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 Chicago's 43rd Ward



CMH Redevelopment Town Hall Meeting

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Burglary Prevention Seminar Tonight

This seminar following the 1811/13 Beat Meeting will include former burglary offenders talking about how they chose their targets, burglary prevention tips from the CPD, and the role and procedures of a detective after a burglary. [Click here](#) for more information.

Wednesday, July 11
6:30-7pm -Beat Mtg.
7pm-8pm -Seminar
St. Michael's Church
1711 N. Cleveland

"Shred and Shed" this Saturday with the OTTA

Stop by and participate in the Old Town Triangle's second area-wide yard sale! Once again, there will be a shredding truck parked in front of the Triangle office, **1763 N. North Park Ave., from 9am-2pm**, to be replaced by a Salvation Army truck to collect items that are not sold from **2:30pm - 3:30pm**. [Click here](#) for more information. To register call 312-337-1938 or e-mail

Dear Friends,

The developer has notified me that he has completed the next version of the proposed plan for the Children's Memorial site. We are announcing a town hall meeting to give the developer the opportunity to show these plans to you.

**CMH Community Development
Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, July 26
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
the DePaul Student Center, Rm 120
2250 N. Sheffield**

I urge you to attend not only so that you can see the new plans for the site from the developer, but most importantly, so I can hear your input.

In addition to July 26th's large community meeting, I am requiring that the developer hold a series of meetings with every community group.

A Recap

In preparation for these meetings, let's review what we've done thus far, and what will be happening next.

Back in September at the first large community meeting, we strove to understand the impact Children's had on the neighborhood today to give us the foundation to compare it to the impact of any future proposal. Children's Memorial Hospital [reported](#) to us:

- Over 1.5 million people were on the hospital property per year
- Over 12,500 trucks made deliveries to the

dmckinsey@oldtowntriangle.com.

Saturday, July 14
9am -2pm
Old Town Triangle Center
1763 N. North Park Ave.

Stop by LaSalle Language Academy's "French Flea Market"

This Bastille Day, help support the revolution against clutter, liberate your over-stuffed closets, and bring your items out to sell. It will be fun for the entire family with French music, pastries, children's games, crafts and crowds of people hungry for your gently used items. Send table reservations and inquiries to flea1734@gmail.com and for more information click [here](#).

Saturday, July 14
9am -2pm
LaSalle Language Academy
1734 N. Orleans

54th Dearborn Garden Walk
This Sunday!

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of twenty-two of Chicago's most spectacular, private rear gardens throughout Chicago's historic Near North neighborhood during the 54th Dearborn Garden Walk. In addition, guests can enjoy "Musical Garden" vignettes created by some of Chicago's top designers. For more information and ticket purchasing call 312-632-1241 or visit online.

Sunday, July 15
12pm -5pm
Ticket Booth at Latin Middle School
45 West North Boulevard

Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Satellite Office
Hours for the 43rd Ward

hospital

- Over 1,300 cars parked in the garage at one time each day
- Children's baseline traffic study estimated that Children's alone was responsible for 30% of the traffic around the site
- Some of our local businesses, including popular neighborhood institutions, could lose between 7% and 50% of their business when the hospital leaves

Second, we discussed the site's relationship to our neighborhood. To sum up that [presentation](#):

- The site contains older buildings which are important to the community and contribute to the neighborhood's distinctiveness
- The site is at the crossroads of the Lincoln Park Community, at the heart of a destination area for theater, music, and of course, DePaul University
- The site is directly adjacent to beautiful, low-rise residential neighborhoods and historic districts

Third, we discussed our goals for the site and our values. The [HOK study](#), done three years ago, identified the following community priorities. The new development should:

- Respect the existing neighborhood
- Create a distinct mixed-use place, including housing for a variety of income levels
- Promote a multi-modal transportation network
- Support sustainable development
- Ensure continued community engagement

In December, 2011, the developer, McCaffery Interests, rolled out a [conceptual plan](#) for the site. I required the developer to hold a series of community meetings to discuss the tentative site plans and then revise those plans based on feedback.

The City Process

McCaffery Interests has told me that it intends to begin the city review process by filing an application for rezoning of the property on July 18, 2012. Residents within 250 feet of the site will receive a notice of this filing, as required by city ordinance. This filing does not in any way preclude changes to the plan. Indeed, the City has told me that, due to the complexity of the site, it will take several months to conduct its review. This is more than enough time, in my view, for our neighborhood to review the plan ourselves and have input.

Property Tax Bills are DUE by **August 1st 2012**. Commissioner Gainer's staff will hold satellite office hours for 43rd Ward residents with questions about their property taxes. Please bring your most recent property tax bill. **Don't forget to double check all eligible exemptions are listed.** If you have any questions, call 312-603-4210, visit Commissioner Gainer's website, or e-mail Info@BridgetGainer.com.

Let Us Know What You Think - Attend the Community Meeting July 26

This plan must preserve what we value about Lincoln Park, while creating an exciting new crossroads for our community. I want to make sure that our review is thorough and considered, and at the same time, that we proceed in a structured manner so we get the job done.

My first commitment is to you. We will have as many meetings as necessary to get this right.

For more information, visit our website, which already [archives](#) presentations and videos from the September, 2011 and December, 2011 community meetings.

In the meantime, please feel free to call my office at 773-348-9500 or contact me at yourvoice@ward43.org.

*Friday, July 20
2pm-6pm
43rd Ward Office
2523 N. Halsted*



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Office Hours:
Monday
9a.m.-7p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday
9a.m.-6p.m.
Friday
9a.m.-12p.m. & 2p.m.-6p.m.

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Sincerely,

43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith

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