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Dog Park Coming to the 10th Ward

Alderman Susan Sadlowski Garza hosted our Dog Park groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at Calumet Park. The Alderman was joined by Participatory Budget (PB) Chicago, PB Community Representatives of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Dog Park Now, and the Chicago Park District.

Through the 2016-2017 Participatory Budgeting cycle, 10th Ward residents voted to allocate \$100K of Ald. Garza's annual infrastructure 'Menu' budget to this project. In addition to Ald. Garza's budget, the 10th Ward Dog Park was awarded a salvage grant through the Chicago Park District to cover the remaining costs of construction.

The Calumet Park DFA (Dog Friendly Area) is approximately 7,100 sq. ft., well above the standard DFA size of 4,365 sq. ft. The park will be equipped with asphalt, pea gravel, shaded trees, benches, and a drinking fountain.



"There are many residents in the 10th Ward who love and care for dogs. It is only fitting that our community has a place that dogs and their owners can call their own," said Ald. Sadlowski Garza. (July 18, 2018)

NorthPoint Development on Avenue O

After being vacant for nearly two decades, the former LTV/Republic Steel site is slated for a new industrial development that will bring up to 1,300 jobs when completed. NorthPoint Development plans to build a \$169 million dollar warehouse complex that when completed will be the largest industrial park within the City of Chicago. During construction the project will create over 600 construction jobs as well.

The site sits between 114th and 126th streets just west of Avenue O. When LTV closed down, the site was left with a legacy of contaminated soil and a lack of infrastructure to foster new development. As part of the project a new TIF will be created to fund needed infrastructure at the site. According to Peter Strazzabosco, deputy commissioner of the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, "TIF money will more than likely cover site-preparation work, given its history" as a former steel mill.

In addition, TIF money will be used to create new streets and infrastructure needed to support the new facility. New infrastructure and environmental remediation are estimated to cost around \$25 million in money from the newly created TIF district. At our request George Washington High School and Elementary Schools are also included within the boundaries of the TIF so that in the future TIF money can be utilized for school improvements.



Aerial view of proposed NorthPoint Development near 126th and Avenue O (Source: NorthPoint Development)

2018 Summer HIGHLIGHTS



The Chicago Outerbelt Alliance hiking through the 10th Ward (May 29, 2018)



Ald. Garza and CPD addressing residents in Hegewisch about arsons (July 19, 2018)



Ismael, Chief of Staff-10th Ward, testing out the new rock climbing wall at Steelworkers Park (July 19, 2018)



Ald. Garza informing residents about appealing their Property Taxes (July 11, 2018)

Letter from the Alderwoman

Summer time in Chicago is well under way and we are continuing to make progress to improve the quality of life for all 10th Ward residents.

We have worked diligently to foster economic development, engage in environmental justice conversations, and improve cultural programming within our communities.

One of our priorities is economic development. I am happy to announce that the CRRRC rail car plant in Hegewisch will soon be operational and provide jobs to over 150 people. Additionally, another manufacturer, Flex-n-Gate, will call the 10th Ward their home and will create 335 new jobs. The 290,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility will be located in the Ford Corridor near 2924 E. 126th Street.

Over the course of 6 months, we have hosted several town hall meetings to hear from residents about their environmental concerns in regards to new development. As your Alderwoman I will continue to advocate for my residents and oppose dirty industry. The 10th Ward should not bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental and health consequences caused by negligent industry.

Lastly, we have partnered with the Chicago Park District to enhance cultural programming by hosting dozens of Movies in the Parks, Night Out in the Parks, and other activities for families. Additionally we have activated the Harborside International Golf Course to host free music performances once a month.

We hope you enjoy your summer as much I have enjoyed serving you.

In solidarity,

Alderwoman Susan Sadowski Garza

Southeast Side Labor Day Parade & Friends of Labor Festival

On Saturday, September 1, 2018, we will be hosting the historic Southeast Side Labor Day Parade. Located on the far southeast side of Chicago, the parade will run north from 112th and Ewing Ave towards 100th and Ewing Ave, ending at Calumet Park. The Southeast Side Labor Day Parade is an iconic 10th Ward tradition, which celebrates union pride and working class solidarity, making this a true community event.

