



# 40TH WARD TOWN HALL

February 2025

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# Meet the Team!

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# 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

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## **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 & Infrastructure**

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.



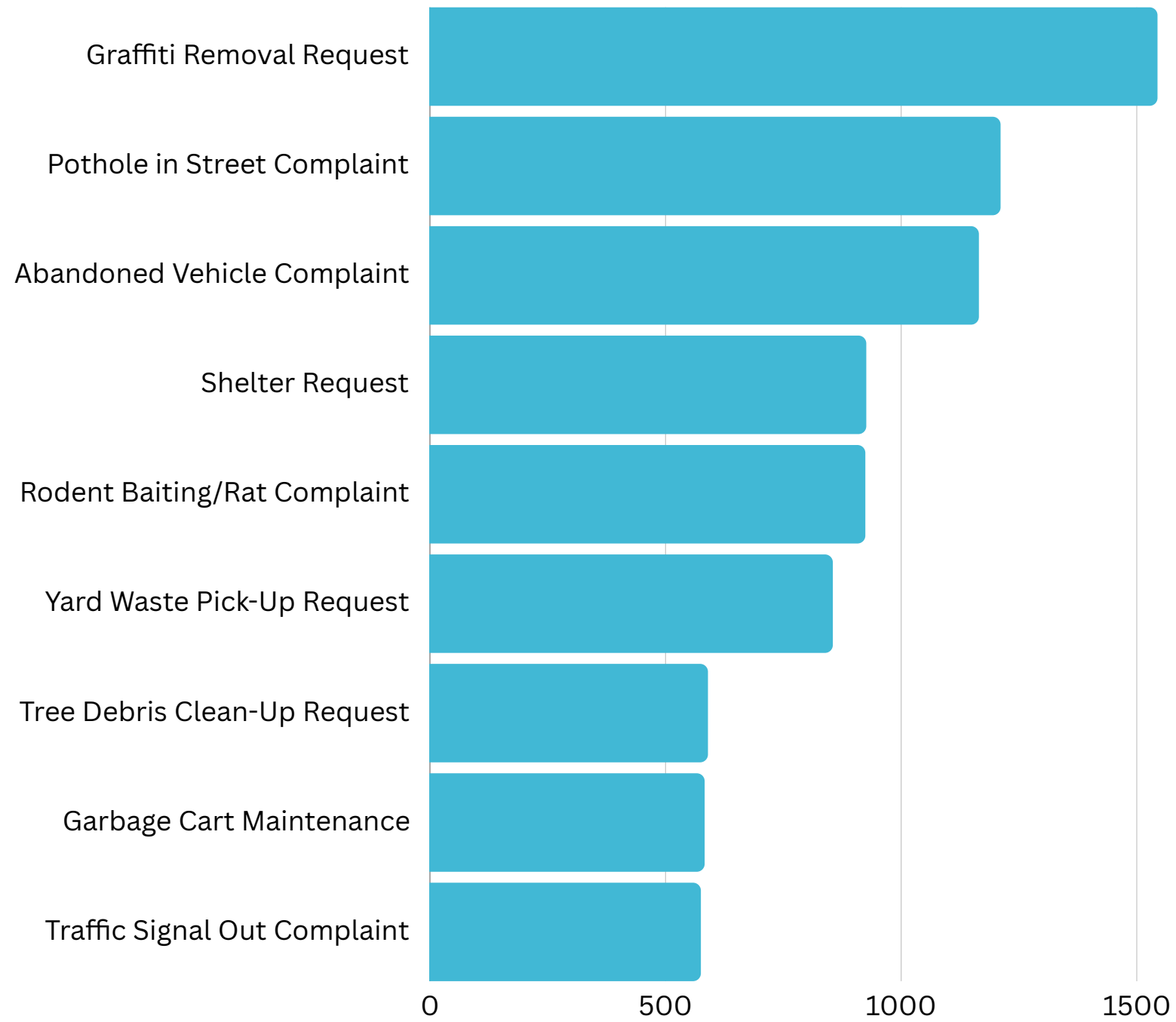
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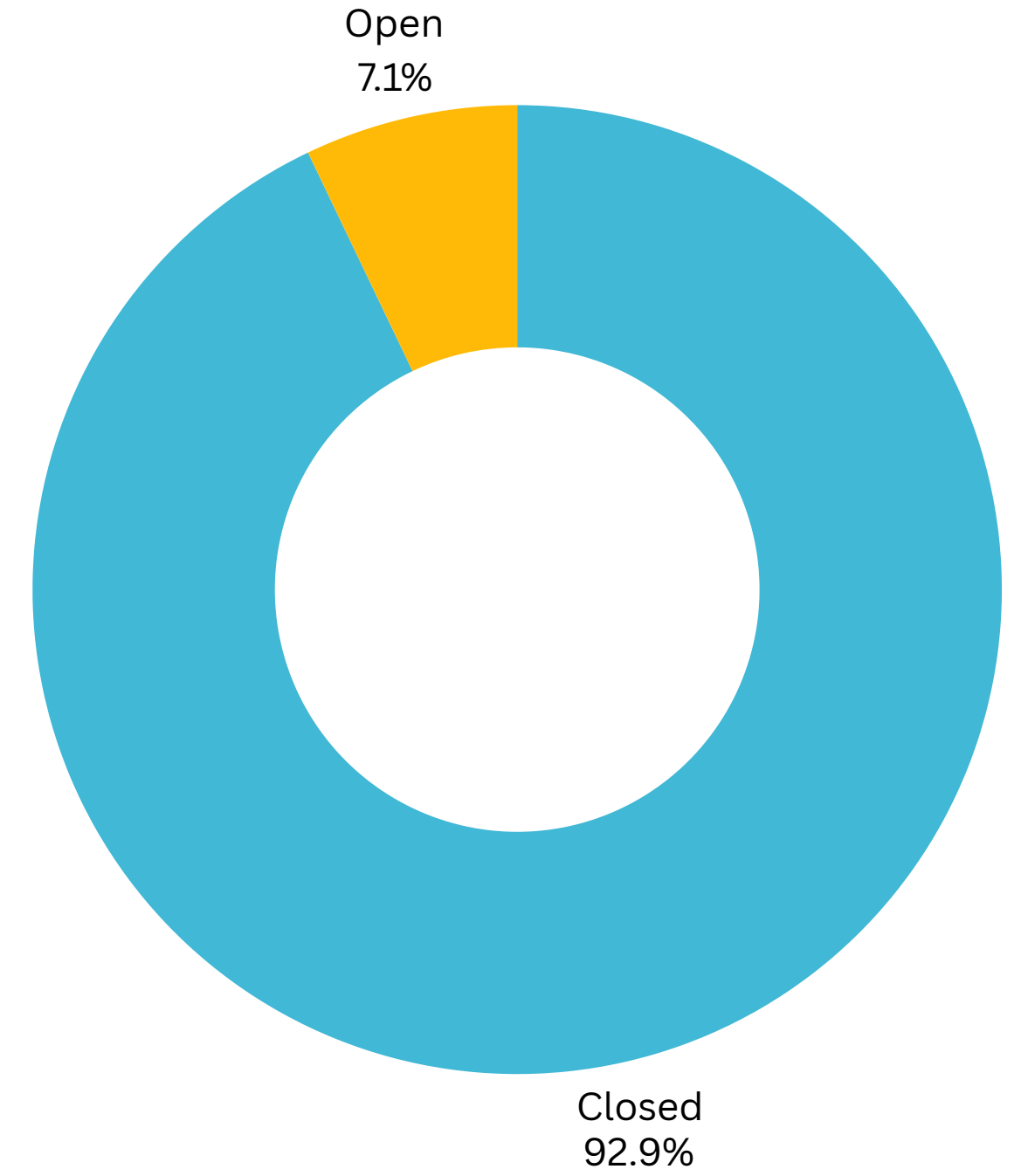
# Neighbor Services

