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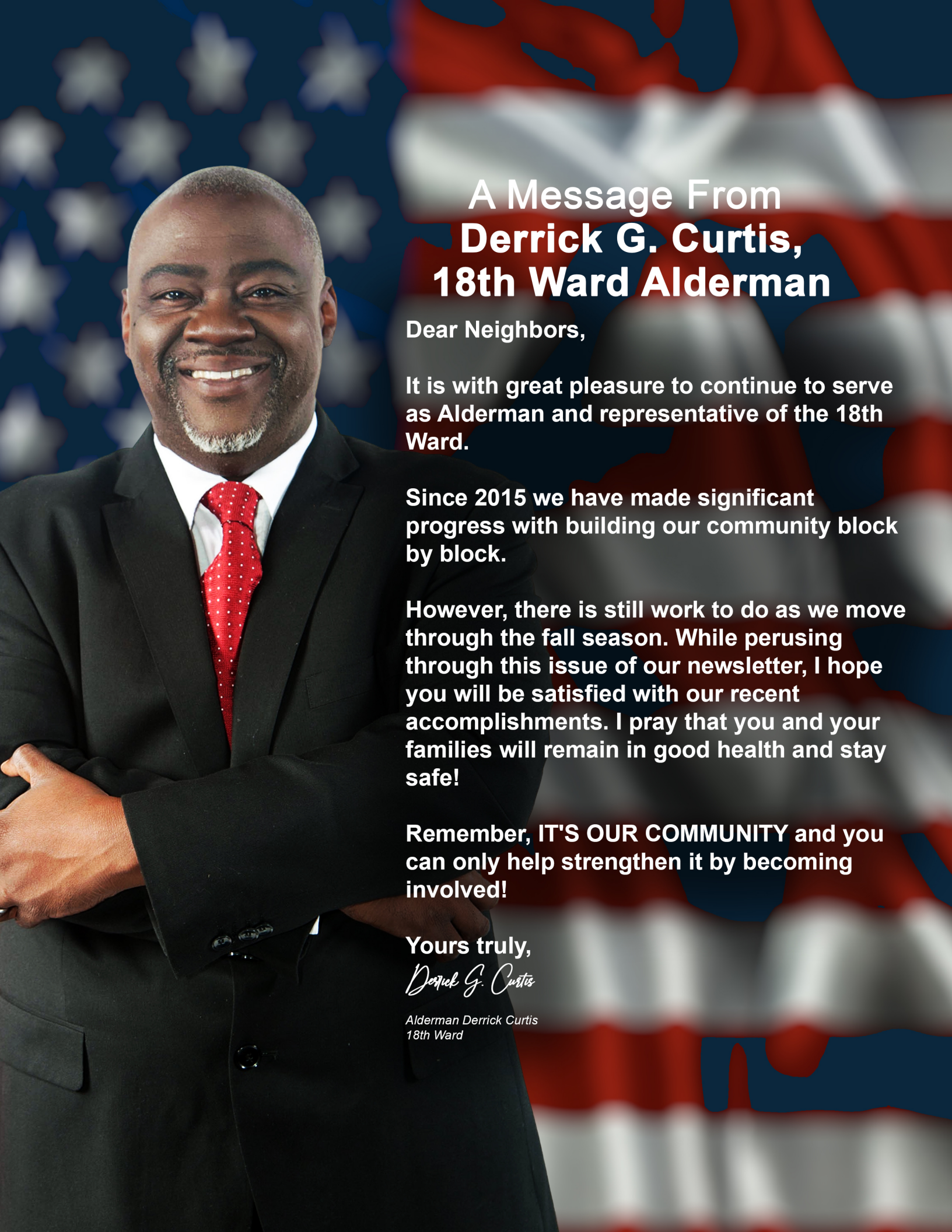


18TH WARD ALDERMAN

**DERRICK
G. CURTIS**

**October
Newsletter
2022**

**Moving the
18th Ward
Forward**



A Message From **Derrick G. Curtis,** **18th Ward Alderman**

Dear Neighbors,

It is with great pleasure to continue to serve as Alderman and representative of the 18th Ward.

