



# 40th Ward Town Hall

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40<sup>TH</sup> WARD ALDERPERSON  
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# Meet the Team!

## 40th Ward Office Staff



**Andre Vasquez Jr.**  
40th Ward Alder  
He/Him



**Cat Sharp**  
Chief of Staff  
She/Her



**Deirdre O'Connor**  
Neighbor Services  
Director  
She/Her



**Alison Murphy**  
Development & Communications  
Director  
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Ward Superintendent  
He/Him



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Deputy Director of  
Neighbor Services  
She/Her



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Neighbor Engagement  
Coordinator  
She/Her



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Neighbor Services  
Coordinator  
She/Her

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**Pooja Ravindran**  
Policy Director  
They/Them



**Diana Elena Perez**  
Engagement Director  
She/Her



**Ell Snider**  
Operations Director  
They/Them

# **This Government is YOURS.**

**Our mission is to make Chicago city government more **accessible, transparent,** and **accountable** to you, our neighbors.**

# 40TH WARD CORE PRINCIPLES

01

## Services

Our primary function is delivering and improving city services while creating the best experience possible for all the neighbors we serve.

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## Safety

A connected community is a safer one, so we work with all public safety stakeholders to address both immediate incidents of crime and its root causes.

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## Development

Improving our economic ecosystem through infrastructure investment, affordable housing, and healthy local business districts that benefit all.

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## Community Engagement

We meet neighbors where they are through events and volunteer opportunities, partnering with local networks, and accessible and transparent communication.

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## Forward Focus

We identify policy and legislation that improves the processes, services, representation, justice, and living experience for all who live in our great city.

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**40th Ward  
Annual Report:  
2023**

## Neighbor Services

**We completed 7,455 service requests in 2023, including:**

- Resolving construction complaints
- Helping small businesses navigate the permit process
- Pothole patrol
- Tree requests

This is your government, and our highest priority is making sure that the city works for you.

## Neighborhood Development

- \$1.9M in Ward Infrastructure Improvements
- \$16.4M Lincoln Ave North Streetscape
- \$11.8M Lawrence Ave Streetscape
- Clark Street Protected Bike Lanes and neighborhood greenways
- Peterson/Ridge Metra Station
- Groundbreaking of Park 599
- Opening of the American Blues Theater's new home

## Policy & Legislation

### CIRR:

- Monthly hearings on new arrival operations + website
- Mutual aid coordination
- Know Your Rights and TPS clinics

### Key legislation:

- Bring Chicago Home
- Treatment Not Trauma
- ADU Citywide Expansion
- CTA Quarterly Reporting

## Community Engagement

- Weekly Ward Nights
- Quarterly Town Halls
- Block Club Visits
- Vaccine Clinic
- Biannual Shred Events
- 20th District Mutual Aid
- Neighbor Network
- Shovel Squad
- Volunteer Boards
- Reimagining Public Safety Panel
- 2024 People's Budget



**Open Government. For the People.**

Accessibility. Accountability. Transparency.



# Neighbor Services

# Submitting City Service Requests: 311

The screenshot shows the CHI311 mobile app interface. At the top left is the CHI311 logo with a red star. To its right is a 'What's New' button with an information icon. Below this is a 'Get Started with CHI311' section with a prominent blue button labeled 'Create New Service Request'. Underneath is a 'City Resources' section with three icons: an airplane for 'Visitors', a house for 'Residents', and a briefcase for 'Businesses'. At the bottom is a 'City News Feed' section with a 'See More News' link and two news items: 'The new Superintendent o...' and 'CPS Choose to Change Showcas...'.

A vertical list of service request categories, each with an icon and text:

- Animals (dog and cat icon)
- Consumer and Employee Protection (person with speech bubble icon)
- COVID-19 Assistance (first aid kit icon)
- Disabilities (wheelchair icon)
- Garbage and Recycling (trash bin icon)
- Health (heart with plus icon)
- Home and Buildings (house icon)
- Parks, Trees and Environment (tree icon)
- Public Safety (vest icon)
- Seniors (person with glasses icon)
- Transportation and Streets (train icon)

Submit a 311 request via:



