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Chicago's 43rd Ward



## Neighborhood Festivals and Property Tax Appeals

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### Energy Benchmarking

The proposal to require energy benchmarking in large commercial and residential buildings passed City Council today after a 32-17 vote, with most of the lakefront aldermen, including me, voting no. Please know that we will continue to work with our high-rise residents to attempt to lessen the burden of this ordinance, including introducing an amendment today to exclude residential buildings. As you know, the ordinance does not apply to any residential building until 2015.

### LSC Vacancy at Lincoln Elementary

Lincoln Elementary School seeks a committed education

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Richard "Dickie" Harris, a longtime Lincoln Park resident and community contributor. Richard wore many hats: he was a lawyer, real estate investor, playwright, talent manager, producer, advertising genius, and the founder of Lincoln Central's Dickens Fest.

Our thoughts go out to Richard's wife Patty, and his children Olivia, Huston and Wyatt. We encourage all of you to attend Dickens Fest this weekend to celebrate the community that Richard loved and as a tribute to our friend.

**Dickie's Dickens Fest  
2013**

**Rest in Peace  
Richard Harris**

Founder of Dickens Fest  
Friend, Neighbor, Creative Genius  
Lincoln Central Association and Your Community  
Are Forever Grateful to You

**Dickens Fest This Saturday**

advocate to serve on its Local School Council in the role of Community Representative for the 2013-2014 school year. The LSC plays a role in decision making at the local school level.

Candidate Statement forms must be submitted to Mrs. Miles in the main office by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 27. For more information e-mail LSC Chair Katie Fairbank, at mkfairbank@gmail.com.

### **Affordable Care Act Info. Seminar Tomorrow**

Under the Affordable Care Act, hundreds of thousands of uninsured Chicagoans will become newly eligible for health care coverage. Attend this seminar sponsored by Congressman Quigley to hear from representatives from the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace and the Small Business Administration who will explain how the new health care law will affect you. Get your questions answered and learn about the new County Care Program to enroll newly eligible low-income individuals in the Medicaid program. Call (773) 267-5926 for more information.

**Thursday, September 12  
6:30pm  
DePaul University  
Cortelyou Commons  
2324 N. Fremont St.**

**Fiesta de Ávila  
This Saturday**

Join the Lincoln Central Association and your neighbors for a day of music, food, and other great activities for the whole family! Expect magicians, face painting, fun jumps, and more!

**Saturday, September 14th  
12:00pm-10:00pm  
Lincoln/Dickens**

#### *Schedule of Events:*

*1:00pm - 3:00pm Pat McKillen  
3:00pm - 4:30pm Fred Barbini Trio  
5:00pm - 6:30pm Mike Balentine (Elvis Tribute)  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Heartless (80's and 90's Cover Band)  
8:30pm-10:00pm Headliner Joe Bachman  
Special tribute to Richard Harris - founder of Dickens Fest*

### **Construction Update: Wrightwood Water Project and Burling Sewer Project**

The long water main replacement project on Wrightwood and Schubert is coming to a close, but a sewer project on half of the 2500 block and the whole 2600 block of Burling, the 700 block of Schubert west of Burling, and the 2700 block of Orchard is just beginning.

In response to our concerns, and due to the duration of the water main replacement project, the Water Department is accelerating the construction to limit the impact on our neighborhood. The Commissioner of the Department of Water Management has assured us of the following:

- The construction in the intersection of Burling and Wrightwood will be done this Friday, September 13th to ensure that Wrightwood is clear as soon as possible to ease school traffic at Alcott Elementary and the St. Clement School;
- The sewer main on the 2600 block of Burling will be replaced by next Friday, September 20th;
- The sewer main on the 700 block of Schubert will be replaced by the following Friday, September 27th;
- They will coordinate closely with our office and homeowners to ensure that contractors take care of potential damage to parkways.

We will continue to leaflet to advise the community of progress. Please do not hesitate to call us at 773-348-9500 or e-mail us at [yourvoice@ward43.org](mailto:yourvoice@ward43.org) with any additional

Stop by Fiesta de Ávila, St. Teresa's inaugural parish / neighborhood party. Feast on Mexican fare and enjoy live music including a Mariachi Band, children's activities, and more! Admission is FREE, along with entertainment, crafts, and games. Click here for more information.

**Saturday, September 14**  
**1037 W. Armitage**  
**11:00am-10:00pm**

**Coffee and Conversation with Rep. Arthur Turner**

Join 9th District Representative Arthur Turner for coffee and conversation this Saturday at St. Michael's Parish. Click here for more information.

**Saturday, September 14**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**St. Michael in Old Town**  
**1633 N Cleveland Ave.**



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:  
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questions or concerns.

**Lake View Township & North Chicago Township Open for Appeals Until September 30th**

43rd Ward homeowners who live in Lake View Township (north of Fullerton Avenue) AND in North Chicago Township (south of Fullerton Avenue) may currently appeal their property tax assessment to the Cook County Board of Review until **September 30th, 2013**. Appealing your property tax assessment is an opportunity to ensure your assessment is fair and accurate. Click here to file your appeal [online](#). Questions? Contact Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office at 312-603-4210. Click [here](#) for a printable flyer.

In addition, Commissioner Gainer's office will be hosting satellite office hours at the 43rd Ward Office. The Commissioner's staff will be available to assist homeowners with filing an appeal on-site and to answer any property tax questions they may have:

**Friday, September 27th**  
**2:00pm - 6:00pm**  
**43rd Ward Office**  
**2523 N. Halsted**

Sincerely,

Michele Smith  
43rd Ward Alderman

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