Community News Report

FALL ISSUE 2017

Featuring

NEW ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Upcoming 2017
6 Ward Calendar of Events

September 20th
6 Ward Quarterly Community Meeting
6pm-8pm
Salvation Army - 845 W. 69th Street

September 22nd
6 Ward Shred-A-Thon
10am - 1pm
215 W. 71st Street (Parking Lot)

October 5th
6 Ward Health & Wellness Resource Fair
FREE Flu Shots
11am - 2pm
706 E. 79th Street

October 7th, 2017
6 Ward Pet Vaccine and Microchip Clinic
10am - 1pm
6 Ward Parking Lot: 700 E. 79th Street

Alderman Sawyer would like to personally thank Commissioner Charles Williams and his entire staff for their responsiveness to sanitation issues/requests within the 6th Ward this summer. We appreciate your service in regards to cleaning and trimming vacant lots, trimming trees, and efforts to collecting garbage and distributing garbage carts. Thank you for serving the community and assisting us with keeping the 6th ward clean and presentable for our residents!
CPS proposes merging 4 schools into new Englewood High School

Englewood was among several South Side communities lobbying for a new school and now it is one step closer to getting a brand new high school. The new $75 million project will replace some under-performing high schools and will be located near 68th and Normal where Robeson is currently sited. Covered in part by the tax levy approved by the City Council last year, the cost of the new school would be less than what it currently costs ($114 million) the district to operate the schools selected for merging—all of which are under-enrolled.

The merging of schools will take place in the fall of 2019. Though the final proposal is not yet solidified, many believe that the new high school will have a positive impact on the Englewood community. Chief Education Officer Janice K. Jackson said, “There are thousands of children who live in this community who deserve a high quality high school, who deserve to be able to go to a school within their community and not travel four miles to get to a high quality school.” Only a small percentage of Englewood high schoolers attend school inside their own community, which is a reason why CPS selected Englewood as the site of a new South Side high school.

Few are apprehensive of the merge to take place due to the intermingling of neighborhoods and thoughts of simply fortifying the schools instead. Alderman Sawyer stated, “I’m a proponent of not closing Harper high school because it makes it more difficult to service the west end of the Englewood community.” However, because the positive outcomes that are expected to come to fruition from the new high school, it will remain on the list of upcoming projects in the 6th Ward.

New Fleet and Facility Management Headquarters to be built in Englewood

The Department of Fleet and Facility Management (2FM) supports the operations of other City Departments by providing high-quality and cost-effective fleet and facility services. Assets managed by the Department include more than 10,000 pieces of equipment and vehicles and more than 425 leased and owned facilities. Other operational support provided by the Department includes document retention, central mail, graphics and reproduction services, and environmental support. The Department employs 1063 trades and administrative staff and has an annual operating budget of approximately $330 million.

On May 31, 2017, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that the City is taking the next step towards building a new headquarters for the Chicago Department of Fleet and Facility Management (2FM) in the Englewood community. It will be located at the former site of Kennedy King College at 6800 S. Wentworth Avenue. Mayor Emanuel stated,

“This new facility will increase efficiency for the City and benefit taxpayers while driving economic development in the Englewood neighborhood. By making smart investments like this we can double down on the progress we are making in one neighborhood and generate economic benefits that reach every corner of Chicago.”

It is also expected that both minority and women-owned businesses will have significant participation in developing the new facility.

Overall, it is anticipated that the new 2FM facility will generate an economic benefit to Englewood for generations to come as well as save significant operational costs while providing a custom and state-of-the-art location that meets the specific needs of the facility’s operations.
WE'RE BRANCHING OUT!!

The Whitney Young Library located at 7901 S. King Drive will close to the public on Saturday, September 9th at 5 p.m. for renovations and expansion to take place. Alderman Sawyer apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause for 6th Ward residents. However, the new state-of-the-art library will soon be able to better fulfill the needs of the community with its new and improved technology. We encourage you to visit other library branches while the construction is taking place. Please see flyer for details!

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

WE'RE BRANCHING OUT
so that construction can begin on a renovated and expanded

WHITNEY YOUNG BRANCH LIBRARY!

This location will close to the public on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Nearby libraries to serve you during construction include:

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Congratulations to the 6th Ward Retail Thrive Zone & NOF Awardees

Looking forward to new and improved businesses that will be appearing in our ward.

