

MOVING THE 18th WARD FORWARD

Derrick CURTIS

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18th Ward
Constituent Service Office
8359 S. Pulaski
Chicago, IL 60652



Greetings 18th Ward Residents,

I hope your holiday's exceeded all of your expectations as we continue our journey toward moving the 18th ward forward in 2018.

As always, I appreciate your patience and interest for our community despite some of the incredible challenges that may have occurred throughout my three years in office.

In this issue I will feature significant data that will hopefully allow you to see and understand the constant growth in which I have strategically planned for the betterment of our ward. In addition, I have identified (Infrastructure) needs by priority of conditions from the greatest to the least and have shared service repairs throughout the entire ward.

While you are looking through this issue, I hope you will also be pleased to learn of our countless efforts made to prohibit the "Pawn Shop" from entering into our ward located at 8611 S. Pulaski Rd.

I will continue to provide you with the best services possible for the 18th Ward.

Thank you for your support and being part of the solution.

Sincerely,

Derrick Curtis

Alderman Derrick Curtis

Mosaic Mural Art Project

In the Spring of 2018, Green Star Movement will create a mosaic mural on the south east wall of the Metra Underpass located at 79th and Kedzie. We envision this being a public art project that brings together the surrounding community and unites local youth and adults that share this powerful gateway. This project will display the pride and strength of the people who call this area home, as well as share and educate tourists on the rich history of the area.

TIMELINE:

Project duration: Summer 2017 - Spring 2018

Phase 1 - Design Workshops:

Green Star compiled the results of the design workshops into a final design.

Phase 2 - Installation:

The installation will be lead by Green Star's team of professional artists, and assistants in the Spring of 2018. During the installation we will facilitate Community Days, where members of the community will be invited to participate in tiling the mural under the leadership and guidance of our artists.

2017 18th WARD STATISTICS



BUREAU OF FORESTRY

Trims: 700
Removals: 520
Tree Emergencies: 187
Debris picked up: 1034
Stumps removed: 529



WATER DEPARTMENT

New Water Mains: 2
New Sewer Mains: 4
Sewer Linings: 15
Catch Basin Cleanings: 347
Sewer Main Repairs: 27



TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

Street Resurfacing: 26
Curb & Gutter: 5
Sidewalks: 6
Street Speed Humps: 4
Alley Resurfacing: 1

18th Ward Senior Snow Removal Program



This service is mainly provided by a group of volunteers and some independent contractors.

In order to qualify for this service you must be age 65 or older who may also have a disability with a valid I.D. that shows proof you live in the 18th Ward. However, if there is someone in your home such as children or relatives who are capable of shoveling snow you will not qualify.

- Applications must be completed at our office located at 8359 S. Pulaski Rd. **(We do not take over the phone applications)**
- The snow must exceed (3) inches or higher for removal.
- Snowfall must be finished before removals can start
- This service is a first come first serve basis
- Volunteers will not be allowed to use your personal equipment
- Areas where snow will be removed are: sidewalks, courtyards & stairs only!
- **You must call every year to re-register or you will be automatically removed from the list.**

Registration starts Nov. 12, 2018 to Dec. 21.

Curb your dog signs available starting April 2, 2018

18TH WARD NOTICE

PET OWNERS:
Please clean up after
your pet or you are
helping to feed rats.



Pursuant to City Ordinance 7-12-420 Violators can be fined up to \$500!

18TH WARD ALDERMAN DERRICK G. CURTIS

**Stop in our office to get an
18th Ward 2018 Calendar**

8359 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago

18TH WARD UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Dooley Park, 3402 W. 77th St.

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Please bring your children out to enjoy entertainment, games, Easter baskets (on a first come first serve basis), food, fun, treats and more!

The hunt starts at 1:30 you must find the golden egg.



