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Office Hours*

Monday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Resident's night 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00pm

*Closed on Sundays and holidays.
Times may change due to special events.



Community Meetings*

Every 4th Tuesday 6:30 pm
June 26 | July 24 | September 25 | October 23
Pullman Presbyterian Church, 550 E 103rd St



Save the Date!

City Sticker Sale | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday, June 18 | 9th Ward Office

Shred Days | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday, July 20
Wednesday, August 22

Back to School Picnic | 11:00 am
Saturday, August 18 | Palmer Park

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner | Noon
Friday, November 9
RSVP Required



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Get Involved! Join us at our next Community Town Hall Meeting

Our community meetings offer a respectful setting for the exchange of good ideas and the dissemination of valuable information. We provide updates on city services and community developments that help bridge the gap between city departments and residents. And we identify the available resources and programs that can help grow small businesses and create healthier individuals. With your participation we bring together a cross-section of viewpoints and the sharing of valuable information that improves the quality of life for all 9th Ward residents. We hope to see you at our next meeting!



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SUMMER 2018

9th Ward News

From Alderman Anthony Beale



From the Desk of Alderman Beale...

The first half of 2018 has been one of the most productive periods in recent memory for the 9th Ward. Over the last several months, we've celebrated the completion of several major projects that will make our community stronger for years to come. And there is much more to come, with \$80 million of new construction projects currently underway or about to begin.

We've opened the south terminal of the 95th Street station, broke ground for the Gotham Greens expansion, opened a new cleaners on 111th Street and completed about 75% of construction for our new community center. In regards to safety, the 5th District established a station-based Strategic Decision Support Center, with a district-wide ShotSpotter gunshot detection system and crime cameras. With the crime rate consistently decreasing and the implementation of new strategies we are on track for a safe and fun summer.

On May 1, the City rolled out a six-month pilot of a new bike sharing program on the South Side. It features "dockless" bikes, which will allow anyone to rent a bike through a smart phone app and not have to find a rental station. Besides the ease, each ride will cost \$2 less than a Divvy bike. As residents of the 9th Ward we need to closely monitor the pilot program, especially to see whether the "dockless" bikes are being locked to street signs or bike racks at the end of each trip.

Finally, I want to congratulate all the graduates from the Class of 2018 on a job-well done, wish all the Dad's a Happy Father's Day. **My staff and I thank you for allowing us to build a better future by enhancing the quality of life for our community!**

Sincerely,
Anthony Beale



Residents Celebrate Final Stages of Community Center

On Wednesday May 2, 2018 more than 200 residents, community partners and business representatives joined Alderman Anthony A. Beale to share in the excitement and celebrate the "Wall Raising" of the new Pullman Community Center.

The Community Center will be a hub for athletics, academics, and community togetherness. It is Alderman Beale's vision of creating a place where people of diverse backgrounds, ages, skills, and interests can go to be in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Pullman Community Center will become the largest facility of its kind in Illinois with over 130,000 square feet. Thousands of Chicagoland residents are expected to use the center as participants, visitors, and spectators on a weekly basis.

"This represents the most substantial community athletic project of its kind," said Tom Ricketts, Chairman of Chicago Cubs, one of the more than dozen sponsors of the project. This facility will inject new life into the game of baseball and it is my hope we will have future All-Stars come out of this facility to make a Major League roster one day."

The \$20 million in funding for the Community Center was secured with investments, grants and donations by the following: The Chicago Bears; Chicago Cubs Charities; Chicago Community Loan Fund; Chicago's Environmental Loan Fund; Chicago Housing Authority; Citibank; ESPN, Exelon; Ford Motor Company; LISC/Chicago; National Community Investment Fund (NCIF); NFL Grassroots; State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; U.S. Bank; and Wintrust. The project is being financed by New Markets Tax Credits provided by Citibank, U.S. Bank, and National Community Investment Fund, bringing \$5 million in additional equity to the capital stack.

The Pullman Community Center will be owned jointly by the Chicago Park District and the Roseland Youth Center (RYC). It's year-round athletic, academic, and cultural programs as well as the daily operation will be managed by the RYC. Our new complex is being built by Raffin Construction and has been designed by ZPD+A Architects.

Congratulations to the Brooks Eagles



The Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep baseball team, recently wrapped up one its finest season’s in school history with its first-ever appearance at Wrigley Field in the CPS High School championship game.

Despite falling 7 to 4 to the Lakeview Wildcats, Brooks’ Head Coach Alderman Beale said the real champions are the seniors who’ll be attending college in the fall, and those continuing as student-athletes. Losing his wager on the game to 44th Ward Alderman Tom Tunney, the debt was paid with several boxes of Roseland’s Old Fashion Donuts at the last City Council meeting.



New South Terminal at 95th Street Red Line Station Opens

On April 15, Alderman Anthony A. Beale joined other City, State and Federal officials to meet and welcome residents and travelers to the new 95th/Dan Ryan South Terminal. “As Chairman of the City Council’s Committee on Transportation I am pleased to see this \$280 million upgrade to one of our city’s busiest station. This is just one building block toward our better future,” said Alderman Beale. When the North Terminal is completed later this year, 95th/Dan Ryan will be a signature station on Chicago’s South Side that will provide customers with a modern design and amenities to improve the overall transit experience.



Whole Foods Open New Bigger & Better Midwest Distribution Center

In early January, Whole Foods Market ushered in the new year with the grand opening of their environmentally friendly 140,000 square foot distribution center in the 9th Ward.

The new Whole Foods Midwest Distribution center moved from the company’s previous site in Munster, Indiana. It is allowing Whole Foods, one of the nation’s largest grocery store companies to better serve its 26 locations in the Chicago region and its additional 34 locations across the Midwest and Eastern Canada.



Gotham Greens “Doubles Down” in the 9th Ward



Gotham Greens, the worldwide pioneer in the field of urban agriculture and a leading regional producer of hyper-local, premium-quality greenhouse grown vegetables and herbs added momentum to the resurgence of the 9th Ward.

A community celebration on March 15, marked the start of construction of the first phase of Gotham Greens new 140,000 square foot greenhouse facility. Their new state-of-the-art indoor farm is now under construction on vacant land at the former Ryerson industrial site and is near Gotham’s existing rooftop greenhouse that opened in 2015 on top of the Method Home Products factory in Pullman Park. Once completed in early 2019, Gotham’s new greenhouse will become the largest-ever built in Chicago and will create 60 full-time, green collar jobs.



9th Ward's 2018 Senior of the Year

Mr. Jerome Flemming has been a 9th Ward resident for more than 40 years and is very active in the community. He serves on various boards, such as the 9th Ward Senior Advisory Council, where he has been vice president since 2009. He was a CAPS facilitator for several years and now serves as DAC Chair with CAPS and a Court Advocate for the 5th District. As a board member of the Senior Advisory Council, he has participated in various events including Christmas in the 9th Ward toy giveaway for underprivileged children who reside in the ward. He has assisted with collecting and distributing resources from the Intergenerational Facility (which houses grandparents raising their grandchildren). He is an overall fantastic person with a positive spirit, outgoing personality and is extremely dependable.