Dial 311



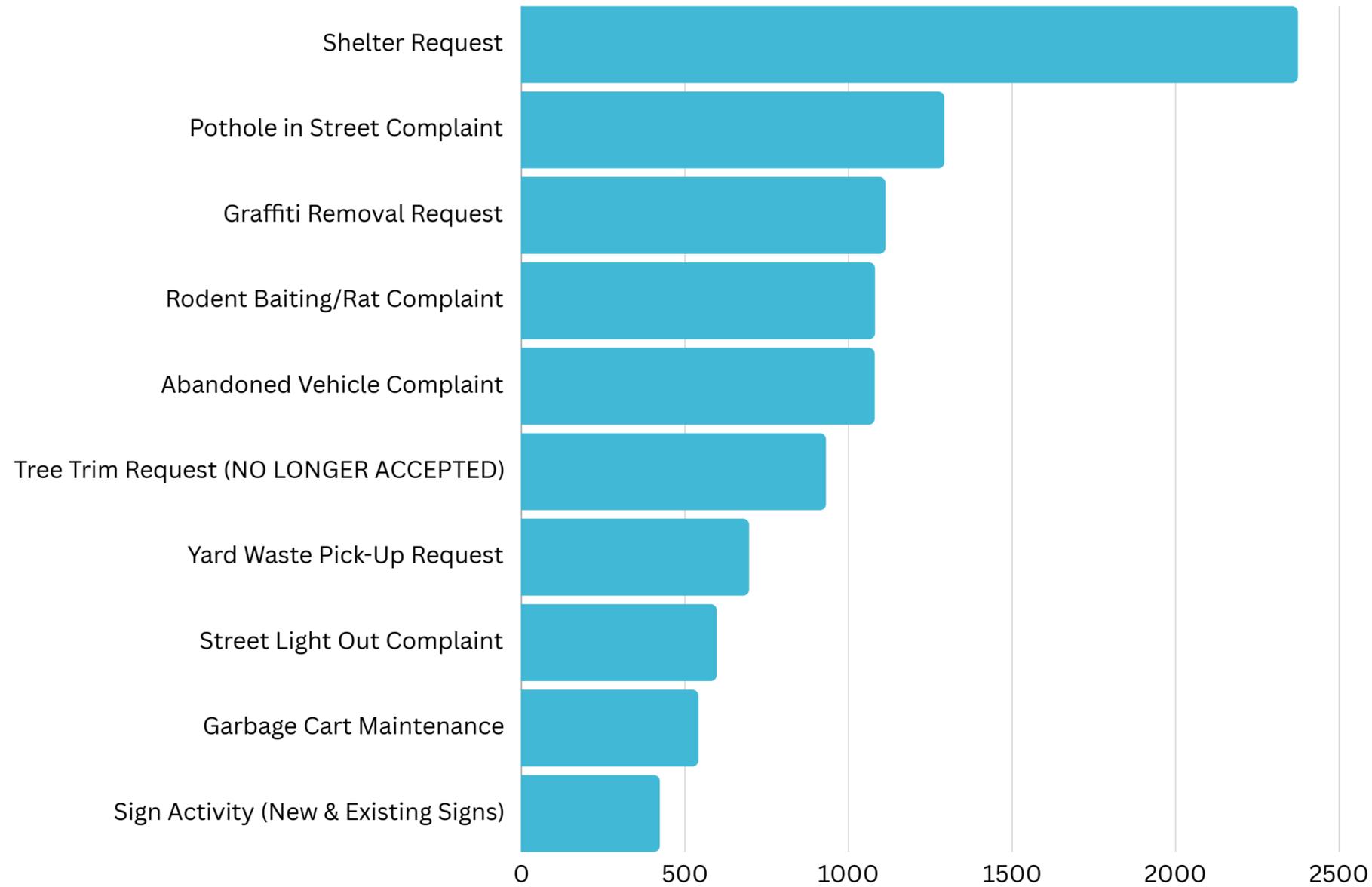
[311.chicago.gov](https://311.chicago.gov)



