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Public Safety and Police Reform Business Reform Continues Taste of Lincoln Avenue This Weeken

Dear Neighbors,

Public safety is the number one issue facing our city today. That is why we are heartened by the new federal and city initiatives aimed at illegal gun purchases and use, and that a compromise on civilian involvement in police reform has been finally reached.

New Illegal Gun Investigation Team and Federal Taskforce

Chicago Police Superintendent David O. Brown has announced the creation of the Gun Investigations Team (GIT) to address the pipeline of dangerous weapons in Chicago. This team will compliment the [federal task force](#) launched yesterday. Attorney General Merrick Garland, visiting Chicago, [stated](#) that federal prosecutors in Chicago and other cities would work together particularly in places where guns are bought legally and later trafficked into major cities with more restrictive gun laws.

This team will also work locally with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and federally with the United States Attorney's Office to secure charges against gun offenders and those trafficking guns in Chicago. Charges involving firearm possession are very important in cases in which witnesses are unavailable or will not cooperate.

The federal task force will also provide some funding for community anti-violence organizations. [NBC reported](#), "We can't hope to solve this problem without some of both," Garland said, referring to both community intervention and law enforcement.

Civilian Commission for Public Safety and Accountability

City Council approved a significantly revised version of civilian involvement in police oversight at our Wednesday meeting. The revised structure created by this ordinance both preserves the Mayor's authority and provides a platform for citizen involvement far more effective than CAPs or local district volunteer boards.

I wrote previously, [the proposals before City Council had strayed too far from that in the version of the GAPA](#) (Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability) that I supported. That led me to get involved in the negotiations.

I'm pleased that significant changes to these ordinances were made in response to my concerns:

Civilian Oversight, Not Power, Over Police Decisions

Notwithstanding some statements you may have read to the contrary, the police will continue to run the police department and will not be overruled by a civilian commission.

The new Commission may propose and review policies, but has no final authority. That rests with the Mayor, and in some cases City Council.

At the same time, the community will have more information and voice than they have today. District Councils, teams of three citizens that will be elected in each police district, will amplify neighborhood involvement with the police, which is sadly inadequate in the current CAPS format.

A Balance of Citizen Voice with Mayoral Control

While local District Councils are directly elected by the voters, the 7-member Commission itself is appointed by the Mayor, with City Council's approval. The idea of an entirely elected Commission, which [undermined the legitimacy of the entire ordinance](#), has been dropped. The idea of having these elections during low-turnout Local School Council elections (supposedly to enable undocumented people to vote) has also been dropped.

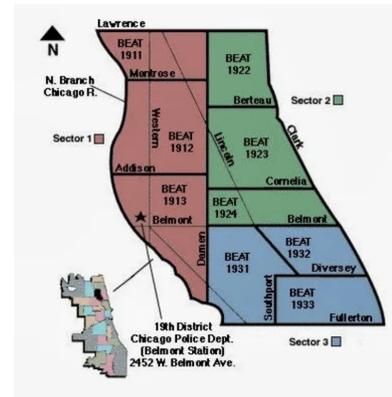
Moreover, every executive involved in law enforcement - the Police Superintendent and the Police Board, remains appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval. The Commission will suggest candidates, but control remains where it should.

I believe that this Commission will result in a better police force and a better-informed citizenry. It is the final piece of the structure of police reform, and can help lead to mutual respect which is not the case in many communities. An interim Commission, which will govern until the February 2023 elections, will be selected by the Mayor from nominees from the City Council Rules Committee.

We will be hosting a public safety forum in August - please watch this newsletter for details soon.

19th District Virtual CAPS Meetings August 9th

The CAPS meeting for Beat 1934 usually held at the 2nd Unitarian Church will be held virtually on **August 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** Those interested should reach out to CAPS.019@chicagopolice.org for the link.



018 District Night Out in the Parks
800 E. Grand Ave
Polk Bros Park
August 4th, 2021
5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

019 District Night out in the Parks
2333 N. Sunnyside Ave
Welles Park
August 3rd, 2021
5. p.m. - 7 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign in which our local 018 and 019 police districts participate. It promotes partnerships between the police and the community while further building a neighborhood for all to feel safe in.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in your community and law enforcement while enjoying food, entertainment, good company, and the chance to discuss your public safety with the police who represent you each day.

