



July 28 , 2023

Dear 43rd Ward Neighbors,

This week started in an energizing way, as I had the opportunity to speak to the stellar incoming freshmen at Lincoln Park High School on Monday morning (and of course, receive their constituent service requests!). My only piece of advice to the group was to "give a shot to all the activities you think you may be interested in." This piece of advice is universal for all ages. Whether it is trying a new restaurant, learning a new craft, or changing your walking route, feeding your curiosity in a tangible way is good for mental health. If you need an idea that by definition does not require much planning, I recommend slowing down for a couple hours of ["Niksen", the Dutch "art of doing nothing"](#) in one of our local parks as a positive and stress reducing activity.



*Pictured: Commander Barz answers questions from the audience at Conversation with the Commander*

Last night, we hosted our office's "Conversations with the Commander" event at DePaul University. Thank you to Commander Barz for joining us and providing a substantive update on the state of

public safety in the 43rd Ward, including progress on recent arrests that detectives believe are tied to recent incidents in the Ward. The Commander spoke about his previous leadership experience in CPD, the importance of innovative technology investments in policing, and his belief in a strategy of community policing in the 43rd Ward.

Commander Barz has jumped into the role immediately. Not only has he assigned a consistent patrol car to sit in the Armitage/Halsted corridor, but he is working to bring back a level of foot and bike patrol that we have not seen in the 43rd Ward in years. The Commander encouraged residents to introduce themselves to this patrol and view the patrol car as a mobile and approachable police station.

These strategies are essential to a safer 43rd Ward, and [this week I sent Mayor Brandon Johnson a letter advocating for more resources in the 18th District \(to read, click here\)](#). As the letter notes, there are currently not enough officers in the 18th District to allow for this kind of consistent patrol in every beat. For example, just two years ago, there were 398 officers assigned to the 18th District, and today there are 286. Since 2019, the 18th District has experienced the largest loss of sworn members of any district in the City. The goal of the letter is to explain this concern and to offer my committed partnership in finding a solution. As always in this newsletter, see below for more statistics on public safety through Compstat.

There is so much good happening in Chicago, and this weekend has no shortage of block parties and community events. See you out there, maybe in one of our parks just "doing nothing".

Sincerely,



Alderman Timmy Knudsen

**P.S. with Gratitude:** A few months ago 43rd Ward infrastructure legend, and friend to many, Sheila Pacione departed from our office to serve in a new role with the Chicago Department of Transportation. Sheila's legacy in the 43rd Ward community has a breadth we will enjoy for years to come. This includes revitalizing our pocket parks, increasing bike and pedestrian safety, and serving as a kind and approachable leader in our office. In addition, zoning and preservation

expert, multi-linguist and fellow Illini, Taylor Nesse departed to serve in a new role with the Chicago Department of Planning and Development. I am grateful to have Sheila & Taylor as friends, and for the amount of institutional knowledge they taught me when I began serving the Ward. We are lucky that neither have gone far, and we continue to benefit from their expertise from a city-wide level.

## City of Chicago Cooling Center Information

With temperatures approaching 100 degrees today, it's important to be aware of some of the cooling centers the city is offering. See below for more information on how to stay cool. Take care of yourselves and look out for your neighbors as well all try to beat the heat. and and See below for cooling center information. Please stay safe and cool in this extreme weather.

**BEAT THE HEAT!**

**KEEP YOUR COOL DURING EXTREME HOT WEATHER.**

The City of Chicago has services available to help residents cope safely with extreme weather conditions. These resources will be even more impactful with your support. Make a special effort to check on your friends and neighbors during a heat wave, especially if they are older adults, young children, live alone or are people with special needs.

**CALL 3-1-1 TO:**

- Locate a Cooling Center near you.
- Request a well-being check for someone.

**HOT WEATHER TIPS:**

- Drink lots of water, avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, and sodas.
- Avoid going outside in extreme heat.
- If you don't have air conditioning, keep shades drawn and blinds closed, with windows slightly open.
- If you must be outside, seek shade.
- Keep electric lights off or turned off.
- Minimize your use of your stove or oven.
- Wear loose, light, cotton clothing.
- Take cool baths and showers.
- Don't leave anyone (including pets) in a parked car, even for a few minutes.
- Never leave children, older adults, or those who require special care during periods of intense summer heat.
- Older adults and others who may be sensitive to extreme heat should contact friends, neighbors, or relatives periodically throughout the day.
- Seek help if you feel symptoms of heat-related illnesses.

**REMEMBER!**

Check on relatives, neighbors and friends. If you are unable to make contact, call 3-1-1 and request a well-being check.

