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Chicago's 43rd Ward



Conceal and Carry

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Lincoln at Seminary Closure

Lincoln at Seminary which has been closed since Tuesday the 21st will continue to be closed until Tuesday the 28th to allow for sewer main work. It will be closed 24 hours a day. Sheffield and Diversey will serve as the planned detour routes. There may be further delays due to inclement weather.

Turn in Your Sidewalk Cafe Applications ASAP

Each year businesses must reapply for their Sidewalk Cafe Permit. The Dept. of Business Affairs has already sent out renewal applications. The time to submit your application for a sidewalk cafe is NOW if you want to avoid delays closer to the beginning of the season. Applications should be submitted to our ward office located at 2523 N. Halsted. Click [here](#) to

Dear Friends,

CPS has announced that all public schools will remain CLOSED for tomorrow Tuesday, January 28th. For recorded updates please call (773) 553-1000. If your child attends private school, please contact your school for information.

Chicago Park District facilities will be open for normal hours. Please call the particular facility if you wish to bring your children there for any programs.
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Of course, dress warmly, with layers in this weather. Please treat your sidewalks for ice before it gets too cold. Keep your phone charged, and off when you go outside to preserve your battery. Watch the tire pressure in your car, as extreme cold can cause a flat.

If you need assistance, please call my office at (773) 348-9500 during normal business hours. Call 311 in off-hours.

Conceal & Carry State Law

The State of Illinois' Firearm Concealed Carry Act of 2013 has just gone into effect. This law allows people to obtain permits to carry concealed firearms on their persons. This law was enacted because a federal lawsuit held the State's ban on such permits to be unconstitutional.

I think consumers have a right to know if the businesses they are patronizing permit concealed firearms, and to ask their local businesses to prohibit conceal/carry.

Businesses have the right to prohibit concealed firearms on their private property. Further, if alcohol sales constitute at least 50% of an establishment's gross receipts, they are required to prohibit concealed weapons (this covers taverns). If a business chooses to prohibit firearms, it must

download the application.

Questions? Call us at (773) 348-9500 or e-mail us at yourvoice@ward43.org.

Pothole Tracker

I am proud to announce that the city has launched a "pothole tracker" application. This app gives Chicagoans a snapshot of the potholes that CDOT crews have filled. This will allow citizens to monitor a week's worth of pothole patching activity by CDOT. Click [here](#) to open the tracker.

To report a pothole call 311 or my office at (773) 348-9500. You can also e-mail your request at yourvoice@ward43.org.



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.

Contact us:
phone
773-348-9500
email
yourvoice@ward43.org



post a the sign shown below - it must be 4"X6" or larger.



I encourage all business owners to make your business establishments gun-free. Our neighborhood and businesses will best prosper when everyone - business owners, customers, and residents alike - feels they can walk the streets and shops of the 43rd Ward safely. Even though there have been rare gun incidents in our ward, I strongly believe we will all feel safer if the police are the armed legal personnel in our ward.

Please don't hesitate to contact [Matthew Allee](#), our Director of Zoning and Urban Development at our Ward Office (773) 348-9500 if you have any questions or concerns on the specifics of this new law. Click [here](#) to read a memorandum with more details of the law.

Condominium Rebates FINAL Deadline:

The final deadline for this year's Condominium Refuse Rebate is **January 29th**. One application per Condominium Association must be submitted by the Property Management Company or Condominium Association. You must return all completed 2013 refuse rebate applications to the 43rd Ward Office no later than **January 29th, 2014** by 6:00 p.m., or your application may be denied.

DO NOT DELAY!

Application forms and additional information are available at the Committee on Finance website.

Please ensure that completed applications are sent via a method that provides a "delivery confirmation" receipt.

If you have any questions about the Refuse Rebate program, please contact the Committee on Finance at (312) 744-3332.

Senior Citizen Freeze Exemption Assistance

Under Illinois law, seniors must re-apply for the cost-saving Senior Citizen Exemption and the Senior Freeze Exemption, and the deadline is February 5th, 2014. Eligible seniors who have never applied for the senior exemptions or seniors who have not received their application may visit the [Assessor's website](#) and download an application.

Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey will have a staff at our office this Friday afternoon to help seniors fill out their exemption forms. We can then take the completed forms and submit them directly to the Assessor's office. Click to [here](#) view the event flyer

Friday, January 31st, 2014
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted

Sincerely,



Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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