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### **FREE 43rd Ward Flu Clinic**

Stop by Sunrise Assisted Living on Tuesday, October 8th for a FREE flu shot. No appointment needed. Click here for a complete list of clinics throughout the City.

**Tuesday, October 8th**  
**10:00am-1:00pm**  
**Sunrise Assisted Living**  
**2710 N. Clark**

### **Street Closures for the Chicago Marathon**

Next Sunday, October 13th is the Chicago Marathon. Expect heavy traffic and some road closures as the City comes out in full support. Click here for a list of all street closings.

Dear Friends,

Last year DePaul University approached Alderman Waguespack's and my offices to discuss calming Kenmore Avenue to increase student safety without closing the street. The solution we've reached: a Woonerf!

"Woonerf" is a Dutch word for "living yard" and is a special kind of street that functions as a shared public space by pedestrians, cyclists and slow moving vehicles. It is a concept which uniquely fits the DePaul-Kenmore situation. Here's are the particulars of the proposed Kenmore Woonerf:

- Cars will continue to use Kenmore, including emergency vehicles and the delivery and service vehicles that access the Schmidtt Center and library loading dock area;
- The entire block of Kenmore will be reconstructed to add a slight curve, use a variety of new hardscape (e.g. brick or cobblestone) and landscape materials, new bike racks and possibly a Divvy station, and decorative but functional bollards to assist as traffic calming measures;
- Landscaping and built-in seating elements will be added as their strategic placement will cause vehicle traffic to move at slower speeds;
- There will be multiple designated pull over points for disabled drop-off, food trucks and other temporary loading and unloading;
- Parking will be removed from Kenmore, but the 47 lost on-street parking spaces will be made up by DePaul providing the community with 24 hour access to various parking lots and structures;
- DePaul University will pay the full cost of creating the Woonerf, but Kenmore will remain a city street. Maintenance will be a joint effort between DePaul and the City;
- The timing of the conversion is dependent upon working through details and an agreement with the

## City of Chicago.

### Rebates Available from Peoples Gas

Getting a tune-up on your furnace or boiler is an important first step in winter safety preparations. It can identify safety hazards and ensure your heating is working efficiently. Peoples Gas encourages customers to access a \$50 rebate on furnace and boiler tune-ups through the Peoples Gas Home Energy Rebate Program. Customers can save money and energy by replacing old furnaces with a high-efficiency model of 97% AFUE and qualify for a \$600 rebate. Replacement boilers of 95% AFUE or greater qualify for a \$700 rebate. Please call the program office at (855) 849-8928 or visit [peoplesgasrebates.com](http://peoplesgasrebates.com) for more information.

Alderman Waguespack and I, along with DePaul University and the Chicago Department of Transportation, want to hear your input on this proposal to create a Woonerf on Kenmore between Fullerton and Belden. Join us at a community meeting next Tuesday night. Check out the [flyer and Frequently Asked Questions](#) as well as the [slideshow presentation](#).

**Tuesday, October 8th**

**7:00pm**

**DePaul Student Center, Rm 120**

**2250 N. Sheffield Ave.**



### Lincoln Park Showcased in Open House Chicago

For the first time ever, Lincoln Park has been chosen as one of the neighborhoods for the Chicago Architecture Foundation's "Open House Chicago". Get unparalleled behind-the-scenes looks at some of Chicago's hidden architectural treasures. Click [here](#) for a list of Lincoln Park sites and here for a full list of the sites throughout the City.

**Saturday, October 19th**

**Sunday, October 20th**

**9:00 - 5:00pm \***

**Sites throughout**

**Lincoln Park and the City**

### Halsted Willow Project Update

Nearly 200 neighbors turned out Monday night to see the plans for a proposed redevelopment of the Northwest corner of Halsted and Willow. Concerns were raised at the meeting about saving historic structures, the design of the new buildings, future plans by the developers, overall height, and potential traffic and loading issues. We are asking the developer to revise his plans in reaction to these comments.

Click [here](#) for the presentation made at the meeting by the developer. Thanks to all of you who turned out and gave your feedback.

### Important Ventra Card Timeline

The Ventra Phase-out period is accelerating and some important deadlines are fast approaching. Below is a timeline to keep you up-to-date:

\*times may vary by site, check site listing for details.

### OTMRA's Summer Plant Giveaway Today!

Summer's officially over and the air's getting chillier, which means it's time to switch out the street planters on Wells Street. And those plants could be yours! It's first-come-first-serve though, so show up promptly to get the best plants. You'll also need to bring your own trash bags or receptacles to carry away your plants.

**Wednesday, October 2nd**  
**2:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Corner of Wells & Evergreen (near Franklin Fine Arts Center)**

### Upcoming LPHS Marching Band Performances!

The Lincoln Park Marching Band will be marching in the Northwestern Homecoming Parade on October 4th in Evanston and the Chicago Columbus Day Parade on October 14th. Come out and support our band!

### Office Closed on 10/14

In observance of Christopher Columbus Day the 43rd Ward Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th.

## Monday, October 7th, 2013

- Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus will no longer be able to have value loaded on to them, either online or at the CTA rail station vending machines.
- Rail station vending machines will no longer sell magnetic striped stored value cards or period passes.
- Pace offers a new 30-day premium pass for customers using Ventra.

## Friday, November 15th, 2013

- Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus will no longer be accepted on CTA buses/trains and Pace buses.
- Customers will no longer be able to add value to stored value magnetic stripe cards. They will need to spend down balances or transfer their existing balance to Ventra cards.
- CTA and Pace will no longer sell magnetic striped passes. Customers need to use up existing passes by December 15.

## Sunday, December 15th, 2013

- The CTA and Pace will no longer accept any magnetic stripe fare cards.
- Ventra replaces all CTA and Pace existing fare media.

### Balance transfers to Ventra

The CTA and Pace encourage customers to spend down their balances on current fare cards. As a convenience to customers who want to transfer their balances from current CTA and Pace fare media, the agencies have announced [27 dates starting in mid-September through December 15th at multiple locations throughout the region](#) to allow customer to transfer their balances to Ventra cards. Customers may bring a maximum of five eligible fare media cards at a time with a combined minimum of five dollars in transit value on the cards to transfer to a registered Ventra card. For more information about Ventra and to obtain a Ventra Card, click [here](#) or call (887) 669-8368.

Sincerely,





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9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
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