The S.E Side Labor Parade will be accompanied by the one day Labor Day Festival organized by Friends of Labor. The Labor Day Fest will take place at Calumet Park on Sept. 1st from 1:00PM-10:00PM. Entertainment will include local bands such as, Life Band, Phil Angotti, Echoes of Pompeii, a laser and firework show. The Labor Day Festival will also feature drink/ food vendors, and a 'Kids Zone' equipped with Barboo the Clown, face painting, ballooning, bounce houses, obstacle courses, and games! For more information regarding the fest, please visit cfolabor.com

We hope that with your support we can make Chicago's only Labor Day Parade and Fest a success! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2018 Southeast Side Labor Day parade, please contact the 10th Ward office at 773-768-8138. We hope to see you on September 1st!



A Welcoming “Sign” in South Chicago

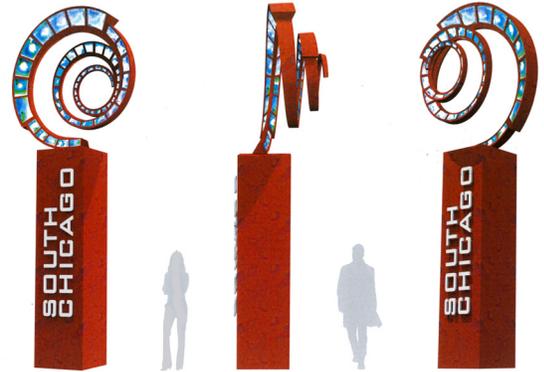
In addition to our Dog Park, another exciting project that won funding in the 2016-2017 Participatory Budgeting (PB) cycle was the Community Identifier project. Community Representatives felt that the 10th Ward needed Community Identifiers similar to Chicago’s Northside. Some examples of those are the sidewalk arcs in Old Town, the neon light identifier in the Fulton Market District, and the Puer-to Rican flag in Humboldt Park to name a few. The ‘Arts & Culture’ Committee of the PB project looked to the “South Chicago Commercial Avenue Revitalization Plan” by University of Illinois at Chicago Great Cities Institute as guide and inspiration to bring an innovative beautification project to the 10th Ward.

After waiting a year to receive approval from the Chicago Department of Transportation and going through the permitting process, CDOT awarded the project to the Chicago design firm, Altamanu Inc., who worked with community stakeholders in South Chicago to develop the rendered concepts.

The contemporary design incorporates elements of water into reflective tiles which represents the Calumet River and Lake Michigan. The construction materials also pays tribute

to South Chicago’s rich steel history by using raw corten steel. On top of the identifier is a sculpture that uses the fibonacci sequence, or the “Golden Ratio,” to represent the unlimited growth and prosperity that we hope to bring to the South Chicago commercial district. Both identifiers will be about 16 feet tall.

The community identifiers will be placed near 9200 S. Commercial Avenue. We are on track to have our community identifier installed by the end of the summer near early fall.



Right: Proposed rendering of the Community Identifiers on 92nd & Commercial.

Bicycle Infrastructure and Dockless Bikes

Since taking office three years ago, we have heard many residents speak about the lack of biking infrastructure in the 10th Ward. We listened and got to work right away. After the grand opening of Big Marsh Bike and Eco-Recreational Park on 116th and Stony Island we have seen many new faces at the park. From young children learning how to ride a bike, to seasoned experts jumping on bike ramps, to seniors strolling along its scenic walking and running trails.

A top priority for my office was finding viable ways of transportation to get to the park, so over the past two years we have worked with biking and transportation advocates to make a case to the Chicago Department of Transportation for the installation bike lanes on Stony Island Avenue. Finally in early June 2018, not only were bike lanes installed but the entire street was repaved making it safer for motorist and cyclist. This is a huge victory for the 10th Ward! An additional concern that was voiced by biking advocates in the 10th Ward was the lack of bikeshare programs such as Divvy Bikes. The City is conducting a pilot program to learn about the potential demand for dockless bikes and related impacts to the city, including how dockless bikeshare might assist in expanding biking options in areas not served by Divvy. Dockless bike-share allows riders to begin and end their rides without needing a docking station, unlike Chicago’s Divvy system.