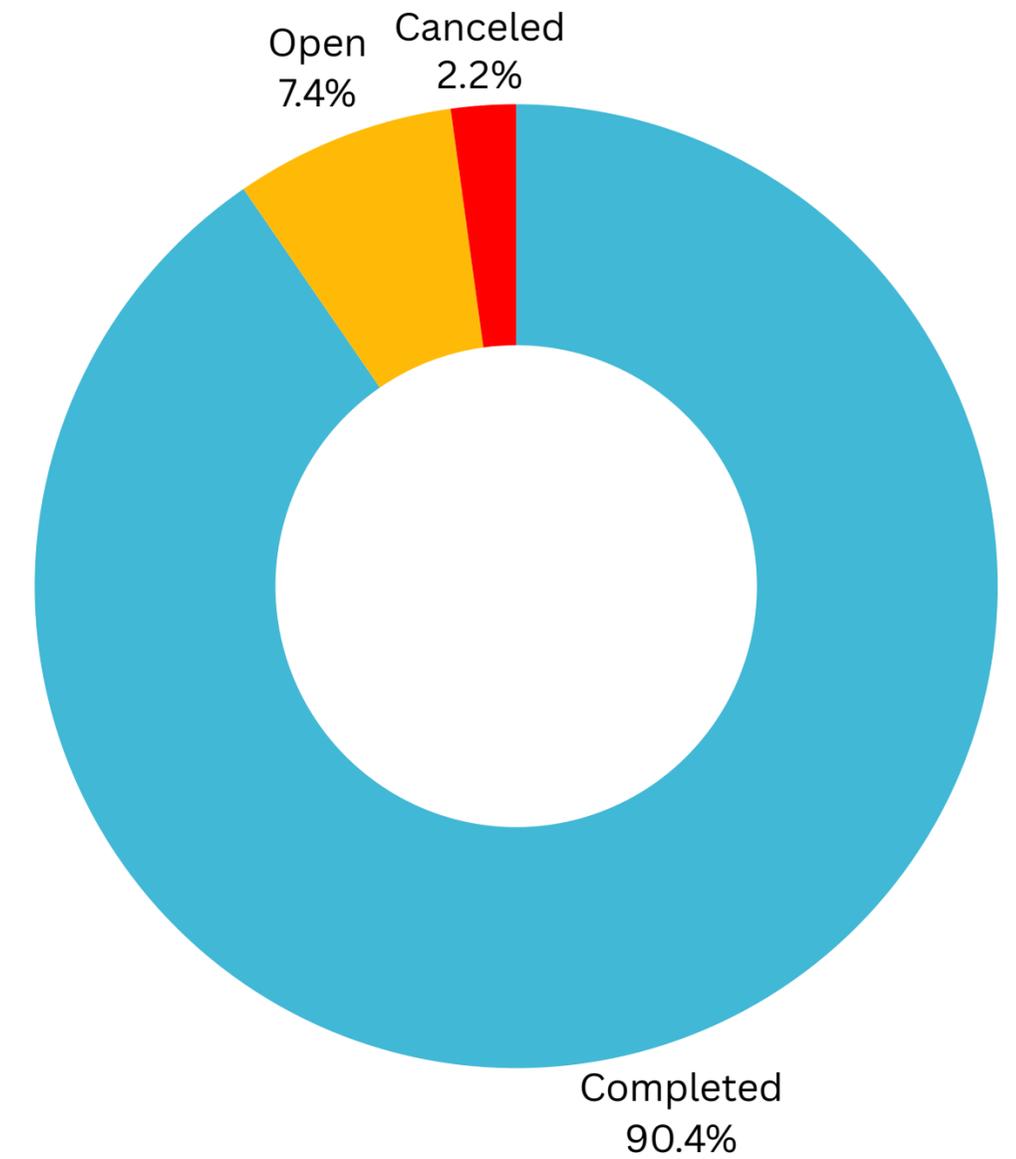
311 App

# City Services: 311

## Top 311 requests types from 2023

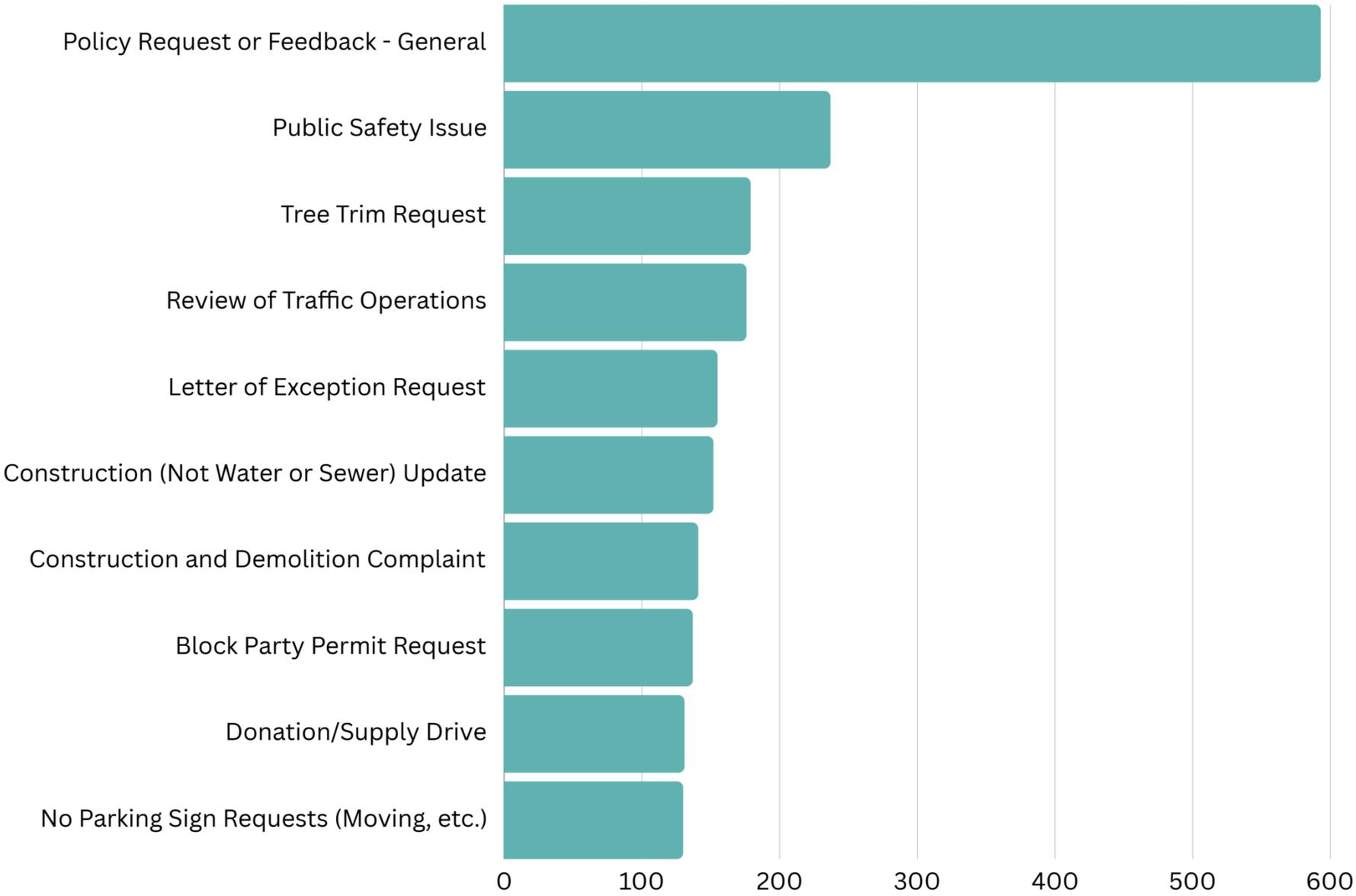


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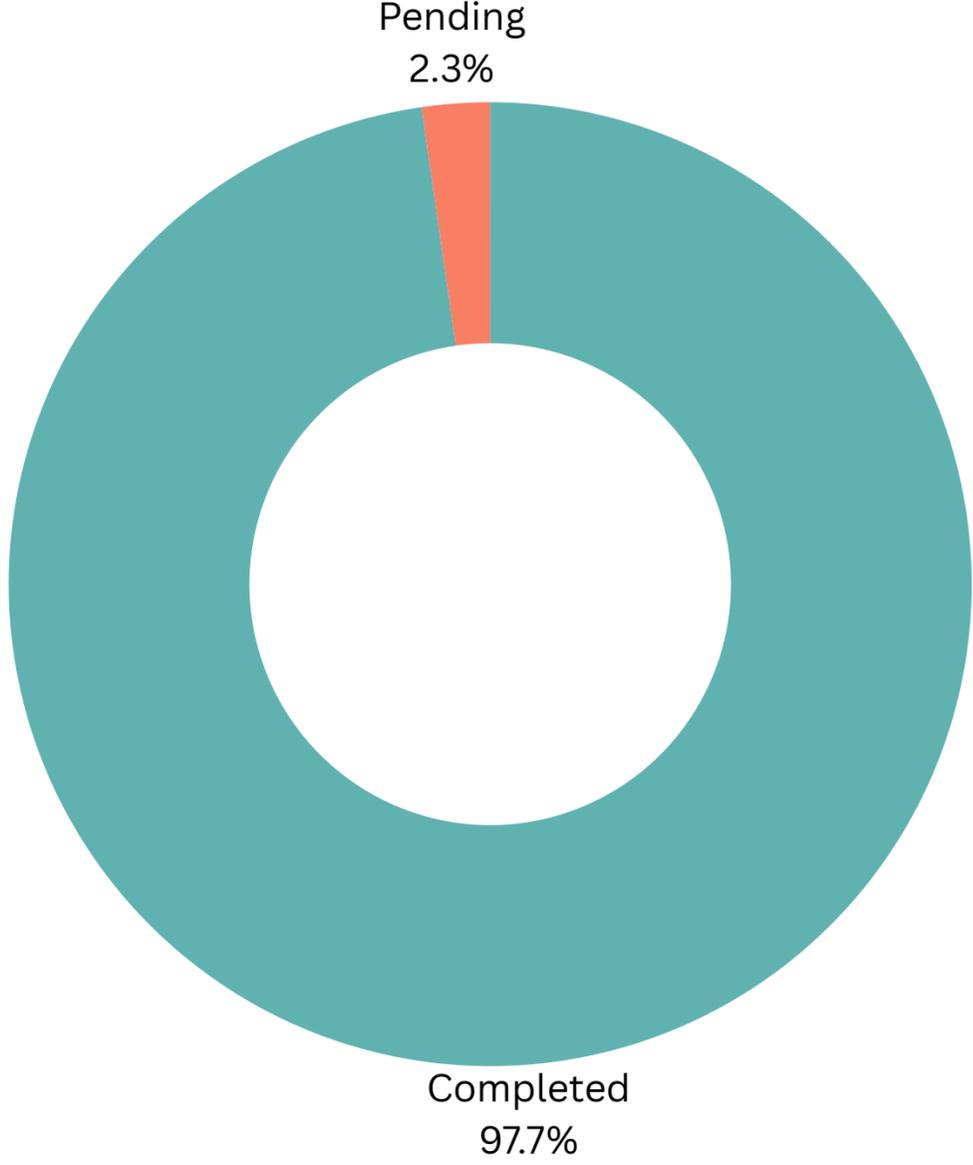


