Community News Report

Winter Issue 2018 (January - March)

2017 Year End Review

Message from 6 Ward
Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer
Greetings 6 Ward,

Neighbors and Friends, I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and fulfilling New Year! It is my pleasure to continue to serve you as the Alderman of the 6th Ward. I’m excited to inform you about events and projects coming to our Ward this year.

Please look forward to more hiring events as our groundbreaking establishments -- the new Whitney Young Library, 2FM Facility, and Englewood High School are being developed. Also, be aware that a new Community Center will be located on 76th and St. Lawrence, thanks to the Light Collective and our shared interest to bring more activities for our youth into the 6 Ward. There will be a new round of funding announced for our business corridors. Existing businesses that received Thrive Zone and Neighborhood Opportunity Funding last year have taken measures to renovate and improve their businesses in a way that will benefit our retail corridors and allow them to thrive in a way that will also benefit our neighborhoods.

Though I believe that we are on a path for a successful year, your input is imperative for any additional improvements that need to be made. Please join me this year in making sure our neighborhoods are clean, safe, and flourishing. With your support, I will continue to work hard to satisfy your needs this year.

Sincerely,
Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer

Congratulations

It is my pleasure to recognize Excel Academy of Englewood located at 7141 S. Morgan Street. Congratulations on being classified as a Level 1+ school! Your staff is doing an amazing job with assuring that students are thriving and receiving the education and guidance they need to succeed in their future endeavors. The individual attention, support, and safety you provide to each of your students to create a family-like environment for them is phenomenal. I am proud to be able to partner with you in the 6 Ward as we continue to create opportunities for our youth. Keep up the great work!
Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Chicago’s Citywide clean & green

Saturday, April 21, 2018

On Saturday, April 21, you and your neighbors can make an immediate difference in your community by volunteering for Chicago’s citywide Clean & Green Day of Service.

Clean and Green is a great opportunity for residents, school groups and community organizations to team up and beautify areas in their neighborhood. The City will provide the brooms, rakes, shovels and bags needed for clean-up projects.

Deadline for registration is Monday, April 16

For more information, or to register, call 311. You can also visit: www.cityofchicago.org/dss.
Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer accomplished many things last year in the 6 Ward. Below is a year-end review dedicated to 6 categories in which Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer has made a significant impact to benefit 6 Ward residents and businesses.

**City Services**

- **CDOT/ Streets & Sanitation Blitz** - The Chicago Department of Transportation and Streets and Sanitation have worked on major projects within the 6 ward to rejuvenate its neighborhoods. These projects include repairing sidewalks and signage, restoring streets, cleaning vacant lots, etc.

- **Menu** - 2017 Menu items included the pavement of residential streets and alleys, replacement of sidewalks and intersections, installation of pedestrian safety traffic lights and speed humps.

- **Lights** - The Smart Lighting Program has begun. New energy-efficient LED lights will continue to be installed throughout the 6 ward. These lights are more reliable in terms of operating and saving the city funds that can be used for other infrastructure projects.

**New Projects**

- **Englewood High School** - A new and improved high school will open in the fall of 2019 on 68th and Normal in place of Robeson high school.

- **2FM Facility** - Located at the former site of Kennedy King College at 6800 S. Wentworth Avenue, a new Fleet and Facility Management Headquarters will open that will generate a great economic benefit to Englewood.

- **Whitney Young Library** - A new state-of-the-art library will soon be re-opened at 7901 S. King Drive that will better fulfill the needs of the community with its new and improved technology.

**Thrive Zone & Neighborhood Opportunity Fund**

**Thrive Zone Recipients**

- Larry’s Barber College - 701 E. 79th Street
- 7852 Eberhart, LLC - 7856 S. Eberhart Avenue
- Josephine’s Cookin’ - 436 E. 79th Street
- Brown Sugar Bakery - 328 E. 79th Street
- Looks and Styles - 332 E. 75th Street
- Steve Thomas’ Property - 431 E. 79th Street
- 5 Loaves - 405 E. 75th Street
- FIR- 79th & Evans, LLC - 740 E. 79th Street
- Mabe’s Deli - 312 E. 75th Street
- Silent Threat - 460 E. 75th Street
- The Fashion Revival Boutique - 209 E. 75th Street

**Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Recipients**

- Original Soul Vegetarian- 203 E. 75th Street
- Majestic Florist- 8145 S. Cottage Grove
Seniors
Alderman Sawyer continues to host Senior Meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month where refreshments are provided and vendors are available to share pertinent information— including our annual Senior Thanksgiving Extravaganza!