# City Services: 311

## Top 311 requests types from 2024

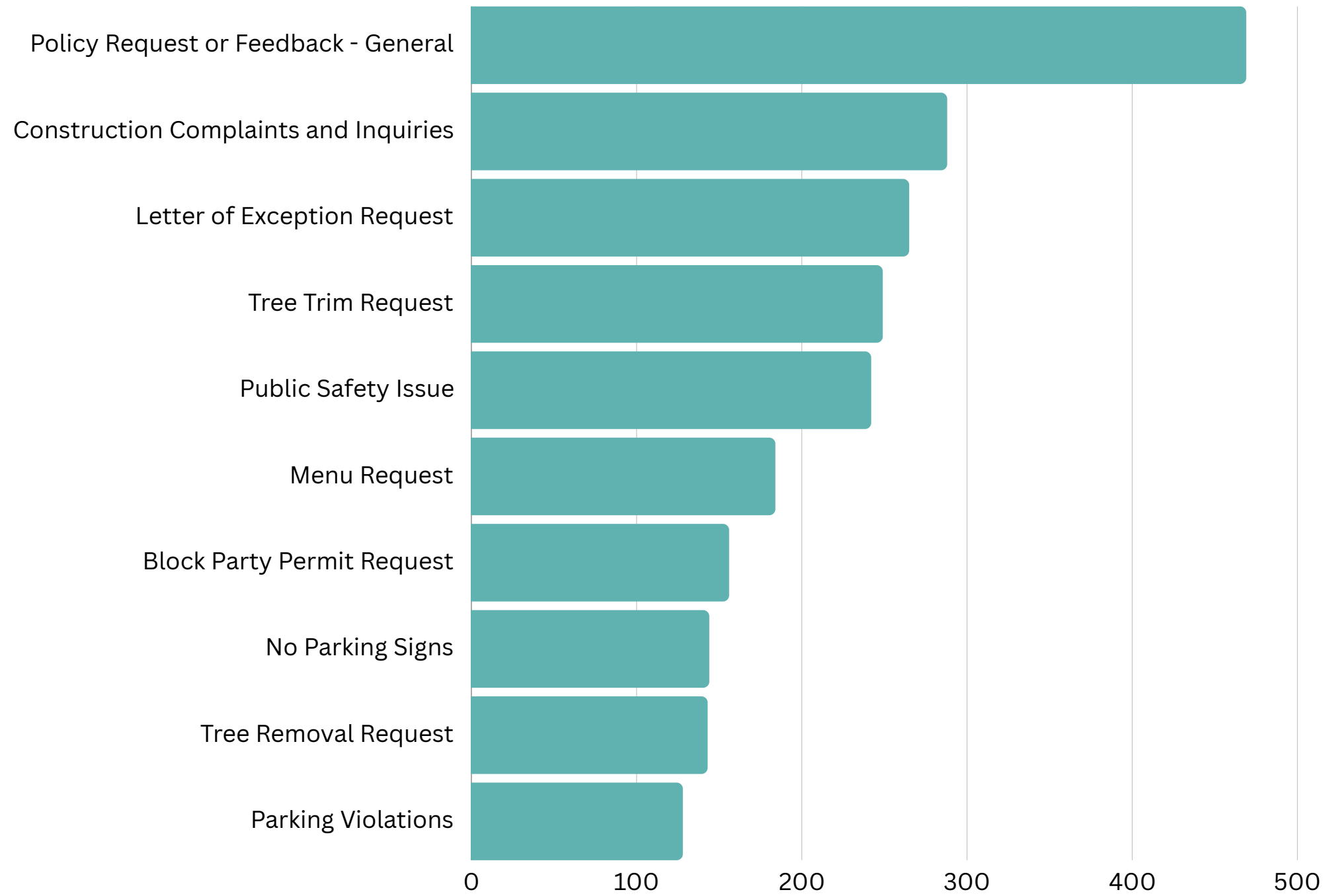


## 22,636 requests completed in 2024

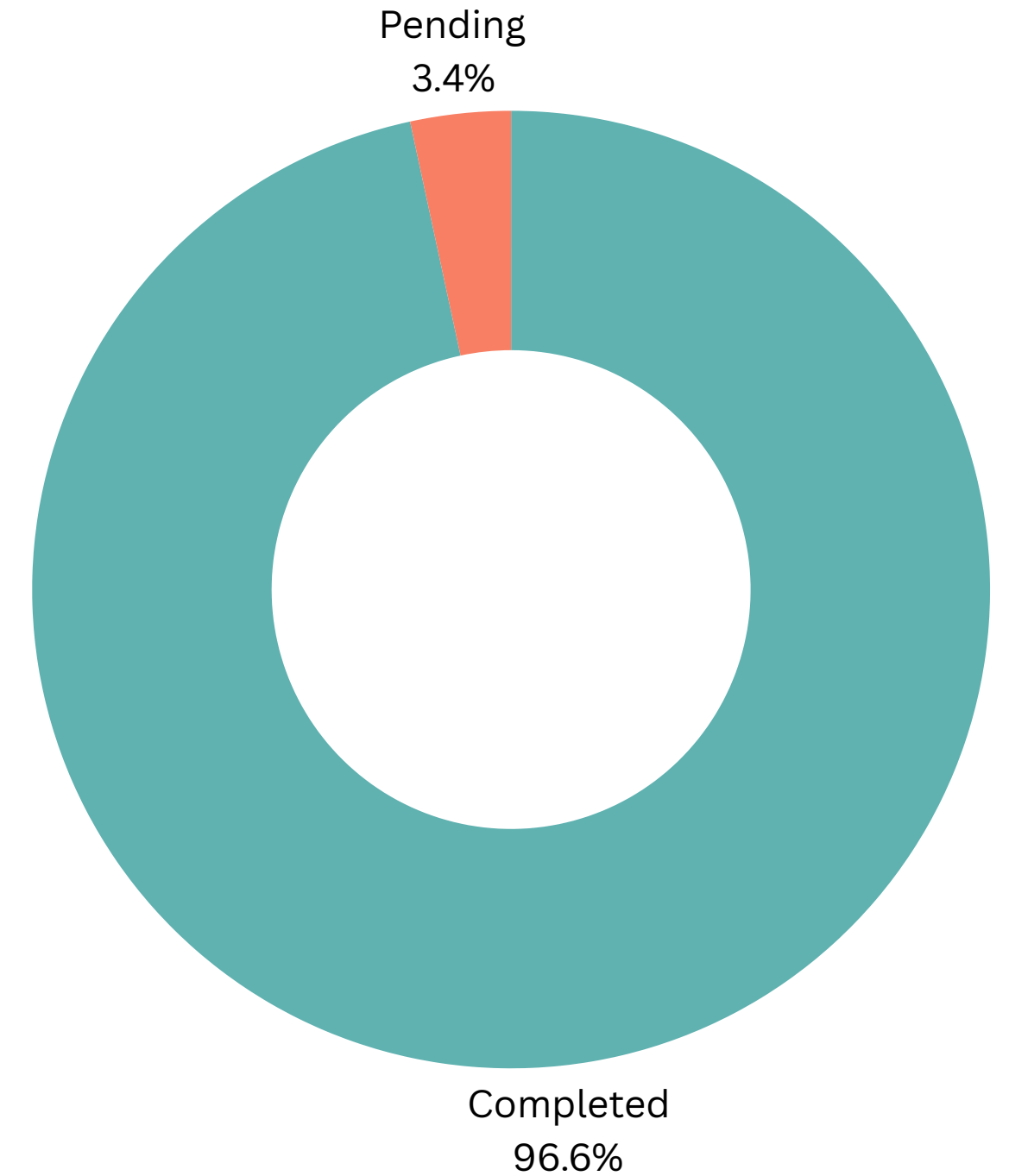


# Neighbor Services: 40th Ward

## Top requests types from 2024



## 6,968 requests completed in 2024!



# File a 311 Request!

The screenshot shows the CHI311 mobile app interface. At the top, there is a header with the CHI311 logo (a blue square and a red star) and a 'What's New' button with an information icon. Below the header, the text 'Get Started with CHI311' is displayed above a large blue button labeled 'Create New Service Request'. Underneath, there is a 'City Resources' section with three icons: an airplane for 'Visitors', a house for 'Residents', and a briefcase for 'Businesses'. The bottom section is titled 'City News Feed' and features two news items with video thumbnails and titles: 'The new Superintendent o...' and 'CPS Choose to Change Showcas...'. A 'See More News' link is visible to the right of the news feed.

A vertical list of 311 request categories, each with an icon and a text label:

- Animals (icon of a dog and cat)
- Consumer and Employee Protection (icon of a person with a speech bubble)
- COVID-19 Assistance (icon of a first aid kit)
- Disabilities (icon of a person with a wheelchair)
- Garbage and Recycling (icon of a trash bin)
- Health (icon of a heart with a plus sign)
- Home and Buildings (icon of a house)
- Parks, Trees and Environment (icon of a tree)
- Public Safety (icon of a fire truck)
- Seniors (icon of an elderly person)
- Transportation and Streets (icon of a bus)

Submit a 311 request via:



Dial 311



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



311 App



# Submit a Ward Service Request!

### Your contact information

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

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**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.

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**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!

# Tree Trims



**In 2023, the Bureau of Forestry moved to an Area Trim Grid. In 2024, we improved on it.**

The city is now trimming 3X the amount of trees, eliminating a 2-year backlog of tree trim requests. Our office also receives weekly updates on the status of each grid.