# Neighbor Services: 40th Ward

## Top 311 requests types from 2023



## 311 requests completed in 2023



# Submitting Ward Service Requests

## Your contact information

Please provide your contact information so that we can follow-up with you on your service request.

**Name** *(Required)*

First

Last

**Street Direction, Name and Number**

*(Required)*

eg. 5620 N Western Ave, Fl 1

**Phone** *(Required)*

**Email** *(Required)*

## Describe your issue

Below, please describe the issue you need help with, share any photos of the issue, and provide your 311 Service Request (SR) Number.

**What are you inquiring about?** *(Required)*

Include a detailed description of the issue for which you are looking for help.

**Where is the issue?**

Provide the exact address of where the issue is occurring.

**311 Service Request (SR) Number**

A Service Request Number (SR) will be provided when you file your service request through the 311 website, app, or by phone.

**Image Upload**

Attach any files or pictures that you think may lend detail to your inquiry, JPG or PDF only. Maximum file size is 10MB.

Drop files here or

Select files

Accepted file types: jpg, pdf, Max. file size: 10 MB, Max. files: 3.

**Email me a copy of my responses.**

- Yes  
 No

**Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter?** *(Required)*

- Sign me up!

Visit [40thward.org/contact](https://40thward.org/contact) to submit a service request!

# Service Area: Tree Trims



**In 2023, the Bureau of Forestry moved to an Area Trim Grid.**

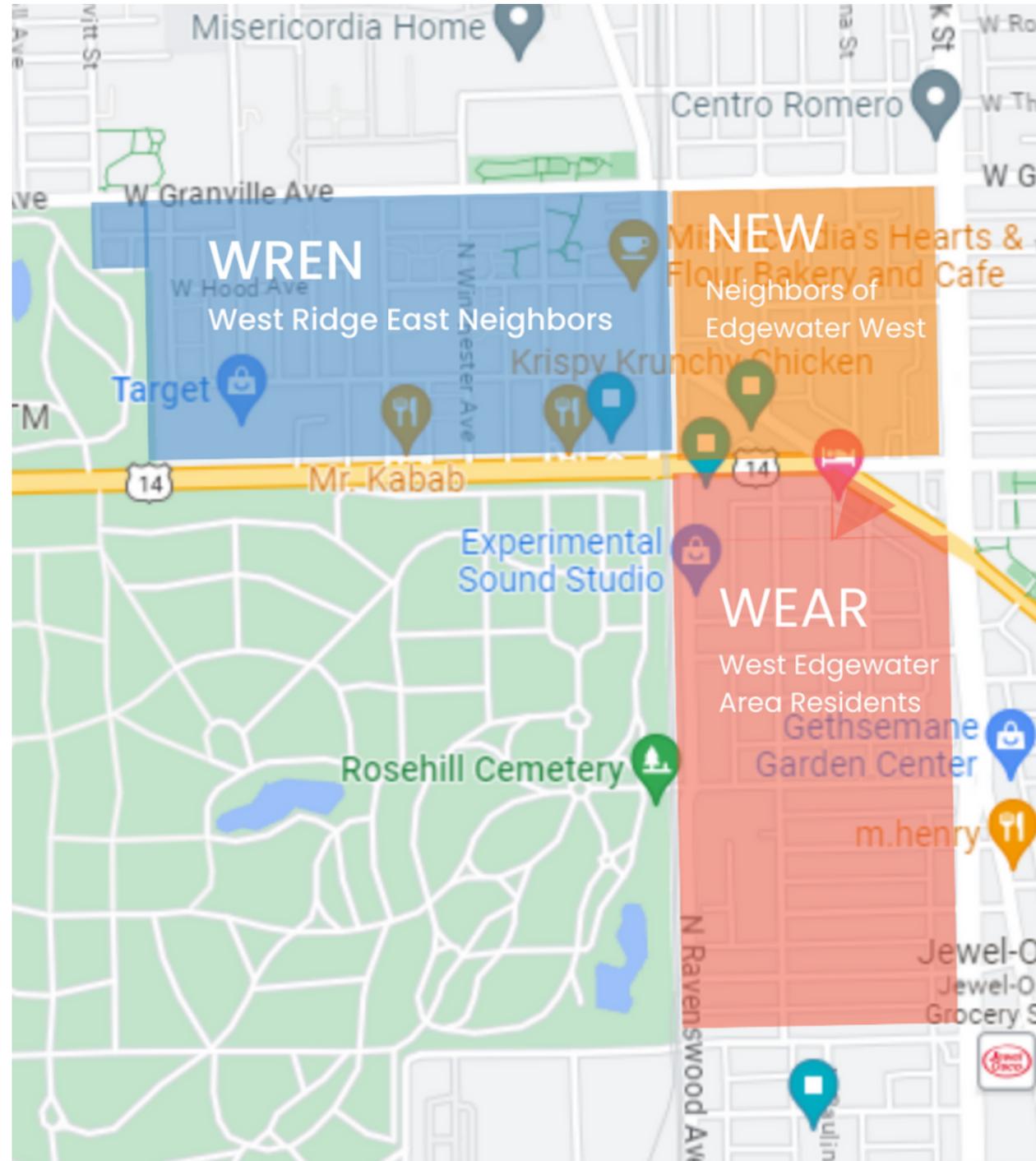
- City is now trimming 3X the amount of trees, eliminating a 2-year backlog of tree trim requests
- N056 W024 and N048 W024 are the two grids that will be addressed this year.

