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 Chicago's 43rd Ward



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In observance of Memorial Day, our office will be closed Monday, May 27th. We will reopen Tuesday, May 28th for normal business hours for the remainder of the week.

### Lincoln Avenue LIVE

Chicago's newest festival, Lincoln Avenue LIVE, is almost here! Highlights include two stages; food and drinks from local establishments such as John Barleycorn and, O'Malley's West; and "Munchkinland," a kids' area presented by Chicago's acclaimed Emerald City Theatre Company, with craft activities, dance parties and storytelling. Gate donation of \$5 benefits local parks and schools and the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce's marketing campaign for local merchants. Click here for more information.

Dear Friends,

Every year, each alderman is allocated \$1.32 million to spend on local infrastructure improvements. The aldermen can pick from a "menu" of repairs, including street resurfacing, sidewalk replacement, street light painting and repair, or even bicycle lanes. Last year hundreds of residents walked the ward to [rate the condition of our infrastructure](#), to help us prioritize infrastructure spending for the next several years.

This year, in coordination with the launch of the 43rd Ward "[Lock Your Door](#)" campaign, we conducted the menu walks at *night* to better assess street lighting and public safety.

The result of these walks with neighborhood residents was immediately significant. We ordered 107 tree trimmings to improve light quality - all of which will be completed this by fall - and found 29 lights out, most of which have already been repaired.

We also realized that we need to revitalize our tree canopy. So this year, in addition to repairing streets, sidewalks, and alleys, we have requested nearly 60 new tree plantings. The next step is for the city departments to give us cost estimates for each project. If we can't afford all these projects this year, we'll do them next year. Click [here](#) to see the entire 2013 requested menu projects.

Thanks for helping keep our ward beautiful and safe.

### Bike Share Is Coming to the 43rd Ward

As part of the city wide bike share program known as "[Divvy](#)," I am excited to announce that 23 stations will be installed in Lincoln Park and Old Town this summer.

The federally-funded bike share program is already used in

*Sat.-Sun., June 1-2  
N. Lincoln Avenue  
(Webster - Belden)  
Saturday: Noon-9:30pm  
Sunday: Noon-9:00pm*

**Sousa-Palooza  
Coming Soon!**

Join the DePaul School of Music for their centennial celebration with an old fashioned John Philp Sousa outdoor concert from the DePaul Wind Symphony!

*Sunday, June 2  
3:00pm  
McGaw Hall Patio  
802 W. Belden Ave.  
(Rain Location, DePaul Concert Hall, 800 W. Belden Ave.)*

**Profiled Business of the Week:  
Dog & Kitty in the City**

Stop by the grand opening of *Dog & Kitty in the City*, the new local pet boutique specializing in nutritious cuisine, wholesome treats and stylish accessories. For more information and our exclusive interview with the owner, click here.

*Saturday, June 1  
10:00am - 7:00pm  
Dog & Kitty in the City  
2622 N. Halsted*



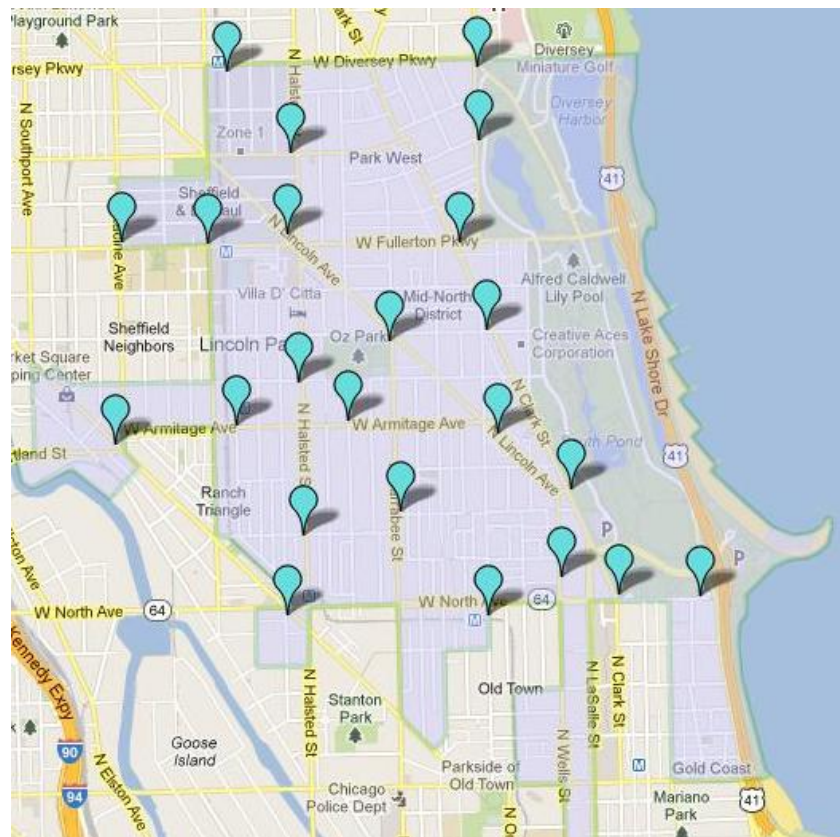
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over 200 cities, including New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Denver, Minneapolis, London, Paris, and Barcelona with more programs launching each year. Washington DC's 1,100-bike program was so successful that it has already expanded to keep up with demand.

Once implemented, you'll be able to join Divvy for \$75/year or a day at a time for \$7. You will get unlimited 30 minutes rides. The system is designed to be used as a convenient alternative to walking, driving, or taking public transportation. Just check a bike out, ride to another station near your destination, and you're done!

The Chicago Department of Transportation selected these sites, and we have received the approval of any business located near the stop. I welcome your thoughts on these [locations](#) and any recommendations for future locations.

The stations will be installed beginning in June.



Location of the Bike Share Stations coming this summer

**43rd Ward City Sticker Day**

Stop by the 43rd Ward City Sticker Day for some coffee and donuts, and purchase your city stickers right in your ward! To purchase your city stickers you MUST bring

[www.ward43.org](http://www.ward43.org)

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

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**43rd Ward City Sticker Day**  
**Saturday, June 8**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
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Sincerely,

Michele Smith  
43rd Ward Alderman

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