## **Dealing with a tree issue?**

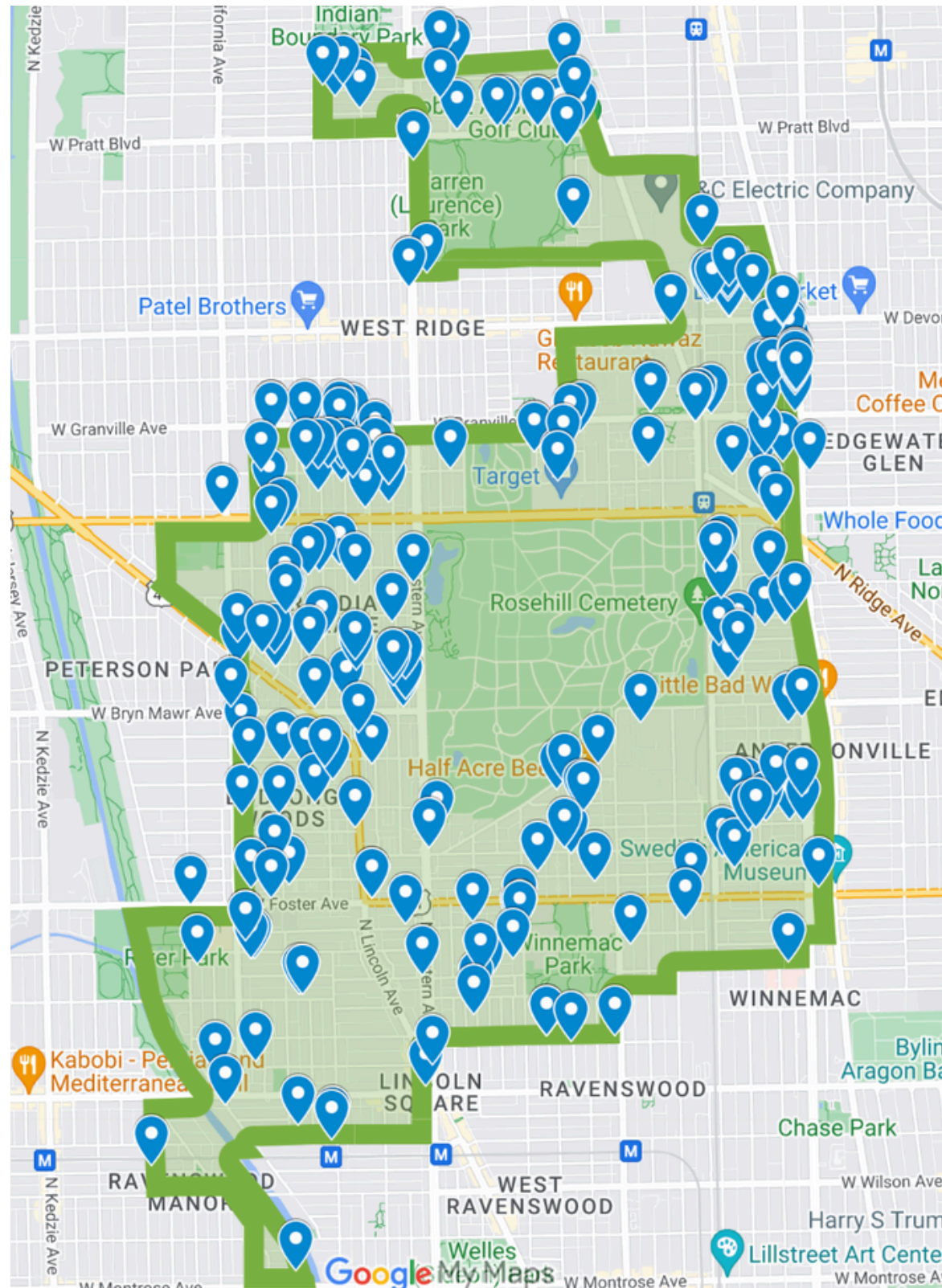
- **Report a tree emergency:**
  - A visible split in the tree branch;
  - A tree visibly uprooted from the ground
- **Urgent but not emergency issues:**
  - Branches hitting the roof of your building
  - Low hanging branches on a street or sidewalk.

**For tree emergencies, submit photos and locations to [40thward.org/contact](https://40thward.org/contact)**

# Pothole Patrol

2x a year, the 40th Ward office conducts Pothole Patrol!

- We drive every street in the ward and report every pothole we see to 311. Then, we send a spreadsheet and a map of all of those requests to CDOT to expedite patching.
- We also survey for any streets that may need to be resurfaced as part of our Menu residential street resurfacing program.



*Potholes we reported in 2024!*

To report potholes, submit photos and locations to [311.chicago.gov](https://311.chicago.gov)

# Sewers and Street Flooding



Does your storm drain spark joy?



If not, declutter your storm drain.



Take a step back to admire your storm drain.



Thank your storm drain for all it does for you.

## If your street experiences flooding:

- Remove debris from your drain
- If the sewer still isn't draining water properly, submit a Sewer Cleaning Inspection Request through 311!
- Rain blockers limit water intake during heavy rainfall to avoid sewage backup in basements, so streets may flood for 24-48 hours after a rain. **If water is on the street more than 24 hours after the rain has stopped, file a Water on the Street Complaint!**

**Report flooding or sewer cleaning requests to [311.chicago.gov](https://311.chicago.gov)**

*\*Shout out to Craig for the graphic!*

# Curbstoning



## In 2025, we're tackling curbstoning!

- “Curbstoning” is the practice of illegally selling cars without a dealer’s license on the street, which takes up parking spots that would ordinarily be used for residents.
- Ald. Vasquez introduced an ordinance that would allow CPD to fine and refer for immediate towing any vehicle on the public way without a license plate matching that vehicle.

To report curbstoning, submit photos and locations to [40thward.org/contact](https://40thward.org/contact)