**DFSS**  
Department of Family & Social Services

**COOLING CENTERS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS**  
COOLING CENTER HOURS: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. (Monday-Friday)

Englewood Center 1140 W. 79th St.	*Garfield Center 10 S. Redzie Ave.	King Center 4314 S. Cottage Grove
North Area Center 845 W. Wilson Ave.	South Chicago Center 8650 S. Commercial Ave.	Tina Davis Center 4312 W. North Ave.

**SENIOR CENTERS**  
COOLING CENTER HOURS: 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Monday-Friday)

**SENIOR CENTERS**  
**COOLING CENTER HOURS: 9:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. (Monday-Friday)**

Central West Center 2102 W. Ogden Ave.	Northeast Senior Center 2015 W. Lawrence Ave.	Northeast Senior Center 3160 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Renaissance Court 78 E. Washington 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.	Southeast Senior Center 1767 E. 79th St.	Southwest Center 6117 S. Kedzie Ave.

**ALTERNATE LOCATIONS**  
 Chicago Parks & Libraries also serve as cooling centers during extreme heat.  
 Check in with your local park, library or police station for cooling center locations & hours.

**VISIT 312.620.0200 OR CALL 3-1-1 FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON CITY COOLING CENTERS**

**DFSS**  
 Department of Family Support Services

\*The Southland Center is available 24/7 to connect residents to shelter!

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## Pet Signs Available at our Office

"Leash and Pick up after your pet" signs are now available at our office for pick up! Limit 5 per person.




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## Public Safety

### Current Police Compstats

As our city government and safety leadership transition into the next Administration, crime, and safety remain top of mind for our community. Each week, the 18th and 19th District post Compstat numbers that reflect changes in indexes for key crimes. In an effort to keep residents informed on these trends, we will publish those weekly updates in the newsletter's public safety section. As a reminder, these statistics represent 100% of the 18th and 19th Police Districts; accordingly, they represent an area much larger than our ward.

For 18th District (south of Fullerton) Compstat, [Click Here](#)

For 19th District (north of Fullerton) Compstat, [Click Here](#)

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## Upcoming CAPS Meetings

We work closely with the 43rd Ward's local CAPS districts, which include the 18th (Near North) and 19th (Town Hall) Police Districts.

Our office is in frequent contact with officers from both of these districts and their local CAPS officers, who host a variety of community forums and events including beat meetings, informational settings, and expert panel discussions, as well as sending out community alerts when a pattern of crime is detected.

Beat Meetings are part of the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy and an excellent way to hear directly from CPD about your neighborhood. Meetings are held in the evenings every two months. Click [here](#) and find out your Police District and Beat number.

### 2023 43rd Ward CAPS Meetings

**Beat 1811 (5 PM) & 1813 (6 PM):** September 5, November 7

Beats 1811 and 1813 meet at St. James Lutheran Church located at [2050 N Fremont St](#). They are in the basement of the Church and you should enter through the northernmost door on Fremont St. There is residential parking on the street with applicable zone parking restrictions.

**Beat 1812 (5 PM) & 1814 (6 PM):** September 7, November 9

Beat 1812 and 1814 are hosted at Wintrust Bank located at [100 W. North Ave](#). There is very little parking on site but it is near the North and Clybourn Red Line stop and the Sedgwick Brown Line. It is also en route to the Clark St Bus. The meetings are hosted on the 2nd Floor of the bank. Elevators are on site.

Beat 1824 meets at [1201 N Clark St](#) in the Clark St Apartments. It is very close to the Clark and Division Red Line Stop.

**Beat 1932 (6:30 PM):** August 1st, October 3rd, December 5th

Beat 1932 is hosted in the sanctuary at New Life Church located at [1110 W Lill Ave](#). There is street parking with applicable zone parking restrictions. New Life Church is within walking distance of the Fullerton Red and Brown Line and the Diversey Brown Line.

**Beat 1935 (6:30 PM):** August 16, October 18, December 20

Beat 1935 is hosted at Chabad East Lakeview located at [615 W Wellington Ave](#).

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## **[Chicago OEMC App](#)**

The Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) is now providing preparedness in the palm of your hand with the [NEW Chicago OEMC App](#).

### **CHI Safe Walk and Notable App Features**

The app offers a variety of features to keep residents aware and prepared. A prominent feature of the app is the **CHI Safe Walk** safety tool. This tool gives users the option to share their live location with a trusted contact if they are traveling alone to a destination. The user can invite a friend or family member to "virtually" walk with them from point A to B.

