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Chicago's 43rd Ward



Holiday Happenings in the 43rd Ward

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Willow Street Closure

Willow will be closed daily between Sheffield/Clybourn and Halsted for CTA track maintenance this weekend and next weekend. The daily closures will take place from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. The dates of the closures are 12/7 & 12/8 and 12/14 & 12/15. Local access will be maintained between Halsted and Bissell.

**Saturday & Sunday
12/7 - 12/8
7:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again- the Holidays are right around the corner and there are so many things to do in the Ward!

LPMA Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

Celebrate the holidays with the Lincoln Park Merchants Association. Get your exclusive Goody Bag filled with great store specials at Essentia Mattress, 2118 Halsted and meet Santa Claus, between 12:00pm and 1:30pm. Carolers will be singing up and down Armitage and Halsted. Davids Tea will be handing out refreshments. And Santa and his helpers will be out on the Avenue greeting customers and handing out treats! Click [here](#) for more information.

**Saturday, December 7th
11:00am - 6:00pm
Armitage/Halsted**

Holiday Pops Chicago at St. Michael's!

We are thrilled to announce this year's **Holiday Pops!** In their 12th year, they will be featuring: An 80+ member Holiday Pops Chorus, the 46-piece Southport Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Scott Arkenberg, and two newly commissioned works from WGN's own Dan Ponce. Click [here](#) for more info. and to purchase tickets.

**Saturday, December 7th
7:00pm
Saint Michael's Church
1633 N. Cleveland Ave**

**12/14 - 12/15
7:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**FREE First Time
Home Buyers Class**

Join the Northside Community Development Corporation and Fifth Third Bank for a FREE two-part class on buying your first home. Learn about budgeting, credit, purchase contracts, mortgage comparison, closing, property taxes, refinancing, assistance programs available in the Chicago region and more. Questions and to RSVP call (773) 262-2290.

**Part I: December 5th
@5:30pm
and**

**Part II: December 7th
@9:00am
Fifth Third Bank
640 W. Diversey Pkwy**

**Volunteers Wanted for
New Colleen Henry
Writing Center at LPHS**

Starting January 2014, volunteers are needed to help incoming freshmen at Lincoln Park High School improve their writing through the new Colleen Henry Writing Center. Click [here](#) for more information. For questions and to volunteer Kathy Berghoff at 773-525-0053 or KTBerghoff@aol.com.

**Winter Parking Ban
Reminder**

December 1st marked the beginning of the annual

Chicago a cappella at St. Clement!

This winter, **Chicago a cappella** comes to St. Clement Church for the first time ever! Enjoy a mix of season music including European and American carols, Christmas spirituals, folksongs, Hanukkah tunes, and more. Click [here](#) for more info. and to purchase tickets.

**Saturday, December 7th
8:00pm
St. Clement Church
642 W. Deming**

**Lincoln Park Presbyterian
Fair Trade and Bake Sale**

Stop by the Alternative Christmas Store and Bake Sale this weekend and browse their Fair Trade and organic goods including chocolate, coffee, honey, olive oil, jewelry, wood, woven cotton, silk and alpaca items and the opportunity to fund farm animals through Heifer International and support the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Saturday, Dec. 7th: 10:00am -5:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 8th: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church
600 W. Fullerton**

Breakfast With Santa

Enjoy a pancake breakfast in a room brimming with Christmas cheer! The halls of the St. Michael Parish Center will be decked, and kids will enjoy a holiday craft workshop and even meet Santa. Tickets are going quickly, click [here](#) purchase yours now!

**Sunday, December 8th
Seatings at 10:00am and 12:00pm
St. Michael in Old Town Parish Center**

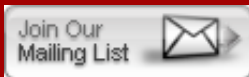
Intel Pop up Store on Armitage

The former Shine restaurant at 901 W. Armitage is now

Winter Overnight Parking Ban started when no parking on critical arterial streets at night is enforced. This ban is in effect until April 1, 2014. Check out the [map](#) and the [list of streets](#) to learn more.

Help Feed the Hungry This Holiday Season

The Lincoln Park Branch Library is collecting food donations this holiday season and you can help! Drop your donations off through Monday December 16th at the large barrel by the front door located at 1150 W. Fullerton.



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home to a seasonal Intel pop up store through January 25th, 2014. Through a partnership with CPS, Intel will make a donation for each visit when customers bring e-waste items into the store for recycling. Built into the program is a competition between cities with the one recycling the most items receiving an additional monetary donation in addition to the donation from each recycling visit. Click [here](#) for more information.

Goodbye to Two of Our Staffers

We are sad to say goodbye to two long-term members of the 43rd Ward Staff this week, Director of Zoning and Urban Development Matt Rich and Director of Communications Emma Rosenberg. We thank them for all of their hard work and wish them good luck in their future endeavors!

Sincerely,

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43rd Ward Alderman

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