COFFEE WITH THE ALDERMAN

**ASHBURN/
WRIGHTWOOD**

Sat., April 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Oak Street Health
3348 W. 87th Street

**MARQUETTE PARK/
CHICAGO LAWN**

Sat., March 10, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Senior Suites of Marquette
Village (lounge area)
7430 S. Rockwell



- Get your questions answered
- Speak with your Alderman in person
- Find out the plans for your community
- Be a part of the solution

Please RSVP by calling (773) 284-5057

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Saturday, May 5

Noon - 3 p.m.

Rainey Park
4350 W. 79th Street

RSVP 773-284-5057



2018 Shred-A-Thon Events

Tuesday, March 27

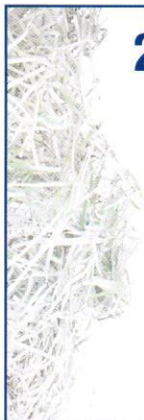
Tuesday, June 19

Tuesday, September 11

2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Westport Commons Shopping Center
3272 W. 87th Street

Please bring all un-wanted paper documents;
remove all paper clips, binders & staples.



Business Owner Symposium & Network Event

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Ashburn/Wrightwood Library
8530 S. Kedzie Ave. (Meeting Room)

10:30 A.M. - Noon

Complimentary breakfast will be available



There will be City Representatives present to answer questions you may have regarding city policies and regulations. This event will include complimentary breakfast. Please come out and speak with your alderman and mingle with other business owner's like yourself. **Business attire preferred.**

Please RSVP no later than March 23 by calling (773) 284-5057.
We look forward to building a great relationship with you.

Earth Day Celebration

Thursday, April 19, 2018

8359 S. Pulaski Rd (North Parking Lot)

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Join us for a fun filled day of appreciating and bettering our earth and environment?

Giveaways will include but are not limited to flower seeds, flower bulbs, plants, energy saving tips & more!

Sponsored by: Lowe's, ComEd, Peoples Gas and The Home Depot



Career Fair Hiring Event

Thursday, May 10, 2018

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Transformation Church
7711-23 Kedzie Ave., Chicago



Pet Health Fair

Featuring a low cost vaccine clinic & free pet giveaways

Saturday, June 16, 2018

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

8359 S. Pulaski Rd. (North Parking Lot), Chicago

For 18th Ward & City of Chicago Residents Only

For the health and safety of other animals, dogs showing signs of respiratory illness will not be serviced.

All dogs MUST be on a leash and all cats Must be in a carrier Pets requiring muzzles MUST be muzzled at the event

Owners MUST be able to handle their pets around other animals CASH ONLY, Please bring exact change.

Fees: \$7 for DA2PPL and FVRP vaccinations, \$15 for Rabies vaccination, \$15 for Micro-chipping,
\$5 for Dog Registration (Neutered dog) or \$50 (un-neutered dog).



For more information about any of the upcoming events please contact us at (773) 284-5057.

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**25 Neighborhoods that "Have It All":
Affordable Homes, Highly Rated
Schools, An Easy Commute AND
Plenty of Inventory**

**ASHBURN
RANKED
#2
IN THE U.S.**

#2
Ashburn
(Chicago, IL)

LETTER FROM OUR WARD SUPERINTENDENT

As we continue into this most difficult traffic season, I want to make sure you are aware of how the snow program works.

- As snow continues to fall, the snow plows are on all arterial streets.
- Plows are not allowed on side streets unless it is a (vital street); schools, fire houses, police, hospitals and health related buildings.
- When the snow stops and all arterial streets are done, the commissioner of Streets and Sanitation authorizes the trucks to start on the side streets making them passable for vehicles.
- Plows are not allowed in the alleys
- Don't blow or throw snow back onto the street, it actually slows down the melting and cleaning process.

Safety is our #1 priority, please be patient as we clear all paths as soon as possible.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) – TRANSPARENCY

After taking office, I have prioritized all 18th ward TIF allocated funds used toward public schools, and much needed infrastructure repairs to our business districts.

Street resurfacing & (expanded) sidewalk repairs:

North & Southbound Kedzie Ave.