Over the summer the 10th Ward will receive dozens of dockless bikeshare bikes from companies such as Pace, Lime, Ofo, and Jump. You will see them throughout the neighborhood. Make sure you download the free application on Android or Apple and sign up for each of the services. The cost is \$1 per 30 minutes. We hope you enjoy this innovative technology in the ward as we continue to advocate for more affordable means of transportation.



One of many dockless bike-share options in the ward.

Combined Disposal Facility Update

As your Alderwoman, I continue to push back on plans developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to designate a new landfill in the 10th Ward that will contain dredged Calumet River sediment.

On June 27th I joined with a broad coalition of community groups to deliver over 9,000 signatures demanding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and CDOT come up with a new plan for dredging the Calumet River. For far too long the 10th Ward has been the dumping ground for waste that no one else wanted. The following day I led a group of residents to the “stakeholders” meeting to voice our opposition directly to the Army Corps and CDOT. Using security as an excuse, the Illinois International Port District (IIPD), the Army Corps of Engineers, and CDOT blocked residents from participating in the meeting. In their zeal to keep residents out the IIPD’s aggressive security tactics even damaged a car driven by a Friends of the Parks board member who was specifically invited to attend the meeting.

After I proposed they move the meeting outside to Calumet Park, across the street, they refused, and I led a walkout of the meeting. I will continue to demand answers from the Army Corps and CDOT and continue to advocate to not allow another landfill here. Enough is enough! You can voice your opinion by sending an email to the Army Corp. of Engineers at chicagodistrict.pao@usace.army.mil or by calling Congresswoman Kelly at (773) 321-2001.



Ald. Garza speaking to residents in opposition to the proposed CDF sites. “We are tired of being a dumping ground,” said Ald. Garza at the Rowan Park meeting. (April 28, 2018)

Community Calendar

*All event listings are subject to change.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Aug. 7th • 4pm-8pm	CPD National Night Out at Mann Park	Mann Park (3035 E. 130th Street)
Aug. 10th & 11th • 11am-11pm	Annunciata Fest	Annunciata (3750 E. 112th Street)
Aug. 24th • 7pm	Movie in the Hoxie Garden	Hoxie Garden (10550 S. Hoxie)
Aug. 18th • 11am-2pm	10th Ward Back to School Block Party by Ald. Garza	10th Ward Office (10500 S. Ewing)
Aug. 25th • 12pm	South East Vietnam Veterans Annual Picnic	13127 S. Avenue M
Sept. 1st • 11am	Southeast Side Labor Day Parade	112th Ewing Avenue to Calumet Park
Sept. 1st • 1pm-10pm	Friends of Labor Festival	Calumet Park (9801 S. Ave G)
Sept. 16th • 1pm	Mexican Independence Parade	8700 S. Commercial Avenue
Sept. 26th-30th	St. Columba Fest & Carnival	133rd - 134th & Greenbay
Sept. 29th	Hegewisch Fest	13301 S. Baltimore Avenue
TBA • 11am-3pm	10th Ward Flu Vaccination Clinic	10th Ward Office (10500 S. Ewing)
Oct. 14th	St. Florian Fest	13145 S. Houston Avenue
Oct. 20th	Vets Park Halloween Spooktacular	Veterans Park (2820 E. 98th Street)
Oct. 28th • 2pm-5pm	East Side Trunk-or-Treat	Egger’s Grove (E. 112th Street)
Oct. 28th	Bush Trunk-or-Treat	8500 S. Buffalo Ave
Oct. 30th • 6pm-7:30pm	Hegewisch Trunk-or-Treat by Ald. Garza	E. 133rd Street
Nov. 10th	10th Ward Veterans Appreciation Ceremony & Luncheon	Steve’s Lounge (13200 S. Baltimore Ave)
Dec. 6th • 11am-2:30pm	Senior Holiday Luncheon - RSVP is Mandatory	St. Simeon (3737 E. 114th Street)
Dec. 15th • 11am-2pm	10th Ward Frost Fest	Rowan Park (11546 S. Avenue L)



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