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43rd Ward Office

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Hours:

Monday: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
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and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Help us reach more
constituent:



Reminder As the weather heats up there will be more pedestrians and cyclists, please watch out for your fellow neighbors.

Public Safety

As a former prosecutor, I know that we must make our streets and homes as safe as possible. I met with our local police commanders immediately after taking office and stressed my concerns for the summer months, and am happy that the Memorial Day weekend ended without major incident even in the face of a heat emergency that required closing the beach. Since then, there have been some disturbing incidents near Michigan Avenue. I'd like to report to you the steps that have been taken in response.

On the Beach: 10-15 additional Bike Patrols, placing the Mounted Unit at the Lakefront and Lakefront Park areas, assigning the Area 3 Saturation Team to the area.

On the Street: Additional Public Transportation Units to patrol the CTA elevated stations and make arrests for turnstile jumping, additional Gang Enforcement Units to patrol, placing undercover police in the Michigan Ave. area to monitor group activity, and increased monitoring of cameras.

These units were added from existing police personnel in the district, by reallocating hours.

These resources have already resulted in the arrests of over fifty teen offenders for offenses such as mob action, shoplifting and robbery. The police have also been actively searching for alcohol on the beach. According to the police, these initiatives will continue as necessary in order to enforce a Zero Tolerance stance against unruly and criminal behavior.

I have met our new Police Chief Gary McCarthy, and am impressed with his intensity and commitment. He is instituting a police strategy called "broken windows" in which the police increase their efforts to crackdown on lower level crime, like graffiti, disturbing the peace and broken windows, to send the message that crime will not be tolerated. To aid this effort, we need your help.

What you can do:

Call 911 to report suspicious activity. You don't need to witness a crime to call 911. If a person or group of people are hanging around in a suspicious manner, call 911 and report it. You don't

have to leave your name. The police are already out patrolling, so your call helps direct their efforts. CALL 911.

If you are the victim of a crime and want my support in court, CALL MY OFFICE. I am very interested in supporting neighbors through the court advocacy program. For more information about volunteering as a court advocate, please contact Officer Incapreria in the 18th District Community Policing Office at 312-742-5778.

Oz Park Basketball Hoops

You may have noticed that the hoops at Oz Park are down. The principal of Lincoln Park High School asked me to remove them because four fights had broken out on the courts in a short period of time - two of them started by non-neighborhood people against his students, and two that he suspected were started by his own students. To keep his students safe and to send a clear message that such behavior will not be tolerated, he and I asked the Park District to take down the hoops.

The Oz Park superintendent is supportive of this action, and is investigating removable hoops for the park so that our neighborhood can enjoy playing basketball. Principal Boraz is making the school gym available to students to play after school hours.

This action is part of my effort, along with the police, to have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior.

Sincerely,



Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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