Business Updates

Sign Reform Passes

The process to obtain a permit for a sign in our City has long been antiquated. All the forms had been on paper, required a signature by the Alderman, further processing by the City, and then the introduction of an ordinance in City Council, which required our signature again, and a month's wait for the ordinance to pass. The whole thing took months.

Fortunately, that has now changed completely. The City invested in a computer system so that all applications for public right of way [permits can be done on-line](#), covering everything from an ice-melt system or fence in your parkway to business signs and sidewalk cafes. The aldermanic sign-off occurs in the first phase, and aldermen can click their approval, or indicate why the granting of the permit would not be in the public interest, cause a nuisance, conflict with neighborhood character, or impedes traffic or other items in the public way.

We are happy to report that this week, the City Council approved [legislation](#) that eliminates the requirement to introduce an ordinance, only requiring one in those rare cases when the local alderman and the Commissioner disagree on the issuance of a permit.

We were happy to support this long-needed reform.

Eviction Moratorium Lifted; Rental Assistance Available August 1st, 2021

Governor Pritzker announced in an executive order that allows eviction filings may resume on August 1, 2021.

If you are a renter who is behind or a landlord who is due rent due to economic hardship caused by COVID-19, you may be eligible for up to 15 months of rental payments to cover back-rent owed from June 2020 through August 2021.

Applications and eligibility standards are available online at illinoisrentalassistance.org.



Whole Foods Now Open Fullerton and Sheffield

We are pleased to report that Whole Foods at the corner of Fullerton and Sheffield is now re-opened for in-person shopping.

Wrightwood Neighbors, DePaul University, and my office are all thrilled this location will be opening again to serve the community.

Community Events



37th Annual Taste of Lincoln Avenue Wrightwood Neighbors Association Lincoln Ave & Fullerton Ave Saturday and Sunday, July 24th-25th, 2021 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wrightwood Neighbors has hosted Taste of Lincoln Avenue to raise money for neighborhood improvements and local charities for 37 years! Here is the [band lineup](#). Please donate \$10 at the door to help our community schools, parks, and non-profits.

Activities at a Park Near you!

Summer is alive with activities in the parks. Listed here are activities in the 43rd Ward's parks: Goudy, Lincoln Park, History Museum, Oz, Bauler, Trebes, Adams and any at our playlots.

To discover more movies, theatre, and other activities in the parks, check out chicagoparkdistrict.com.

In accordance with Be Safe Chicago Guidelines for Parks and Recreation Activities, participants will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times while participating.

TODAY, Saturday, July 24th, 2021 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Kerfuffle - Theatre in the Parks at Bauler Playlot
501 W. Wisconsin

Kerfuffle's "Goose and Gert" is a funny romp in the park that explores friendship, opposites, and noise! Featuring live music, it is best enjoyed by children 2-6 years old with their families.

Monday, August 2, 2021- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Drum Dance Capoeira & Maculele at Oz Park

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial and cultural dance art from Brazil. In this interactive workshop, you will learn basic moves and songs, see unique instruments, hear about the history, and participate in a group roda or circle of capoeira. We will also demonstrate maculele, a stick fighting dance. For adults and children of all ages.

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toddlers, Tunes & Turtles at Oz Park

Re-envisioned for safety and social distancing in 2021, this outdoor nature program will feature loose parts for nature play, early childhood activities and more.

