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We're Pro-Active about Reforming Government in City Hall and Fighting Burglary in our Neighborhood

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**Business of the Week:
 Hanig's Birkenstock
 847 W. Armitage**

This Lincoln Park mainstay recently opened a Birkenstock-exclusive store, the only one of its kind, on Armitage Ave. Click here to read the our interview with original Hanig-founder's grandson Daniel Hanig.

**Artrageous on Clark is
 Around the Corner!**

Artrageous, the art event that showcases talented local artists, neighborhood restaurants and the many great businesses on Clark Street, kicks off next Friday! This FREE event invites art lovers to view displays, tour the neighborhood and

Dear Friends,

Last month, I helped found the [Paul Douglas Alliance](#) in City Council - a coalition of aldermen committed to progressive ideals and pragmatic policy solutions.

A few weeks ago, the Alliance introduced a [resolution](#) calling for a hearing to extend the City's Inspector General's power to include oversight of the City Council. Under this cost-saving proposal, the office of Legislative Inspector General would be eliminated and the power of the Inspector General enhanced, a position some members of the Council oppose.

Yesterday, the Alliance introduced an [ordinance](#) calling for full and complete information on Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIFs) to be placed online in a searchable database. TIF funding sometimes is used to subsidize private development to turn around blighted neighborhoods, create jobs, and jump-start economic development. But TIFs are funded with your property taxes that are diverted from other direct city uses, such as pensions, schools, and police.

The Paul Douglas Alliance's **TIF Accountability Ordinance** will require posting of project locations, amount of TIF subsidy relative to development budget, jobs promised vs. jobs created, property tax revenues promised vs. revenues generated, and other performance data. Once passed, Chicagoans will be able to assess each project and have the information to hold private entities accountable.

By the way, **who was Paul Douglas?** Douglas started out teaching economics at the University of Chicago and acted as an economic advisor to then-New York Governor Franklin Roosevelt. He served as an independent reform

celebrate spring on Clark Street with fellow Lincoln Park visitors and residents. Click [here](#) for more information.

Sign up for Street Sweeping Alerts

Never want to get a ticket again? Click [here](#) to find your zone and sign up for our street sweeping alerts. If you received alerts last year, you are still in our system and don't need to e-mail us.

Save Your Stuff for the Annual 43rd Ward Recycling Drive!

Need to get rid of that old computer? Have documents to shred? Batteries? Light Bulbs? May 11th at the Nature Museum you can do all that and more!

***Recycling Drive
Saturday, May 11th
9:30 am to 1:30 pm
The Peggy Notebaert
Nature Museum
2430 N. Cannon Dr.***

Lincoln Park High School Receives "2013 Top AFS School" Award

I am proud that our very own Lincoln High School (LPHS) will receive the "2013 Top AFS School" award from AFS-USA, a leader in international high school student exchange program. Lincoln Park High School Assistant Principal Elizabeth Brown says, "We truly value our partnership with AFS and the impact our exchange students have at

alderman from 1939-1942. After losing the Democratic Primary for Senator in 1942, he joined the Marines (at age 50), and earned the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for action in the Pacific.

Returning to Illinois, Douglas had a distinguished career in the US Senate from 1948 until 1967. Douglas soon earned a reputation as an unconventional liberal, crusading for civil rights legislation against a recalcitrant South, and standing for sound economic policies and against pork barrel spending. Senator Douglas frequently noted that "a liberal need not be a wastrel."

Protect Your Home Against Crime:

Attend the 43rd Ward Anti-Crime Meeting and the Launch of the Lock Your Door Campaign

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we want to be proactive against the possibility of burglary as the warm weather returns. This [map](#) shows the burglaries in Lincoln Park for 2013. Help reduce those numbers this summer, by attending our Anti-Crime meeting on **Wednesday, April 17th**. You will learn three simple, low-cost things every homeowner can do to reduce the risk of burglary of your home and garage.

Representatives from the 18th and 19th Districts will be present to share safety tips with you and answer your questions. We'll have a panel of *former burglars* tell you how you can prevent burglary in your home from the *Keepin' It Real* CPD program. Finally, attend and receive discounts on important items, join a block club and receive a FREE Motion Detector.

**43rd Ward Anti-Crime Mtg.
Wednesday, April 17
6:30pm-8:30pm
DePaul Art Museum
935 W Fullerton Ave
2nd floor**

Questions? Contact the 43rd Ward at 773-348-9500 or at yourvoice@ward43.org. Click [here](#) for a printable flyer.

In Memory of Roger Ebert

Lincoln Park is incredible." This award is just another example of why LPHS is one of the top high schools in Illinois.

This last week, we lost a member of our community, film critic and long-time Lincoln Park resident Roger Ebert. "The most powerful pundit in America," Roger Ebert stood out as both a household name and a nationally respected film critic. While countless Americans tuned in weekly for Siskel and Ebert or read his movie reviews in some 200 newspapers nationwide, it was his later fight with cancer and the dignity and courage he exhibited that truly inspired. His passing is an immense loss to the movie industry, film lovers, and our neighborhood. Our condolences go out to Roger's colleagues, friends, family, and especially to Chaz Ebert, his wife and the love of Roger's life.



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