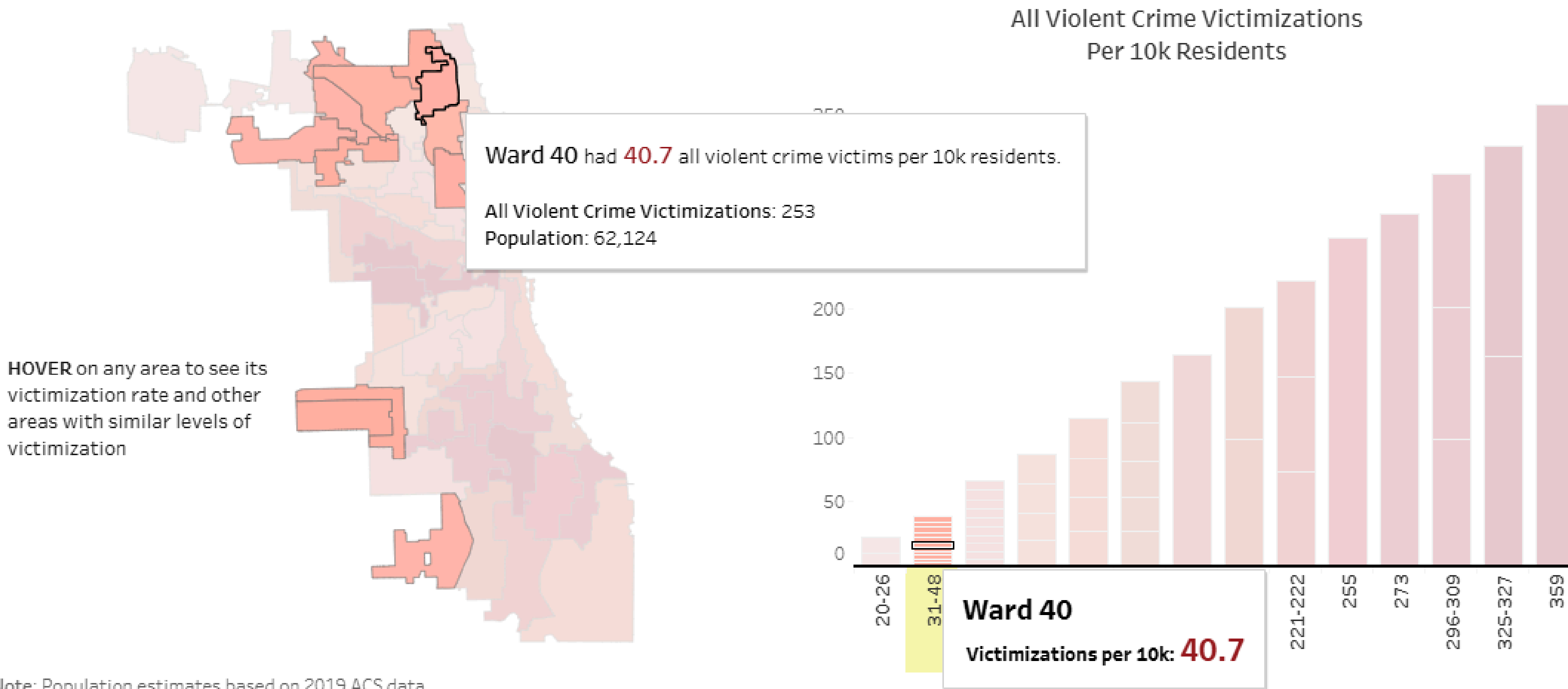


# Community Safety

# 40th Ward was in the Top 10 Safest Wards in 2024!

## All Violent Crime Victimization Per 10,000 Residents by Ward, January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

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.



# Violent Crime in the 40th Ward

## 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 types of crime.*

	2023	2024	% Change
Homicide Victimizations	2	2	0.0%
Fatal Shooting Victimizations	1	1	0.0%
Non-Shooting Homicide Victimizations	1	1	0.0%
All Shooting Victimizations	12	8	-33.3%
Fatal Shooting Victimizations	1	1	0.0%
Non-Fatal Shooting Victimizations	11	7	-36.4%
Criminal Sexual Assault Victimizations	24	16	-33.3%
Robbery Victimizations	79	107	+35.4%
Vehicular Hijacking Victimizations	11	6	-45.5%
Aggravated Battery Victimizations	54	45	-16.7%
Aggravated Assault Victimizations	82	70	-14.6%
Human Trafficking Victimizations	0	0	
All Violent Crime Victimizations	263	253	-3.8%
Multi-Victim Shooting Incidents	1	1	0.0%
ShotSpotter Alerts	0	0	