Thursday, August 21, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Super Stolie - Concert at Adams
1919 N. Seminary

You and your little ones will have a blast swinging to the music of long-time park favorite, Super Stolie! Produced by **Adams Park Advisory Council** and **Ranch Triangle Association**.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 - 8:00pm
Movies in the Parks at Lincoln Park (east of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center)
Movie: **Labyrinth** - PG

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 8:00pm
Movies in the Parks at Oz Park
Movie: **Forty-two** - PG-13

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - 8:00pm
Movies in the Parks at Chicago History Museum
Movie: **In Old Chicago** - NR



Lincoln Common "Picnics on The Plaza"

Every Sunday in July
2345 N Lincoln Ave
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. (weather permitting)

Keep the party going by having a picnic in the plaza. Grab

your comfiest blanket (or finest picnic gear), order some fan favorites from Velvet Taco, Verve Wine or Casati's Modern Italian and enjoy musical performances from The Smoking Fish and Celloist Nurlan!

For more information, please click [here](#).

Save the Date! Art Uncorked

Lincoln Common
Saturday, August 7th
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
2335 N Lincoln Ave



You're invited to the first Lincoln Common Art & Wine Event on The Plaza. Join them for an afternoon showcasing live demonstrations from local artists, free wine tastings by Verve Wine, bites from Velvet Taco, and Parson's Chicken & Fish, live music, and more.

Art Uncorked is a free event and is open to the public. Food and formal wine tastings will be available for purchase.



Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce Weekend Guide Live Music in Our Neighborhood

Kingston Mines
TONIGHT, July 24th, 2021
2548 N Halsted

This weekend, [Omar Coleman](#) and [Vance Kelly](#) perform at Kingston Mines on Friday and

Saturday night. Kingston Mines, a local cultural institution, invites you to join them for some delicious food Doc's Kitchen, and enjoy the sounds of Chicago's live music scene. Purchase tickets [here](#).

Golden Dagger
TONIGHT, July 23rd, 2021
2447 N Halsted
8 p.m.

[PINKSQUEEZE](#) is a queer femme indie rock duo from Chicago that brings their bubbly fun personalities to the stage of the [Golden Dagger](#). Get your tickets for this event this Friday, July 23. This is a 21+ event and only \$10!

For more great events and opportunities, sign up for the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce's newsletter [here](#).



“Tell ‘em I Sentcha!”

The [Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Clark St SSA #23](#) have launched a new digital campaign to promote the vibrancy and character of Clark Street, in the

43rd Ward.

Some of our local businesses featured include:

- [The Fat Shallot](#)
- [Big Apple Finer Foods](#)
- [Casati's](#)
- [Rooted Dental](#)
- [Steve Quick Jewelers](#)
- [Affordable Portables](#)
- [The Wiener Circle](#)



Please check out the video on Facebook [here](#).

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[Frances](#)

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[Galit](#)

[Ganbeii \(new!\)](#)

[Geja's Cafe](#)

[Gemini](#)

[Green Tea](#)

[Herb & Alchemy Coffee Shop](#)

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[Jerk Shak BBQ](#)

[Jibaritos \(new!\)](#)

[J9 Wine Bar](#)

[La Vaca \(new!\)](#)

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[Maison Parisienne \(new!\)](#)

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[Pita Pit](#)

[Printer's Row Coffee](#)

[Prost](#)

[Pure Green \(new!\)](#)

[Quality Crab and Oyster Bar](#)

[Raj Darbar Indian Restaurant](#)

[Range](#)

[Riccardo's Trattoria](#)

[River Shannon](#)

[Sai Cafe](#)

[Sapori Trattoria](#)

[Stella Barra](#)

[Stray Hen Cafe \(new!\)](#)

[Squeez Juice Bar \(new!\)](#)

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[Takito Street](#)

[Tandoor Char House](#)

[Tarantino's](#)

[Tarascas](#)

[Theater on the Lake](#)

[The Kismet Table \(new!\)](#)

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[Twin Anchors](#)

[Urban Nomads \(new!\)](#)

[Vanille](#)

[Velvet Taco](#)

[Verve Wine - new!](#)

[Vinci](#)

[Wild Hare](#)

[Willow Room](#)

[X'ian Dynasty Cuisine \(new!\)](#)

[Yoberri Gourmet](#)

[Kanela](#)
[The Kennison](#)
[King Chicago Indian Cuisine \(new!\)](#)
[Kizami Sushi \(new!\)](#)
[Lakefront \(in Theater on the Lake\)](#)
[Las Fuentes](#)

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