Since 2015 we have made significant progress with building our community block by block.

However, there is still work to do as we move through the fall season. While perusing through this issue of our newsletter, I hope you will be satisfied with our recent accomplishments. I pray that you and your families will remain in good health and stay safe!

Remember, **IT'S OUR COMMUNITY** and you can only help strengthen it by becoming involved!

Yours truly,

Derrick G. Curtis

Alderman Derrick Curtis
18th Ward

Join our Community Service Representative Team

- What is a Community Service Representative? A person/persons that will partner with the 18th Ward service office as a (Liaison) to monitor and advise our office of any city services needed such as: Garbage cart replacement, graffiti removal, tree trims, lights out, abandoned vehicles, rodent control, pot holes, sidewalk concerns and street repairs on their block/blocks.
- Why should I become a CSR? To assist residents who may not be computer savvy and make sure neighbors are receiving services and resource information.
- How much time do I have to volunteer? Typically, representatives are asked to distribute information quarterly unless additional urgent information arise.
- How do I sign up to become a Community Service Representative? Contact our office at (773) 284-5057 ask for Davon.

Traffic Safety Update - Approved Project Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy Purpose: Eliminate Speeding Coming Soon!

"School Crossing Ahead" and "School Speed Limit" signs on 77th Street, Spaulding Ave. and Christiana Ave.

"School Crossing" signs at the intersection of Homan Ave. 76th Street.

- Installing new "School Crossing Ahead" and relocating the existing "School Speed Limit" sign on Homan Ave.
- "No Parking Corner Clearance" signs on all legs of both the intersection of 77th Street & Spaulding Ave and the intersection of 77th Street & Christiana Ave.

Tree trimming the branches that are obstructing the view of traffic signs on 77th Street at Christiana Ave.

Pavement markings (driver awareness) installing "Slow Zone" pavement marking in the eastbound and westbound direction of 77th Street, and in the northbound direction of Spaulding Ave. and Christiana Ave. "Slow School Zone"

- Street Speed Humps (reduce travel speed) 77th Street & Homan Ave. & Spaulding Ave.

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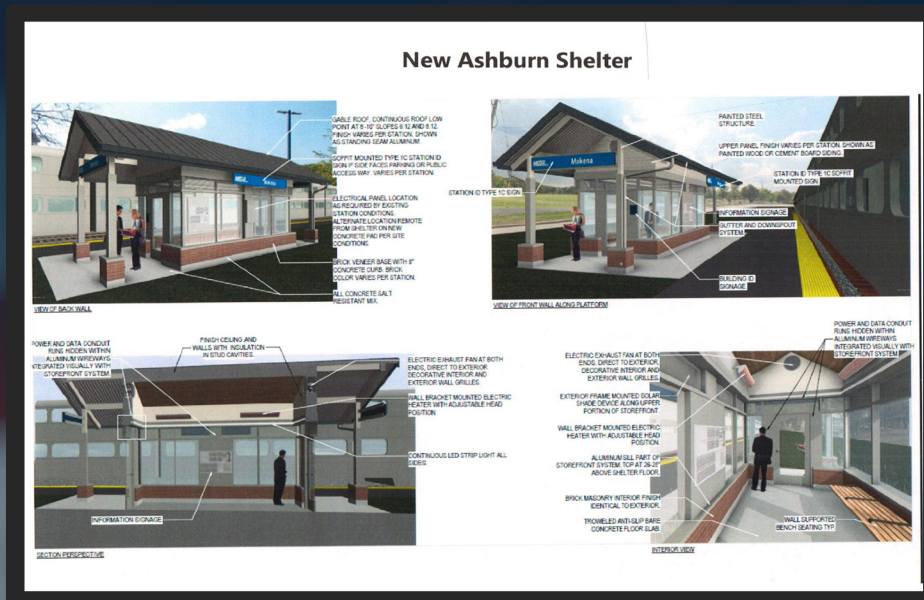
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: 87TH & KEDZIE

- CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY WITH STRUCTURAL WORK, AND SELECT DEMOLITION TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW FACADE
- EXTERIOR WORK WILL FOLLOW NEW STRUCTURAL WORK
- INTERIOR REBUILD HAS ALREADY BEGUN
- IF EQUIPMENT IS DELAYED DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMY'S SHORTFALL IN MATERIALS, AND WORKFORCE TO FABRICATE MATERIALS TIMELY. WE ANTICIPATE OPENING THE STORE MID-SUMMER 2023 DEPENDING ON ALL MATERIALS ARRIVING TO OPERATE THE STORE.

FUTURE METRA ASHBURN SHELTER TIMELINE: TO BE DETERMINED



CREATE Program Projects in the 18th Ward

Updated July 2021

Project Name	Implementation Status	Estimated Milestone Dates	Funding Status
75 th St. Corridor Improvement Project			
Forest Hill Flyover (P3)	Final Design in progress Advance Construction in progress	Design completion expected 2021 Construction expected 2021-24	Design funded Construction funded
Grade Separation of 71st Street at CSX (GS19)	Final Design in progress	Design completion expected 2021 Construction expected 2022-24	Design funded Construction funded
Belt Junction (EW2)	Final Design in progress	Design completion expected 2023 Construction start TBD	Design funded Construction not funded
Community Mobility and Viaduct Improvements (multiple locations)	Final Design in progress	Design completion expected 2021 Construction expected 2022-23	Design funded Construction funded
Grade Separation of Columbus Ave at Belt Railway (GS11)	Final Design in progress	Design completion expected 2022 Construction expected 2023-24	Design funded Construction funded
Grade Separation of 87 th Street at CSX (GS20)	Not yet started	N/A	Design not funded Construction not funded

Before



After



18th Ward School Projects

Ward 18 Current/Completed Projects (2015-2022)	
School	Historic Spend
ASHBURN	\$459,680
BOGAN HS	\$3,475,194
CARROLL	\$2,814,440
DAWES	\$15,321,988
DURKIN PARK	\$12,847,870
GOODE HS	\$733,691
HAMPTON	\$79,603
OWEN	\$197,401
STEVENSON	\$10,469,290

CICS Wrightwood and Pathways - Ashburn HS are also in Ward 18, but are not CPS owned or operated facilities

FY23 Upcoming Projects	
ASHBURN	Bathroom Renovation
ASHBURN	Playground Replacement
BOGAN HS	Pool Renovation
CARROLL	Playground Replacement
DAWES	Playground Replacement
HAMPTON	Playground Replacement
OWEN	Playground Replacement



Block Club Parties:

In an effort to prevent crime. Personal parties and protect the quality of life in communities and neighborhoods.

Effective January 1, 2023,

All person/persons requesting a Block Club Permit will be required to register their block club with the CAPS office:

8th District

Contact Jata Smith 312. 883-4805, Capsoodistrict@chicagopolice.org:

Jafa.smith@chicagopolice.org

Twitter: [@chicagopolice.org](https://twitter.com/chicagopolice.org)

6th District

<https://home.chicagopolice.org/community-policing-group/block-clubs/>

Permits Will Not be issued without a Block Club. Proof of registration and block club party event flyers must be submitted at the time or completing an application.

Note: Block Clubs hosting a party for the first time will need to circulate a petition to the entire block collecting 80% of signatures, one signature per household.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

ALL PARTY TIMES ARE FROM 8:00AM until 10:00PM.



Wholistic Alliance Corporation "More to look forward to" 7925 S. Campbell

Before



After



Our motto is to ensure quality in every aspect of life! Our mission in the 18th Ward is to form an integral alliance with community and leadership. Our goal is to form a mutual partnership to assure our neighbors of: innovation, safety, and quality construction.