**The City no longer accepts tree trim requests.**

- **What is a tree emergency?**
  - A visible split in the tree branch;
  - A tree visibly uprooted from the ground
- **What is NOT a tree emergency?**
  - Branches hitting the roof of your house or building
  - Low hanging branches on a street or sidewalk.

**For tree emergencies, submit a request to [40thward.org/contact](https://40thward.org/contact) with location and attached pictures!**

# Metra Residential Permit Parking Extension



The 40th Ward established several new RPP zones anticipating demand from the new Peterson Ridge Metra station; several existing zones also petitioned to have their hours changed.

- Residents of RPP zones will be updated by flier and email
- Projected station completion date: May 2024

**View a map of the RPP zones:**



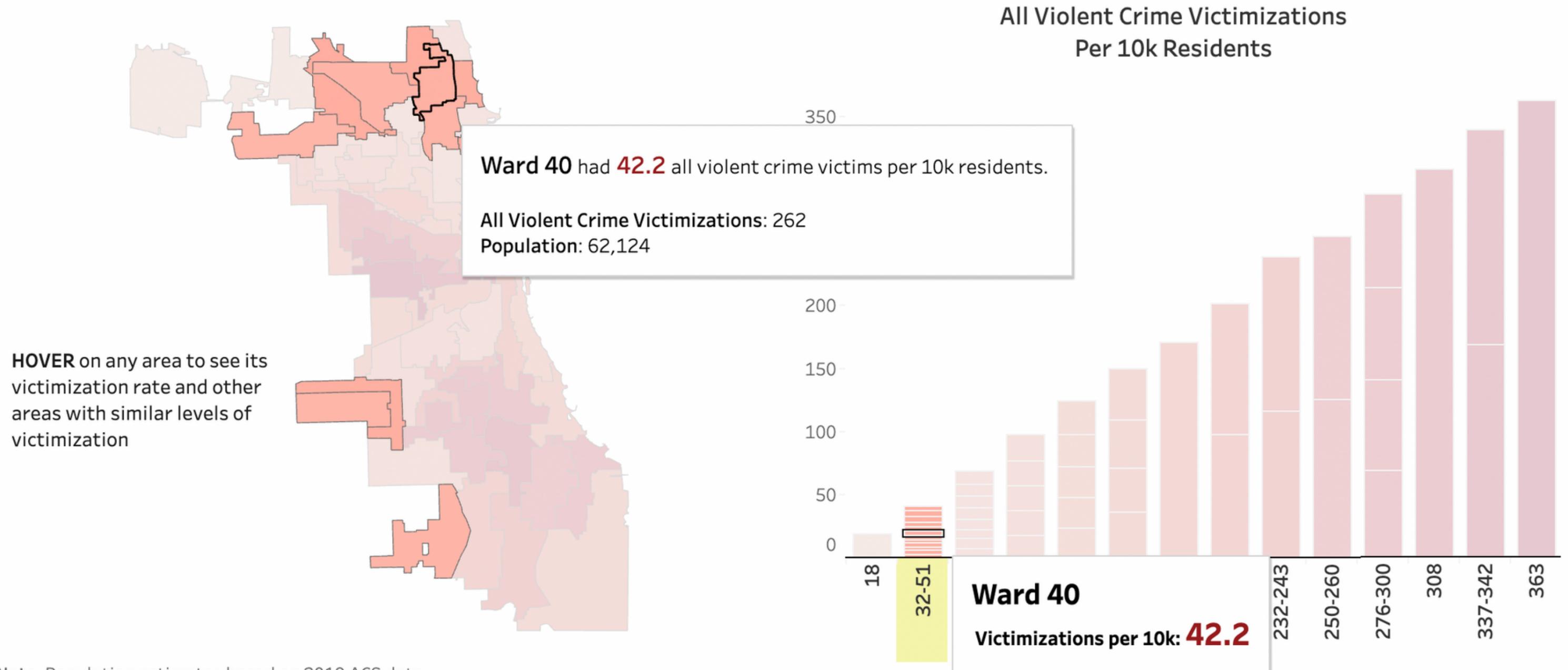


# Community Safety

# Community Safety: 2023 Crime Overview

## All Violent Crime Victimization Per 10,000 Residents by Ward, January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

The community area map on the left shows the number of all violent crime victims per 10k residents. Hover over any geographic boundary to see its victimization rate, and how it compares to the prior year and to other communities with similar victimization rates. The bar chart on the right groups together Community Areas with similar victimization rates.



Note: Population estimates based on 2019 ACS data.

