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Need a Job? Attend State Rep. Feigenholtz's Job Seekers Workshop

The Illinois Department of Employment Security will share resume preparation, networking tips, and key interviewing skills.

**Saturday, March 3, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Weiss Memorial Hospital
Auditorium
4646 North Marine**

For more information or to RSVP, contact Rep. Feigenholtz's office at (773) 296-4141 or sara@staterepsara.com.

19th District Police Station Closing

March 3rd will be the last day that the current 19th District Police Station will be open. Beginning on March 4,

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to announce that a tentative agreement has been reached between Francis Parker School, the Mid-North Association, Lincoln Park United (formerly Francis Parker Neighbors), several residential buildings, and other Parker neighbors concerning the planned construction of Parker's new athletic field.

Last year, a considerable amount of controversy developed over aspects of the Parker plan. Thanks to the hard work over months of negotiations by these neighborhood and building representatives and the Parker Board of Trustees, significant changes to the field plan have been made. The major points of the new field plan are:

- No permanent field lighting will be permitted on the field. Should Parker wish to reconsider this sometime in the future, Parker must seek what is called a "major amendment" to its approved zoning, requiring an extensive process before the Plan Commission, the community and City Council.
- Rather than a field composed of so-called "rubber crumb" infill, Francis Parker's artificial turf field will be the latest technology, which has no rubber crumb. Numerous studies, along with independent laboratory testing of the specific components of Parker's field system, demonstrated to me that this field system does not pose risks of off gassing, leaching into groundwater or causing heat migration.
- The field may not be rented to third parties past 7:30 in the evening.
- The parkway along Lincoln Park West will be improved with new landscaping and the concrete wall on Lincoln Park West will be attractively

850 W. Addison will be the home of the new 19th District that combines the former 19th and 23rd districts. Click here to see the new beat map. The phone number to the new district desk is 312-744-8320.

rehabilitated.

- The tentative agreement establishes a permanent Community Relations Committee composed of Parker staff and parents, representatives of neighboring buildings, neighborhood associations and myself which will meet periodically to facilitate communication between the school and the community and to resolve issues as they arise, including construction protocols.

RANCH Triangle Meeting

Join the owner of 1906 N. Halsted Street as he explains his proposal to change the zoning from RT-4 to B1-1 in order to obtain a business license at the existing building for purposes of operating a salon. The proposed tenant and project attorney will be present to discuss the project in further detail.

This process began in the fall of 2011 with a series of meetings among Parker board members, parent representatives, staff and representatives of the neighborhood. As we came close to an agreement, neighbor Tom Silfen and Parker Board President Jonathan Marks assumed lead negotiating responsibilities. I want to extend a special thanks to them for spending many, many hours with me to craft this tentative agreement.

**Monday March 5, 7pm
Adams Playlot
1919 N. Seminary**

There is work yet to be done. The tentative agreement is subject to a review by the community and me of Parker's application to the Chicago Plan Commission, which has not yet been completed. And Parker and its neighbors have committed to following past precedent in creating a construction protocol that will minimize the impact of construction on the neighborhood.

**Shop Wells
This Saturday!**

Stop by the **Old Town Fashion and Apparel Event** to check out new spring lines, launch events, and trunk shows as well as the chance to win an Old Town gift bag!

I am optimistic that after so many months of hard work and dedication to this issue on the parts of the neighbors and Parker that we are in the home stretch. I look forward to working together as the community and I review Parker's application to the Plan Commission, and I hope that you will join me in supporting this plan as it goes forward.

**Saturday, March 3rd
11am-4pm**

Sincerely,

For more information and a list of participating shops, click here!

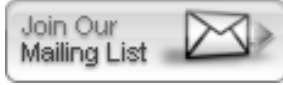
**Celebrate Chicago's
175th Birthday!**

43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith

**Sunday, March 4, 2012
Chicago History
Museum
1601 N. Clark St.**

Noon-4:45pm

Come celebrate the day Chicago became a city with entertainment, free birthday cake, and more! For more information, click here.



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9 a.m.-7 p.m.
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