**Violent crime decreased by ~4% in 2024!**

*Robberies were up overall, but decreased in the second half of 2024.*

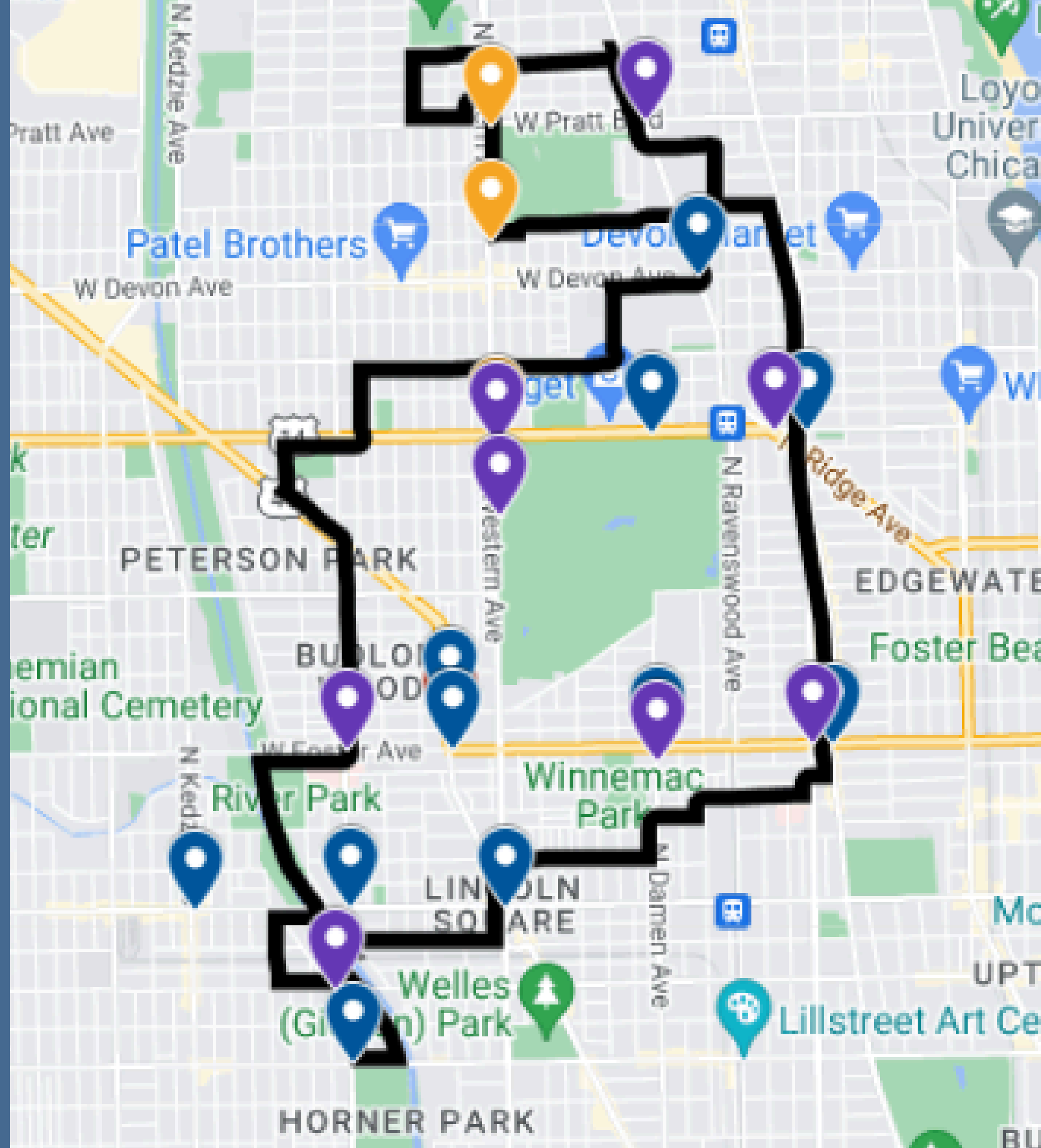




# What does our office do?

- **Communicate with the CPD**
  - Regular check-ins with police districts and immediate real-time communication with district commanders when incidents occur.
- **Keep 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
- **City-wide CPD Staffing Level Study**, to ensure that CPD is maximizing its resources and effectiveness.
- **Increase Safe Streets Infrastructure**, e.g. License Plate Readers and Speed Cameras, as well as other safe streets infrastructure