# Community Safety : 2023 Crime Breakdown

## Victim Counts and Comparison in Ward 40, January 1 - December 31

*This chart compares the number of victimizations in the selected period to the prior year for different*

	2022	2023	
Homicide Victimizations	2	2	
Fatal Shooting Victimizations	1	1	
Non-Shooting Homicide Victimizations	1	1	
All Shooting Victimizations	9	12	+ 3
Fatal Shooting Victimizations	1	1	
Non-Fatal Shooting Victimizations	8	11	+ 3
Criminal Sexual Assault Victimizations	29	25	-4
Robbery Victimizations	73	79	+6
Vehicular Hijacking Victimizations	7	11	-4
Aggravated Battery Victimizations	41	54	+13
Aggravated Assault Victimizations	90	80	-10
Human Trafficking Victimizations	0	0	
All Violent Crime Victimizations	250	262	+12
Multi-Victim Shooting Incidents	1	1	
ShotSpotter Alerts	0	0	

# Community Safety Updates

## What trends are we seeing?

In Q1 of 2024, we are seeing an increase in:

- **Break-ins in local business districts.** Both Andersonville and Lincoln Square business districts have experienced an increase in break-ins.
- **Robberies related to motor vehicle thefts.** Kias and Hyundais are more susceptible to theft due to vehicle software vulnerabilities; these stolen vehicles are then often used to commit additional crimes.

## What is the CPD doing?

- **Increased presence in business districts.** The 20th District has assigned a beat cop to Andersonville
- **Increased patrols in affected neighborhoods.** The 20th has increased its presence in areas that have been targeted.

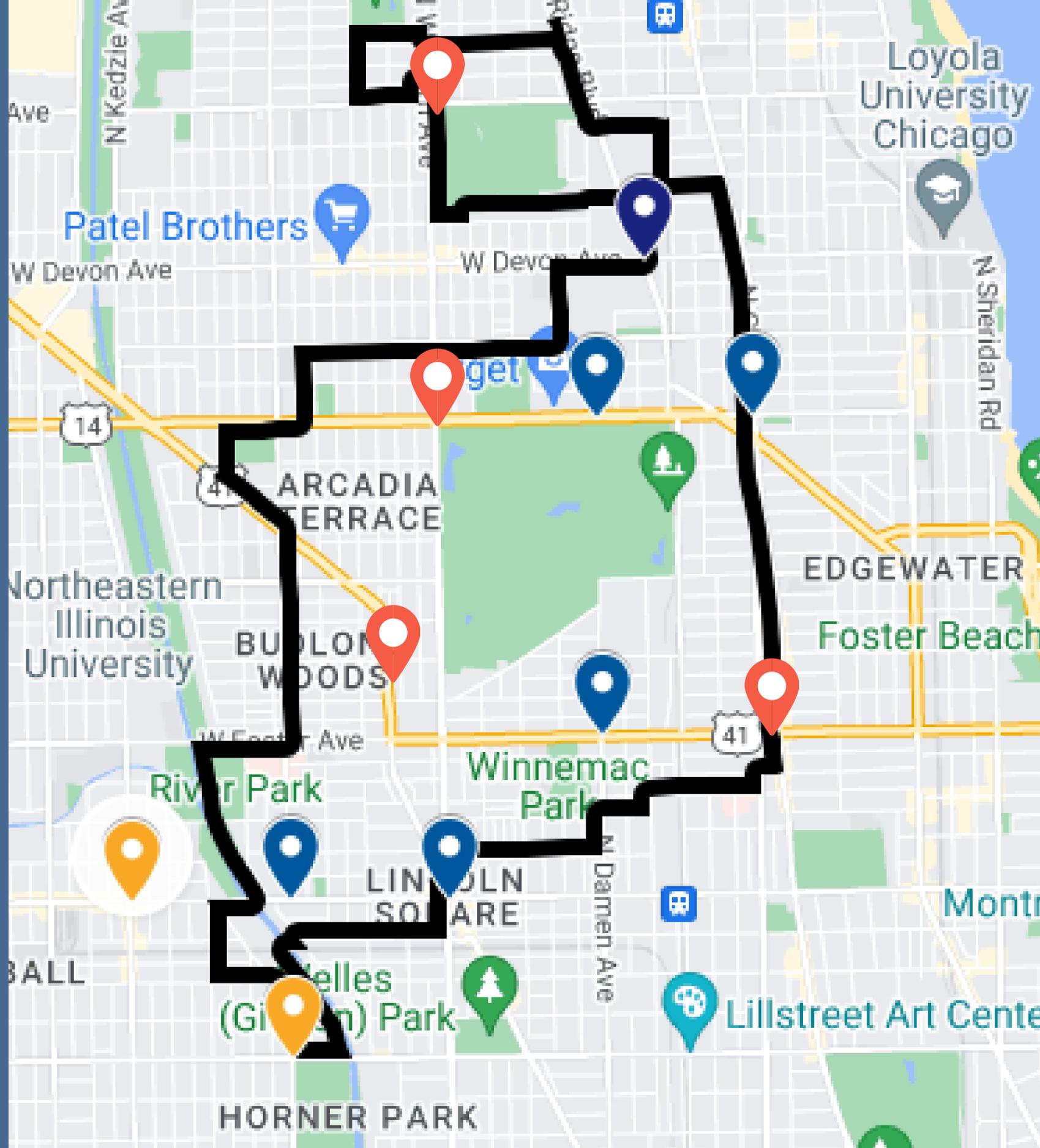
**Please note that the 20th and 24th will be running a mission this weekend in response to armed robberies, including helicopter support, a mobile command center, and outside unit support.**



# Community Safety Updates

## What are we doing?

- **Communicating with the CPD**
  - Regular check-ins with police districts and immediate real-time communication with district commanders when incidents occur.
  - Meeting with Superintendent Snelling and the 48th, 49th, and 50th Wards to discuss the increase vehicular theft and armed robberies.
  - Advocating that the CPD build on the success of the 24th District robbery team model, which has a proven track record of effective and data-driven investigation and proven results.
- **Keeping the community informed and involved**
  - Public Safety Statements to alert the public when incidents happen
  - Newsletter updates as we receive updates from CPD
  - Meetings between CPD, Chambers, and local businesses to address business break-ins
  - Reimagining Public Safety panels bringing together CPD, CCPSA, and the public to discuss safety issues facing our community
- **City-wide CPD Staffing Level Study**, to ensure that CPD is maximizing its resources and effectiveness.
- **Increasing License Plate Readers**, both in the 40th Ward and on Lake Shore Drive.



