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Chicago's 43rd Ward



Fighting Back Against Empty Storefronts

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Cravings on Clark Restaurant Crawl Tonight!

Here's a fun way to experience all the great new restaurants (and old favorites) of Clark Street.

Check in at Cravings Headquarters (2342 N. Clark Street) **tonight** to get your "Passport" good at 20 participating restaurants.

Advance Passports are only \$30 at VisitClarkStreet.com, or \$35 on the day of the event at 2342 N. Clark Street.

**Tuesday, May 20
6 pm - 9 pm**

**43rd Ward City
Sticker Day
Saturday May 31, 2014
9 am - 2 pm
Ward Office
2523 N Halsted**

To purchase your city sticker you **MUST** bring

Dear Friends,

Long-empty storefronts on Clark have been a persistent issue in our neighborhood. I am happy to report that the Department of Buildings recently has inspected many of these empty storefronts, revealing a variety of violations of safety and building codes, including rotting porches, rodent infestation, poor trash maintenance, drainage issues, and more. The City has brought suit against the owners of these buildings.

The affected stores are located at:

901-03 W. Armitage
2320 N. Clark
2324 N. Clark
2342 N. Clark
2344-48 N. Clark
2530-44 N. Clark
2460-68 N. Clark
2653-65 N. Clark/531-51 W. Drummond

The court date for these violations is this **Friday, May 23rd at 9:30 am in Courtroom 1105 at the Daley Center**. We'd like members of the community to turn out with us to let these landlords know that we want these stores **repaired and rented**.

It's time we showed landlords of vacant storefronts that our community wants change. Please come to court with me on Friday and help make a difference. Call or [email](mailto:) me - and we can go together to stick up for our neighborhood.

**One More Week To Advocate
for a Sprinkler Ban!
Bring this Petition to your Building**

As you know, we have been working hard with our State Representative, Sara Feigenholtz, to protect ourselves from

- your vehicle registration
- photo ID
- your renewal form.

If your photo ID does NOT show your current address you must bring proof of residence (your lease, mortgage, or a current utility bill - hard copy only). If you do not have a renewal form, you MUST bring your state vehicle registration, vehicle title, or insurance card that contains your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

For a detailed explanation of Year-Round Sticker Sales please click [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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a potential sprinkler mandate. Illinois House Bill 4609 seeks to ensure that any potential changes to state fire sprinkler laws are created with more transparency, adequate public input, and open discussion in the General Assembly. The bill has been granted a final action deadline extension to May 31.

Here is a [petition](#) that you can **circulate in your building**. Please turn in completed petitions to my ward office and we'll be sure to get them to Representative Feigenholtz.

You can also demonstrate your support for this bill by signing online the [Lakefront Coalition for Responsible Fire Sprinkler Policy petition](#).

Sculpture Exhibit at the Elks Memorial

This is a first: an exhibit of modern sculpture inside the historic Elks Memorial at 2750 N. Lakeview. Many of us have never even been inside the World War I memorial, with its grand murals, statues and majestic dome. But with the exhibition of great new works from Chicago Sculpture International, you can experience this Chicago landmark in a whole new way.

The exhibit is open Monday-Saturday, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Don't miss it. For more information, see elks.org

**Chicago Sculpture International
2014 Biennial Exhibition
"Invoking the Absence"
May 17 - October 26, 2014
Elks Memorial
2750 N. Lakeview**

Sincerely,

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman



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