(W. 77th St. - W. 79th St)

Westbound 79th Street (S. Albany - S. Kedzie)

Eastbound 79th Street (S. Kedzie - S. Albany)

Bus Pads installed (estimated cost \$20,000 each):

7701 S. Kedzie (Northbound)

7858 S. Kedzie (Southbound)

3158 W. 79th Street (Westbound)

Street Resurfacing Only:

W. 80th Place (Damen - Hoyne)

S. Claremont Street (7830-7900)

Street Resurfacing (Pending):

W. 75th St. (S. Oakley - S. Western Ave.)

Cement Bus Pad (Pending):

E. 79th St. from Artesian to Western, eastbound, left turn lane

Parallel Parking on W. Columbus Ave (Pending):

W. Columbus (Richmond St. to Whipple St.

W. Columbus (S. Christiana Ave. to alley)



EDUCATION

Mission: We will assist our schools in preparing all students to earn a high quality education that enables them to become contributing members of a multi ethnic society. To create an atmosphere in our schools that will achieve equity for all students, that ensures each child is a successful learner, fully respected and respects others. Lastly, to help provide school systems with a safe, nurturing environment which would include a core curriculum that is rich, rigorous, and recognizes diversity in students and teachers.

Alderman Derrick Curtis worked to secure \$11 million dollars for Chicago Public School improvements for the 18th Ward.

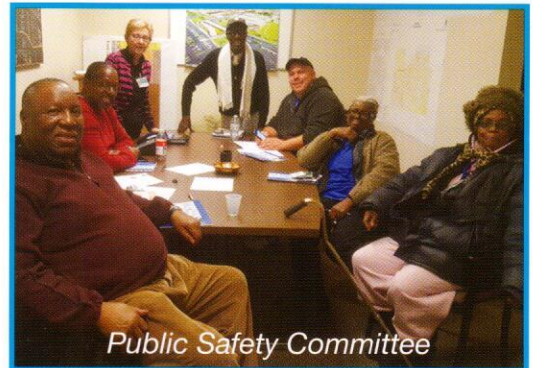


PUBLIC SAFETY

Mission: To create a safe environment within our Ward that will ensure a good quality of life for all residents.

Accomplishments:

- Assisted with neighbors for bus-rides downtown to block the passage of a proposed pawn shop
- Recruited approx. 60 Community Service Representative volunteers to distribute important information and events.
- Requested traffic studies for; 83rd/Kedzie, 77th/Damen, 79th/Talman, 77th/Kedzie, 79th/Kostner
- Statically the 18th Ward crime rates were down from 2016 to 2017
- January 2017 to date; 107 probation officers have been assigned to our ward (6th District 75 PPO's and 8th District 32 PPO's)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mission: To promote a healthy, diversified economy with a strong tax base, opportunities for employment, along with the enhancement of for-profit and non-profit economic development for all segments of the community. To promote attraction of new, high wage business and industry and the re retention of existing businesses and the elimination of residential blight, making the 18th ward the referred industrial, commercial, and residential choice.

Accomplishments:

- \$50 million dollars; Luther South (spring 2018), 19 acres of land will include 3 senior facilities, independent living and memory care. It include 230 resident housing, commercial stores, family style restaurant.
- \$45 million dollars; Advance Manufacturing (summer 2018)
- \$30 million dollars; Performing Arts Complex; 77th & Kedzie
- \$1 million dollars; Taco Bell (spring 2018) 7900 S. Western



We are currently building our Constituent Service Committee which will consist of assisting and creating block clubs, the missions is to have communication from block to block with the Alderman's office.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the Parks Committee.

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18th WARD ALDERMAN

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WARD18 to 22828 or visit our **Facebook page**,
this will allow you to receive all 18th Ward updates.



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Alderman Derrick G. Curtis



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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

SUMMER HOURS START JUNE 4TH

Monday & Wednesday: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Tuesday & Thursday: 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Friday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Closed Saturdays

COME TALK TO THE ALDERMAN

CONSTITUENT SERVICE DAYS

Monday: 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

www.cityofchicago.org/ward18

