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## Green Your Yard, Green Your Wallet!

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#### #22 Clark Bus Stop Temporary Elimination

Due to construction, and for your safety, the north-bound, farside bus stop on Clark at Diversey will be temporarily eliminated, starting Monday, May, 13, 2103 through November 15, 2013.

#### Grow Your Own Edible Garden This Summer

Just in time for our gardening push, Rich Mott, North Pond owner, has offered 43rd Ward residents **500 seedlings for FREE**. They are organic and/or heirloom vegetables: snow peas, snap peas, zucchini, and cucumbers; grown in recycled coffee cups. They will be available for **pick-up at our office**, located at 2523 N. Halsted, starting **Monday**,

Dear Friends,

I admit it - I love to garden. Our tree canopy and beautiful parkways are yet another reason we love Lincoln Park, Old Town and the Gold Coast.

So I'd like to invite you to join me in making our yards and parkways more sustainable by adding native Midwestern plants, and using a few simple conservation tools.

I didn't realize when I started gardening that many of the varieties I planted were from overseas and grown as hybrids here. While many are beautiful, they are very tender in our climate, and require more water and fertilizer than we would like. (How well I remember a very expensive exotic tree dying while I was on vacation!)

Having learned my lesson, I'm trying hard to use native plants - plants that have been in the Midwest since before we all settled the country. For sunny spots, there are an endless list of prairie plants and for shade (like my yard), woodland plants create a green spot. Natives are much more tolerant of drought or heavy rain. Here's a [list](#).

But it gets better. Under the City of Chicago [Sustainable Backyards Program](#), you can get a **rebate of up to 50% for every tree and native plant** you put in your yard or parkway. You also get a rebate for purchasing a rain barrel or compost bin.

May 20 at 9:30am.

**Lincoln Central Ward Walk**

Join us for our last night-time walk tonight to check out lighting, trees, and graffiti.

*Lincoln Central  
Wednesday, May 15  
7:00pm-8:30pm  
City Grounds  
507 W. Dickens*

**Block Club Training  
May 21st**

As a follow up to our 43rd Ward Anti-Crime mtg. the 18th District Police and our office are offering a block club training for those interested in taking a more active role to keep their neighborhood safe. If you have any questions, call our office at 773-348-9500.

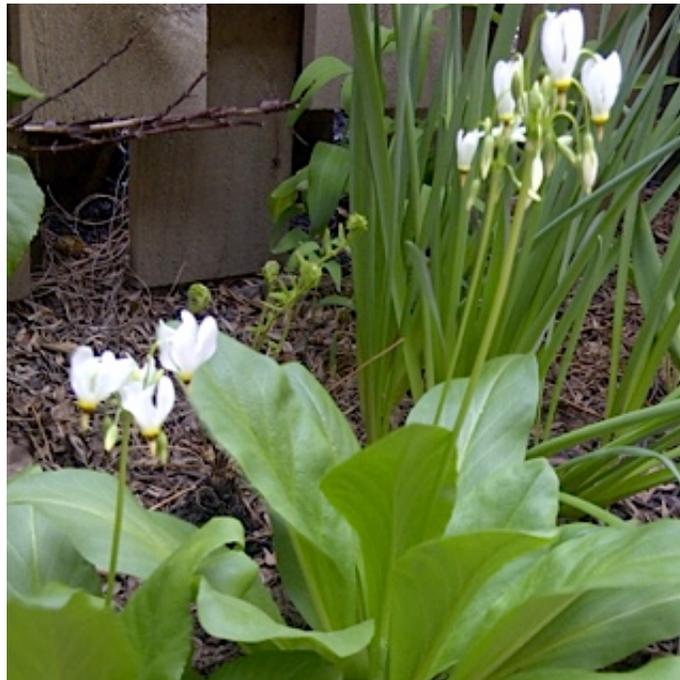
*Block Club Training  
Tuesday, May 21  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
18th District Police  
Station  
1140 N. Larrabee*



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

Office Hours:  
Monday  
9a.m.-7p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday  
9a.m.-6p.m.  
Friday  
9a.m.-12p.m. & 2p.m.-6p.m.

Contact us:  
phone



Midwest native plant Shooting Star - Dodecatheon Meadia

Think about it - if your parkway or rear yard are planted, the water runoff from your home would go into the ground and not into the streets - or basements. And native plants require far less maintenance than non-natives.

Send me your before and after photos to [yourvoice@ward43.org](mailto:yourvoice@ward43.org), and we'll celebrate creating a more sustainable 43rd Ward.

**43rd Ward City Sticker Day**

This year's 43rd Ward City Sticker Day will be **Saturday, June 8th from 9:00am-2:00pm**. Stop by for some coffee and donuts and purchase your city stickers right in your ward.

To purchase your city stickers you **MUST** bring vehicle registration, photo ID, and your renewal form. If your photo ID does **NOT** show your current address you must bring proof of residence which can be 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). Without any of these documents the City Clerk's Office will not sell you a City or Zone Parking Sticker.

773-348-9500  
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**Saturday, June 8**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
**43rd Ward Office**  
**2523 N. Halsted**

Sincerely,



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43rd Ward Alderman

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