumped in the icy water at North Ave. Beach in support of Special Olympics Chicago. This year, we're hoping for even more! Whether you come to participate or cheer others on, you can make a difference. Click [here](#) to register.

Lincoln Park leaders Bruce Longanecker, Jr. (Lincoln Park Market) and Sean Tehrani (Basil Leaf Cafe) are taking the plunge with a team of friends and staff. The Frozen Turtles hope to raise \$20,000 - and if they do, Sean will wear an embarrassing swimsuit! Click [here](#) to contribute - and make the Lincoln Park community the top fundraiser for this important charity.

***Sunday, March 3
North Ave. Beach
Boathouse, North/LSD
(free parking at LP Zoo)
10:00am-2:00pm***

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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Come On In! The Water's Fine!

Sincerely,

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