Ordinances

• Called on Mayor Rahm Emanuel to publicly endorse reforms to police union collective bargaining agreements because of the distrust between the Chicago Police Department and the community (Chief Sponsor)

• Lowered alcohol serving age from 21 to 18 to curb youth unemployment while also speeding lines at the checkout counter (Chief Sponsor)

• The Chicago City Council will have the final say over settlements of all claims brought by the city against other parties that are valued in excess of $100,000 to prevent the city from entering into any settlements that may later be deemed to be low or inadequate.

• Urged the Illinois Congressional Delegation to oppose scaling back on SALT (sales and local tax) deductions which was proposed by President Donald Trump and the Republican Party that would cap property tax deductions for homeowners that would only allow them to deduct up to $10,000 from their federal taxes and would no longer be able to deduct income or sales tax.

• Called upon representatives of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and the private firm contracted to upload its records to appear before the Committee on Finance and explain how a troubling breach occurred that potentially exposed records of Chicago voters.

Coming in 2018

• Workforce development site on 79th and Champlain in place of the old Chatham Executive Building
• Retail development between 67th and 69th Street (East side of Wentworth)
• Continued development on the Halsted Street corridor
2017-18 ★★★★★

Emergency Heating Repair Program (EHR)

EHR is a grant program available to income-eligible Chicago homeowners for service to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Open Enrollment Period
Nov. 1, 2017 to March 30, 2018

Application packages are available by calling 311, walk-ins at DPD’s office or visiting www.cityofchicago.org/dpd

The program is open to Chicagoans who own and occupy a 1-to-4 unit residential property within the city limits. The property must be in habitable condition and not at risk of foreclosure. Commercial and mixed-use properties do not qualify.

For more information
312-744-3653 | dpd@cityofchicago.org
Is Your Furnace In Need of Repairs or Replacement?

Documents Needed to Apply:

- Proof of current 30-day gross income from all household members.

- Copy of most recent heat and electric bills if you pay for your home energy directly (Must provide entire bill).

- Proof of Social Security Numbers of all household members (Hard-copy of Social Security cards, print-out from Social Security Administration or any other form of government-issued identification that shows both name and Social Security number).

- If a member of your household receives cash benefits (TANF, AABD) from the Department of Human Services you must bring a current award letter.

- Proof of property ownership (two of the following):
  - Current property tax bill is required for all applications.
  - Mortgage billing statement or mortgage payment book.
  - Quit Claim Deed along with a Mortgage Statement.
  - Vehicle Title (for mobile homes only).

LIHEAP Furnace assistance applications will be taken until March 31st, 2018 or until funds are exhausted

To find your nearest intake site please contact the Toll-free Hotline: (800)571-CEDA (2332) or visit www.cedaorg.net
Remember To Help A Hero When You're Shopping!

Currently, there are several hundred homeless veterans in Chicago. When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence, they often do not have the basic items needed to setup a home. These are things that you and I take for granted, but the men and women who bravely fought to defend our freedom often go without.

Alderman Sawyer is collecting household items to support our vets as they move into permanent homes. The items below will be accepted at the 6th Ward Office from Memorial Day thru July 4th.

**ALDERMAN RODERICK T. SAWYER’S OFFICE**
700 East 79th Street
Monday - Thursday, 9am - 5pm; Friday, 10am - 2pm
For more information, please call (773) 635-0006 or email Service@6ward.com

**PERSONAL HYGIENE**
Bath Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Razor
Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Combs
Hair Brush
Nail Clipper
Toothpaste
Toothbrush

**KITCHEN & CLEANING**
Kitchen Trash Can (Plastic)
Windex
Pine Sol
Dishwashing Liquid
Dishcloth
Sponge
Mop
Bucket
Broom
Dustpan
Paper Towels

**BATHROOM & MISCELLANEOUS**
Shower Curtain
Toilet Paper (4 or 6 pack)
Plunger
Toilet Brush
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Bath Towels (2)
Wash Cloth
Smoke Detector w/ Batteries
Flashlight w/Batteries
Garbage Bags
Laundry Basket
Hamper
Laundry Detergent

*ONLY NEW, STORE BOUGHT ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.*

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