# License Plate Reader (LPR) Locations

## Current LPRs

- Lawrence & Western
- Foster & Damen
- Peterson & Damen
- Devon & Ridge
- Lawrence & California Ave
- Peterson Ave & Clark Ave

## Pending LPRs (will be installed mid-year)

- Lawrence & Kedzie
- Montrose & California

## Submitted Requests

- Foster & Clark
- Western & Pratt
- Peterson & Western
- Catalpa & Lincoln (POD + LPR)

# Community Safety: Get Involved!



## What can you do?

- **File a police report!** If you are witness to a crime, but be sure to file a police report, and share that information with us after filing so we can follow up.
- **Sign up for our newsletter.** We send out Public Safety alerts for any major incidents, including resources from the CPD and community violence prevention agencies.
- **Go to your local CCPSA and/or CAPS meeting.** CAPS is run by the CPD and focused on data and trends, and CCPSA is run by elected District Councilors and focused on community crime prevention.



# CCPSA Meetings

The **Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA)** works with the community and the police to improve policing and public safety in each district. District Councilors host monthly meetings in each district to discuss how to tackle crime at the community level.

## **20th District**

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- **District Councilors:**
  - Anna Rubin
  - Deirdre O'Connor
  - Darrell Dacres
- **Meets 2nd Monday of the month**

## **24th District**

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- **District Councilors:**
  - Veronica Arreola
  - Marilyn Pagan-Banks
  - Edvette Jones
- **Meets 2nd Sunday of the Month**

## **17th District**

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- **District Councilors:**
  - Beth Rochford
  - Alex Tamez
  - Steve Spagnolo
- **Meeting date varies monthly**

## **19th District**

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- **District Councilors:**
  - Jenny Shaffer
  - Sam Schoenberg
  - Maurillio Garcia
- **Meets last Wednesday of the month**



**Development**  
**+**  
**Infrastructure**





# 2024 Major Developments



## Streets + Transportation

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- **Streetscapes**
  - Lincoln Ave Streetscape
  - Lawrence Ave Streetscape
- **Chicago Bike Grid**
  - Neighborhood Greenways
  - Protected Bike Lanes
- **Arterial Resurfacing**
  - Damen
  - Ashland
  - Ravenswood
  - Western
  - California
  - Bryn Mawr
  - Pratt
- **Peterson/Ridge Metra Station**



## Parks + Schools

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- **Parks**
  - Winnemac Park Improvements
    - Baseball Field Turf Drainage
    - Tennis Court/ Pickleball
    - Lighting and Pathway Upgrades
  - Warren Park Improvements
  - West Ridge Park Entrance
  - Park 599: West Edgewater Green
  - Additional Park Improvements at Emmerson and Green Briar
- **Schools**
  - Budlong Pedestrian Safety
  - Chappell Fencing
  - Mather High School: TIF Extension



## Housing

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- **The Haven on Lincoln**
  - 40-unit Bridge Housing Project
- **5035 N. Lincoln**
  - 5-story mixed-use building
  - 47 units (9 affordable)
  - 1200 SF of commercial space + 3 live-work spaces
- **Lawrence Gateway**
  - 5-story mixed-use building
  - 40 units (8 affordable)
  - 10,000 SF of retail space

# 40th Ward Menu Program

# \$1.5M

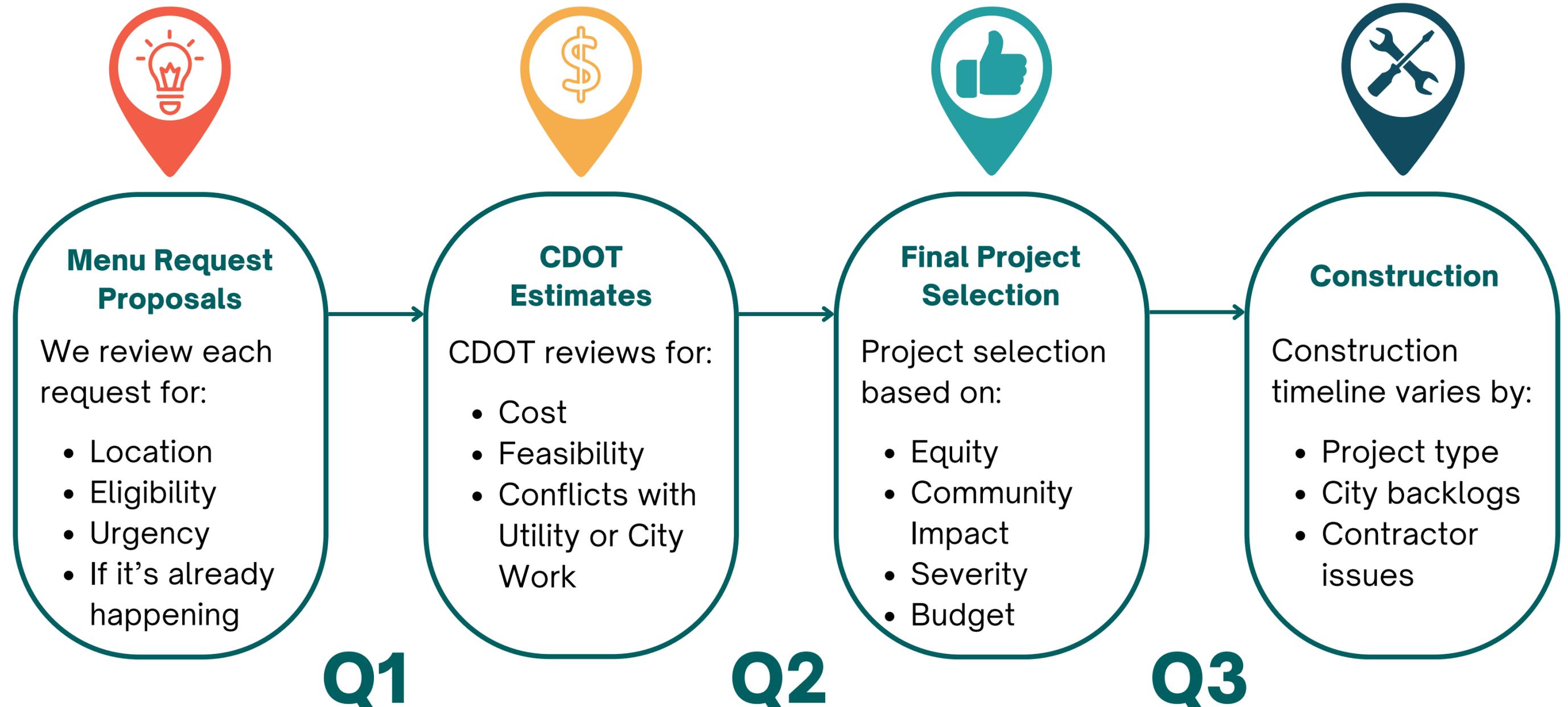
- **\$1M** of our Menu funds are determined through People's Budget
- **\$500K** are reserved for emergency repairs throughout the year
- Must be spent on **permanent infrastructure**: either new infrastructure projects (e.g. new sidewalks) or infrastructure repairs (e.g. street resurfacing).