If an emergency occurs along the user's route, they can click the panic button which will notify the trusted contact of the user's current location, and the user will also be prompted to dial 911. If the user does not experience an emergency along their route, the trip can be ended when the user arrives safely. A notification will be sent back to the trusted contact to inform that the user has arrived safely to their destination.

### **Additional OEMC App features include:**

- **Maps** – This feature provides residents with a variety of Chicago centric maps, such as find my ward, live traffic maps, CPD beat & district maps, CTA line information, and much more.
  - **Weather** – Access to current weather conditions, forecasts, weather radar and more from the
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National Weather Service in Chicago.

- **Get Prepared** – The Emergency Management Team at OEMC designed the guides and preparedness tips included in this section. The information is broken down by disaster type and what to do before, during, and after. This section has all the information residents need to kickstart their preparedness journeys.
- **911 and 311** – Information on calling 911, Smart911, CHI311App, and more.
- **Emergency Alerts** – Receive NotifyChicago, and other alerts offered by OEMC to notify residents of impending severe weather, traffic disruptions, large events, emergencies and more that can affect public safety.

For additional information on emergency preparedness information, visit the OEMC website at [Chicago.gov/OEMC](https://chicago.gov/OEMC)

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## Mental Health Resources

Below is a list of Mental Health resources that are available locally here in the City of Chicago.

- [City of Chicago Mental Health Centers](#)
- [NAMI Helpline](#)
- [Illinois Department of Human Services](#)
- [Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#): Call 988

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## Community Events



### 2023 Armitage- Halsted Sidewalk Sale

Get ready to shop 'til you drop at one of the most exciting events of the summer! The 2023 Armitage-Halsted Sidewalk Sale returns on Saturday, July 29 – Sunday, July 30 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Enjoy open air shopping, one-of-a-kind merchandise, and amazing specials at over 20 locations along Armitage, from Racine to Halsted, and on Halsted, from just south of Armitage to Webster. While you're there, explore the amazing restaurants on Armitage and Halsted. Don't miss out on an incredible brunch or a quick, delicious bite!

Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Armitage, from Racine to Halsted, and on Halsted, from just south of Armitage to Webster

## Ella Jenkins 99th Birthday Celebration

Join in celebrating the 99th birthday of Ella Jenkins, the namesake of our Ella Jenkins Park at the corner of Sedgwick and Wisconsin. The legendary Ella Jenkins has been honored by the DuSable Museum of African American History as a leading performer of children's music for over fifty years. Affectionately named "The First Lady of the Children's Folk Song," Ella was a recipient of the 2004 GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award and has been recognized by many other prestigious arts and culture organizations.

We'll be celebrating her milestone birthday on August 6th with a community gathering in Ella Jenkins Park and the event will feature musical performances by Susan Salidor, cake and birthday treats, kids art and activities, and a tree sapling giveaway for all attendees. More information and the link to register to attend, donate, and volunteer [here](#).



## IDOT Active Transportation Plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation is undergoing a Statewide Active Transportation Plan to create a vision and identify measures to improve walking and biking infrastructure throughout the state. The project includes various community engagement activities to hear from residents with the goal of understanding the current conditions of walking and biking in the state and identifying needs of Illinois residents. Read more [here](#).



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Street Sweeping Schedule

The Department of Streets and Sanitation is hard at work keeping our streets clean. Below is the June and July schedule for street sweeping and the Sweeper Tracker.

[July and August Street Sweeping Schedule](#)

[See the Sweeper Tracker here.](#)

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### Chi Street Work Portal

Have questions about street work happening in your area? The Department of Transportation has a wonderful tool to look up street work in your area called the [Chi Street Work Portal](#). Here you can input an address and see all surrounding permits for projects on that street.

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### Recycle By City

Recycle By City is a great resource where residents can look up their garbage and recycling pickup day [here](#).

[Here is your reminder](#) on the City's Blue Cart Basics.

For more info on recycling in Chicago, visit [recyclebycity.com/chicago](https://recyclebycity.com/chicago)

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## Chi 311 App

I want to keep spreading the good word of how powerful a tool CHI 311 is to address non-emergency services in our Ward. Via the [CHI 311 website](#) and mobile app, you can:

- Create new service requests and check the status of existing requests (such as on timing and completion).
- Snap a photo of an issue to submit it with a request to improve location accuracy.
- Get local and relevant information/tips regarding the 43rd Ward including visibility into what other requests are being made in your neighborhood. The free CHI 311 mobile app is available for both iOS and Android devices and may be downloaded in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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**43rd Ward Office Hours: M-TH 9am-5pm, F 9am-2pm**

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