We are excited to work with Alderman Curtis and his Team in creating an exemplary business space that reflects the integrity, and modifications needed in this project of restoration and sound infrastructure.

This business space will include onsite management, state-of-the-art renovations throughout, gorgeous roof top deck, onsite-parking, and stunning "ao-green" curb appeal. With fingers crossed and team diligence, we stand firmly on breaking ground fall 2022 We thank Alderman Curtis and this community for their support!

EVENTS



JOIN THE 18TH WARD ALDERMAN DERRICK CURTIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

OCTOBER COSTUME BASH

+ TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2022 + 12 NOON - 3PM

PETTING ZOOM + PONY RIDE + BOUNCY HOUSE

FREE GIVEAWAY ITEMS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPONSORED BY ITI INTERMODAL




3600 W. 79TH ST. CHICAGO, IL (REAR PARKING LOT)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY SPONSORING A CAR OR BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT MELINDA GOGGIN 773.284.5057

BEST DECORATED TRUNK CONTEST WIN FREE PRIZES



18th Ward Alderman Derrick G. Curtis

Happy THANKSGIVING

We would like to wish you a warm and prosperous Holiday season. In our continued efforts to assist those who are faced with strenuous economic times, I will be partnering with Transformation Church, Liberty Temple Full Gospel Church and many more other supporters to host a Turkey & Ham Drive.

If you would like to become a participant in this event, please follow the instructions below.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022
10 AM - 12 NOON


1-Per household-ID required for registration 773. 284. 5057

No income guidelines required first come first serve basis



7711-23 S. Kedzie Chicago, IL

18th Ward resident registration starts November 1, 2022 Registration Ends November 17, 2022



18th Ward Alderman Derrick G. Curtis (Host)

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2022

RAINEY PARK - 4350 W. 79TH 3:30 - 4:00 PM

CARROLL SCHOOL - 2929 W. 83RD ST. - 4:15 - 4:45 P.M.

DAWES PARK - 8052 S. DAMEN - 5:00 - 5:30 P.M.

CHECK OUT THE 18TH WARD CHRISTMAS TREE @ 7900 S. KEDZIE

Bring your Family & Friends out for Hot Cocoa, Christmas Caroling, Raffle Prizes & Holiday Fun! For more details contact us at (773) 284-5057.



18TH WARD ALDERMAN DERRICK G. CURTIS

DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY

SHRED-A-THON

& NEW TECH E-SCRAP ELECTRONICS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



OAK STREET HEALTH (PARKING LOT)
3348 W. 87TH ST. CHICAGO, IL

18TH WARD RESIDENTS ONLY - I.D.'S REQUIRED



Join WIA

WRIGHTWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 60 YEARS

If you live within the boundaries of: 76th & 87th Streets, Western to Kedzie Ave.

Wrightwood is your community!

"Become Involved in the decisions and direction of your community."

Join your neighbors to discuss Improvements, Public Safety, neighborhood upkeep, education, elected official updates and more! There are only (3) meetings left for 2022, help support the community you live, work and do business in.

Wrightwood Improvement Meeting Date:
October, 19th
November 16th
December 21st

Every (3rd) Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. sharp!
Located at the Ashburn/Wrightwood Library
8530 S. Kedzie

"It takes a village to raise a nation" become active in your community.

For more details on how you can connect to your community please contact (773) 406-0055, ask for Laila Rahman



STAY IN TOUCH

SIGN UP FOR 18TH WARD UPDATES BY TEXTING WARD18 TO 22828 OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO RECEIVE ALL 18TH WARD UPDATES.



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**EASY STEPS TO JOIN
OUR MAILING LIST!**

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURS: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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

CLOSED SATURDAYS

COME TALK TO THE ALDERMAN

WALK IN OR BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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