**Submit your repairs request:**  
**[bit.ly/40FIXIT](https://bit.ly/40FIXIT)**



# 40th Ward Menu Program

**Menu Repairs** are projects that repair existing infrastructure, like street and alley resurfacing, sidewalk replacement, or curb and gutter repairs.



# 40th Ward People's Budget

**40th Ward Residents 14+** are eligible to vote for: 1) what percentage of \$1M we spend on repairs; and 2) which new infrastructure projects we should fund.



# 2023-2024 People's Budget Results

HELP US DECIDE HOW TO SPEND

**\$1 MILLION**

40TH  
WARD

THE  
PEOPLE'S  
BUDGET

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- Ballots cast: 1,863
- Repairs: 58% (\$580,000)
- Projects: 42% (\$420,000)
- Chosen Projects
  - 1st Place: Winnemac Pedestrian Safety
  - 2nd Place: West Ridge Entrance Improvements
  - 3rd Place: Warren Park Improvements



# Community Engagement

# Community Engagement

From our People's Budget to our Neighbor Network, we uplift **Open Government** as a core value. Being as accessible, transparent, and intentionally Inclusive—that's how we **Build Community** in the 40th Ward.



## What does that look like?

- Weekly Ward Nights
- Quarterly Town Halls
- Block Club Visits
- Vaccine Clinic
- Biannual Shred Events
- 20th District Mutual Aid
- Neighbor Network
- Volunteer Boards
- People's Budget
- Outdoor Office
- Coffee with the Alder
- Community Events

# 40th Ward Volunteer Opportunities



## Volunteer Boards

- **Environmental Board:**
  - 40th Ward Composting Pilot
  - Electrification Opportunities
- **Safe Streets Board**
  - Ward Safety Surveys
  - Project Sidewalk ADA Accessibility Surveys
  - Ward-Level Bike and Pedestrian Safety Planning



## Neighbor Network

- **Community Engagement**
  - Outdoor Office
  - Front Desk
  - Event Tabling
  - Flyering
  - Call Crew
- **Neighbor Services**
  - Shovel Squad
  - Pothole Patrol

# 40th Ward Environmental Board

## Home Electrification Program

Save money, get cleaner air, and enjoy a more comfortable home—  
all while tackling climate change!





# City Council

# Forward Focus

## Housing

Bring Chicago Home, **ADU Citywide Expansion**, **Bridge Housing Pilot**, Shelter System Upgrade

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## Public Transportation

**CTA Quarterly Reporting**, Pushing for a NEW CTA Board President, Fare Integration

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## Safe Streets

**Automated Camera Bike Lane Enforcement**, **Bike Grid Now**, **Smart Streets Infrastructure**

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## LGBTQIA+ Representation

**Gender Identity Ordinance**, LGBT Business Survey, **Hire Trans Now**, LGBTQ Library Protections

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## Language Access

**Language Access Ordinance**, **Immediate Term Crisis Service RFP**, **Long Term City Agreement**

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## Modernizing Government

**Re-establishing the Department of Information Technology**, **311 Improvements**, Department of Procurement Audit

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## Environmental Justice

**Re-Establishing the Department of Environment**, **Building Decarbonization**, Cumulative Impact Assessments, **Fossil Fuel Divestment & Litigation**

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## Good Government

Independent Forensic Audit of CPD, **Aldermanic Employment Ordinance**, **Hybrid Committee Meeting Ordinance**, Publicly Funded Elections



# Committee on Immigrant & Refugee Rights (CIRR)

## Policy & Advocacy

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- Monthly hearings to ensure transparency in City operations
- Connecting with community orgs, department leaders, and municipal, state, and federal officials.
- Related policy proposal and implementation, e.g. Language Access



## Operations

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- New Arrivals Working Group of Alders
- Attend Shelter Community Meetings
- Mutual Aid Coordination
- Created a website ([welcometochicago.org](http://welcometochicago.org)) to track new arrival operations
- Know Your Rights + TPS Clinics for new arrivals
- Donation drives

**We have achieved so much together in the  
40th Ward and in Chicago!**



**So that we can continue to improve, we  
need your participation and engagement!**

# 40th Ward Neighbor "To Do" List

- ✔ Sign up for the Newsletter at [40thward.org](https://40thward.org)
- ✔ Download the Chi311 app
- ✔ Escalate Requests to our office at [40thward.org/contact](https://40thward.org/contact)
- ✔ Follow us on social media
- ✔ Spread the word to at least one neighbor!



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## Contact Us

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## Office Hours:

Monday: 10am-5pm  
Tuesday: 10am-5pm  
Wednesday: 10am-5pm\*  
Thursday: 10am-5pm  
Friday: 12pm-3pm

*\*Join us for Ward Night  
every 1st, 2nd, and 4th  
Wednesday from 5-6:30pm!*

## Website/Newsletter

[www.40thWard.org](http://www.40thWard.org)

## Phone Number

773.654.1867

## Submit Requests at

[40thward.org/contact](http://40thward.org/contact)

## Office Address

5620 N Western Ave

## Alder Cell Phone (Text)

773.999.3313