- **Larry's Barber College**
  - 701 E. 78th St.
  - Renovations to this neighborhood barbershop and barber college

- **7852 Eberhart, LLC**
  - 7852 S. Eberhart Ave.
  - Renovation of six commercial storefronts that will house new neighborhood businesses

- **Josephine's Cookin'**
  - 435 E. 79th St.
  - Enhancements to this neighborhood staple soul-food restaurant that has served Chatham for more than 30 years

- **Brown Sugar Bakery**
  - 338 E. 79th St.
  - Renovation and expansion of this neighborhood restaurant and bakery

- **Looks and Styles**
  - 332 E. 75th St.
  - Renovations that will provide space for new healthy grocery offerings

- **Steve Thomas’ Property**
  - 631 E. 79th St.
  - Build out of a property that will house a new neighborhood sandwich shop

- **5 Loaves**
  - 405 E. 79th St.
  - Expansion of this popular neighborhood restaurant

- **Mabe's Deli**
  - 312 E. 75th St.
  - Build out of a new sit-down deli and restaurant

- **Silent Threat**
  - 460 E. 75th St.
  - Upgrade to a community dance studio

- **The Fashion Revival Boutique**
  - 209 E. 76th St.
  - Build out of a retail space that will house a new women's apparel boutique

- **Original Soul Vegetarian**
  - 203 E. 75th St.
  - Property acquisition and rehab to expand existing restaurant and streamline the space

- **FIR – 78th & Evans, LLC**
  - 740 E. 79th St.
  - Renovation of five vacant commercial storefronts that will house new neighborhood businesses

- **Majestic Florist**
  - 8145 S. Cottage Grove
  - Complete renovation of the local floral shop

**NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND**

[Website: www.NeighborhoodOpportunityFund.com]
The City of Chicago is installing better quality, more reliable smart lighting fixtures on streets, alleys and viaducts to increase safety, reduce energy costs and improve the environment.

This city-wide lighting initiative will replace over 270,000 existing outdated High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures with new energy-efficient LED lights. This program will also include a limited amount of pole replacement and wiring repairs to stabilize the lighting.

**Benefits**

**Improved Safety** - The new higher quality LED light will improve visibility and reliability, improving safety on our streets.

**Energy Savings** - The new energy-efficient LED lights are expected to reduce the City's lighting electric bill by at least half. When fully implemented, the new fixtures are estimated to save the City $10M a year in utility costs by reducing energy consumption.

**Reduced Light Pollution** - The new smart lighting fixtures will feature a "shielded" design to ensure the light is focused downward toward the street and sidewalk where it is needed, which will reduce light pollution.

**Improved Service** - The smart light fixtures will be connected to a new smart grid management system, so the City will automatically know when a smart light needs to be fixed or replaced. This will reduce the need to call 311 when a streetlight is not working.

**Local Workforce** - Over half of the Smart Lighting Program work will be performed by City residents including residents from economically disadvantaged areas, Chicago Public Schools vocational programs, City Colleges and programs for formerly incarcerated individuals.

**Installation Schedule**

In fall 2017, the City kicked-off the installation of smart lighting fixtures on the South and West Side. Every part of the City will experience the new smart lighting fixtures in 2017/18. Over the course of four years, the program will install over 270,000 smart lights across the entire city.

Visit [www.ChicagoSmartLighting.org](http://www.ChicagoSmartLighting.org) to view the updated installation map and additional program information. Info@ChicagoSmartLighting.org
6 Ward Health & Wellness Resource Fair

Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer in partnership with City of Chicago Department of Public Health want to promote healthy lifestyles by providing FREE Flu Shots & Wellness Education

Join Us

Thursday, October 5, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

6 Ward Community Room
706 E. 79th Street
No appointment necessary.

For More information email service@6ward.com
call (773) 635-0006 or visit WWW.6WARD.COM
Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer & Chicago Animal Care & Control
Invite you to the 6 Ward Low Cost Pet Vaccine & Microchip Clinic

Saturday, October 7, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

6 Ward Office Parking Lot
700 E. 79th Street

Open to City of Chicago residents 18 years of age or older with a valid Photo ID. Only the first 100 pets will be serviced. Pets requiring muzzles MUST be muzzled at the event. All pets over 4 months of age MUST have or receive a current rabies vaccination and a current dog license or you will be required to purchase one at the time of clinic – proof of vaccines will be required.

All dogs MUST be on a leash or in a carrier. All cats MUST be in a carrier. You MUST be able to handle your pet around other animals.

CASH ONLY, please bring exact change.

Fees: DA2PPL (dog) & FVRCP (cat) vaccinations: $7.00
Rabies vaccinations: $15.00
Micro-Chip: $15.00
City Dog License: $5.00 for an altered dog & $50.00 for an un-altered dog