



July 7, 2023

Dear 43rd Ward Neighbors,

The 4th of July weekend has come and passed and our ward is still hopping with block parties, outdoor patios, and events on the lakefront. This past weekend was filled with patriotic festivities for families, young professionals, and seniors alike. As we wrote about last week, I was honored to read the preamble of the Declaration of Independence at the Chicago History Museum's Civic Weekend. It was great to see so many familiar faces in the crowd! It was hot, as I imagine it was at the Philadelphia Convention in 1776.



Alderman Knudsen speaking at the History Museum on July 4th.

The City was also hit with some historic rains. Many neighbors reached out to our office regarding down trees, clogged sewers, and flooded backyards. City Departments are still working diligently to catch up on the backlog of 3-1-1 requests from the rainfall and holiday weekend. If you are still waiting on a request to be completed, reach out to our office [here](#). We will work to get these problems corrected as quickly as possible.

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Commander Barz and I are going to visit locations that have been hard-hit by some of these robberies. If you see him in the neighborhood, feel free to say hello and thank him and his officers for all their hard work. My goal is to have the Commander's eyes on the ward as much as possible and he has already shown his commitment to being on the ground and in the communities he serves. Commander Barz has just recently been appointed to this position and we look forward to continuing our warm welcome to the 43rd ward.

In the coming weeks, we will share more information about events our community groups are hosting and the soon-to-be-announced finalists for the job of Police Superintendent. But, for now, stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timmy Knudsen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alderman Timmy Knudsen

P.S. Bureau of Forestry let us know that 523 trees have been trimmed in the 43rd Ward as of June

30th. Big thanks to the Bureau of Forestry and Streets and Sanitation for their incredible work.

Public Safety

18th District Community Alert

Please see the recent "Community Alert" from the 18th District about robberies in our neighborhood! Stay safe and please reach out to Area 3 Detectives with any relevant information.



Bureau of Detectives – Area 3

Community Alert

Armed Robberies

018th District



P23-0-041D (CA)
July 5, 2023

About the Crime:

This alert gives notice to residents of the 18th District of recently reported strong arm robberies. In each incident, unknown offenders approach the victims from behind and strike the victim in the head disorienting the victim. The offenders then take the victim's property and flee the scene in various vehicles. These incidents have occurred in Beats 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814.

Incident times and locations:

- 600 block of West Armitage Ave, Monday June 12, 2023 in the afternoon hours
- 2200 block of North Geneva Terrace, Monday June 12, 2023 in the afternoon hours
- 700 block of West Berdes Ave, Thursday June 22, 2023 in the evening hours
- 2200 block of North Cleveland Ave, Thursday June 22, 2023 in the evening hours
- 400 block of West Grant Place, Thursday June 22, 2023 in the evening hours
- 2200 block of North Geneva Terrace, Thursday June 29, 2023 in the morning hours
- 1400 block of West Fullerton Ave, Thursday June 23, 2023 in the morning hours
- 2200 block of North Fremont St, Thursday June 29, 2023 in the morning hours
- 1000 block of West Armitage Ave, Thursday June 29, 2023 in the morning hours

About the Offenders:

1-2 Male, African Americans, 20-25 years of age, wearing black sweatshirts, and black pants

What you can do:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- If confronted by an assailant, remain calm.
- Remember any unique physical characteristics (scars, tattoos, acne, limps, etc).
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide information to police.
- If approached by a witness to the incident, request contact information.
- Call 911 immediately and provide a detailed description of any suspicious people including any vehicle description and license plate information.

If you have any information, contact
Bureau of Detectives – Area 3
(312) 744-8263

JG298322, JG298335, JG311998, JG312003, JG312009,
JG320269, JG320287, JG320289, JG320296, JG325427,
JG326730, JG326734, JG326750, JG326751, JG326776

Conversation with the Commander

Join us at DePaul, Thursday July 27th for "Conversation with the Commander". Neighbors will have the chance to meet Commander Barz, the new 18th District Commander, and other officers that serve our community.



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](#)

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): July 11, 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): July 13, 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 (6 PM): July 20, September 14, November 16

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.

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

Community Events

Bastille Day French Market

La Fête Nationale! Lincoln Common is celebrating all this French on Thursday, July 13th! Featuring live music from La Tosca Chicago, food and wine from local French vendors, face painters, caricature artists, and more!

Check out all details [here!](#)



Neighborhood Association Events this Month

Our neighborhood groups (don't know what this is? [Read more here!](#)) are gearing up to host some of the events that I look forward to each summer.

The weekend of July 15th will have three fun events that neighbors can support:



Sheffield Neighbor Garden Walk

Sheffield Neighbor Association has brought back the famous Sheffield Garden Walk on Saturday, July 15th from 10 am to 6 pm.

Wrightwood Neighbors Craft Beer Festival

Wrightwood Neighbors are hosting their Chicago Craft Beer Festival from July 14th - July 16th in Jonquil Park. Buy your tickets [here](#) and support your local community group!





Lincoln Central Association Summer Block Party

Lincoln Central Association is hosting its Summer Block Party with Carnival Grocery and Gemini Bistro. This will also take place on Saturday, July 15th from 12 pm - 3 pm.

Frequently Asked Questions

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 Street Sweeping Schedule](#)

[See the Sweeper Tracker here.](#)

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.

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.

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For more info on recycling in Chicago, visit recyclebycity.com/chicago

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.

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

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