# PUBLIC SAFETY



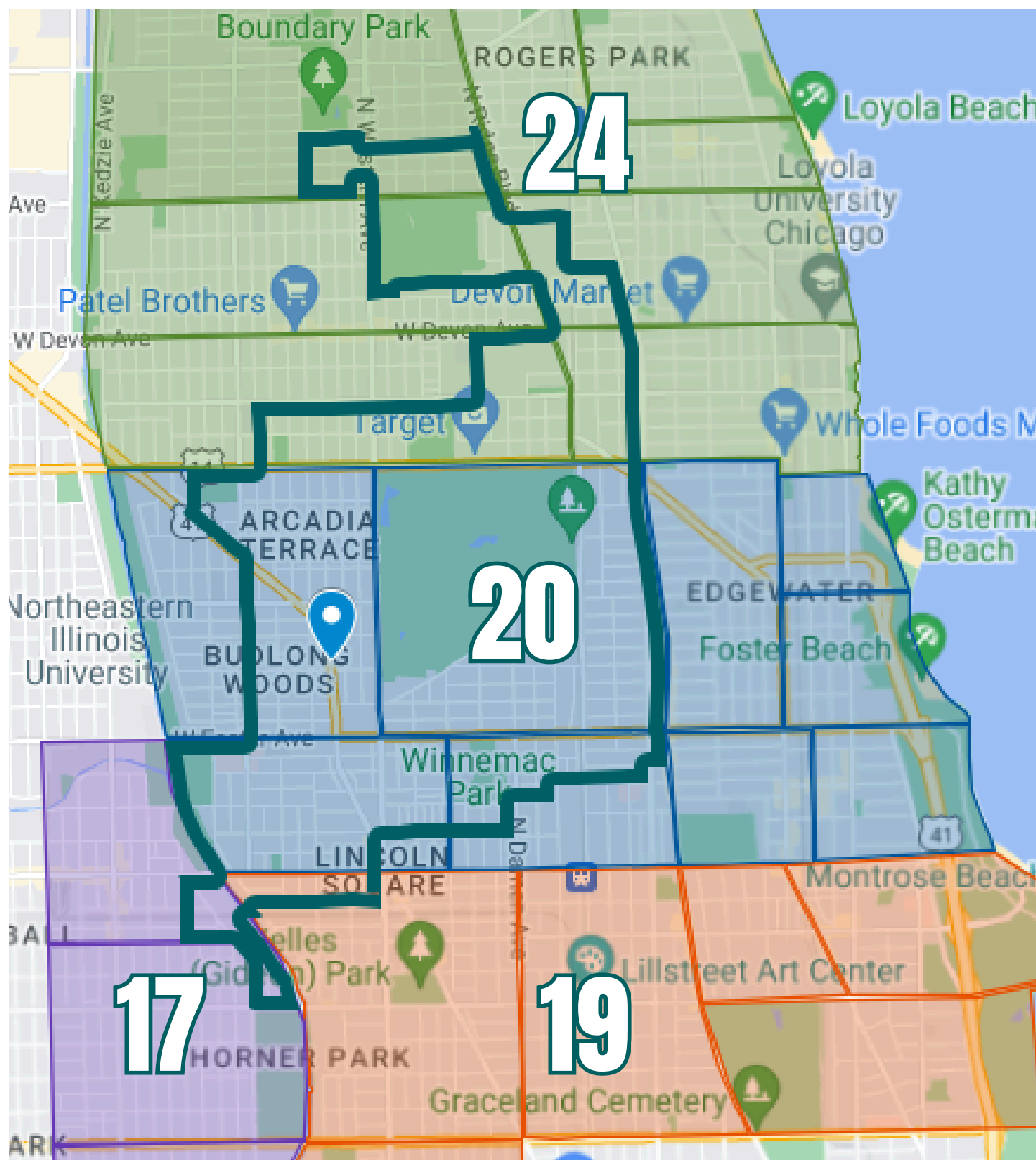
## License Plate Readers (LPRs)

- Lawrence & Western
- Foster & Damen
- Peterson & Damen
- Devon & Ridge
- Lawrence & California Ave
- Peterson Ave & Clark Ave
- Lawrence & Kedzie
- Montrose & California
- Foster & Clark
- Western & Pratt
- Peterson & Western
- Catalpa & Lincoln (POD + LPR)

## Speed Cameras

- Damen & Foster (pending!)
- Ashland & Foster (requested)
- Peterson & Western (requested)
- Peterson & Ridge (requested)
- Western near West Ridge (requested)
- Wilson & Manor (requested)
- Ridge & Pratt (requested)
- Foster & California (requested)

# How to Get Involved



- **File a police report!** If you are witness to a crime, 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 that have been verified by CPD.
- **Go to your local CCPSA and/or CAPS meeting.** CAPS is run by CPD and focused on data and trends, and CCPSA is run by elected District Councilors and focused on community crime prevention.

Learn more at [40thward.org/safety](https://40thward.org/safety)

# 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 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
- **Meets 2nd Sunday of the Month**

## **17th District**

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- **District Councilors:**
  - Beth Rochford
  - Anthony Tamez
- **Meeting date varies monthly**

## **19th District**

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



**Development  
+  
Infrastructure**



## 2024 Transit Projects

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- **Peterson Ridge Metra Station**
  - completed in May 2024!
  - Average of 470 estimated weekday riders in October 2024, a 55% increase since the station opened!



## 2024 Street Improvement Projects

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- **2 Major Streetscapes**
  - Lawrence Streetscape
  - Phase 1 of Lincoln Ave Streetscape
- **4 Arterial Resurfacing Projects**
  - Western from Foster to Leland
  - Damen from Argyle to Farragut
  - Bryn Mawr from Virginia to Lincoln
  - California from Peterson to Winona



## 2024 Traffic Safety Projects

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- **Leland Greenway**
  - completed in December 2024!
- **Winnemac Greenway**
  - completed in Spring 2024
- **Lincoln Avenue Protected Bike Lanes**
  - Phase 1 completed in Fall 2024
- **Damen Avenue AR**
  - Bumpouts
  - Raised intersections coming in 2025!
- **Western Avenue AR**
  - Bumpouts
  - Pedestrian islands coming in 2025!

**Chicago has seen a 27% decrease in traffic fatalities since 2021, compared to only 5% nationally**





## 2024 Park Projects

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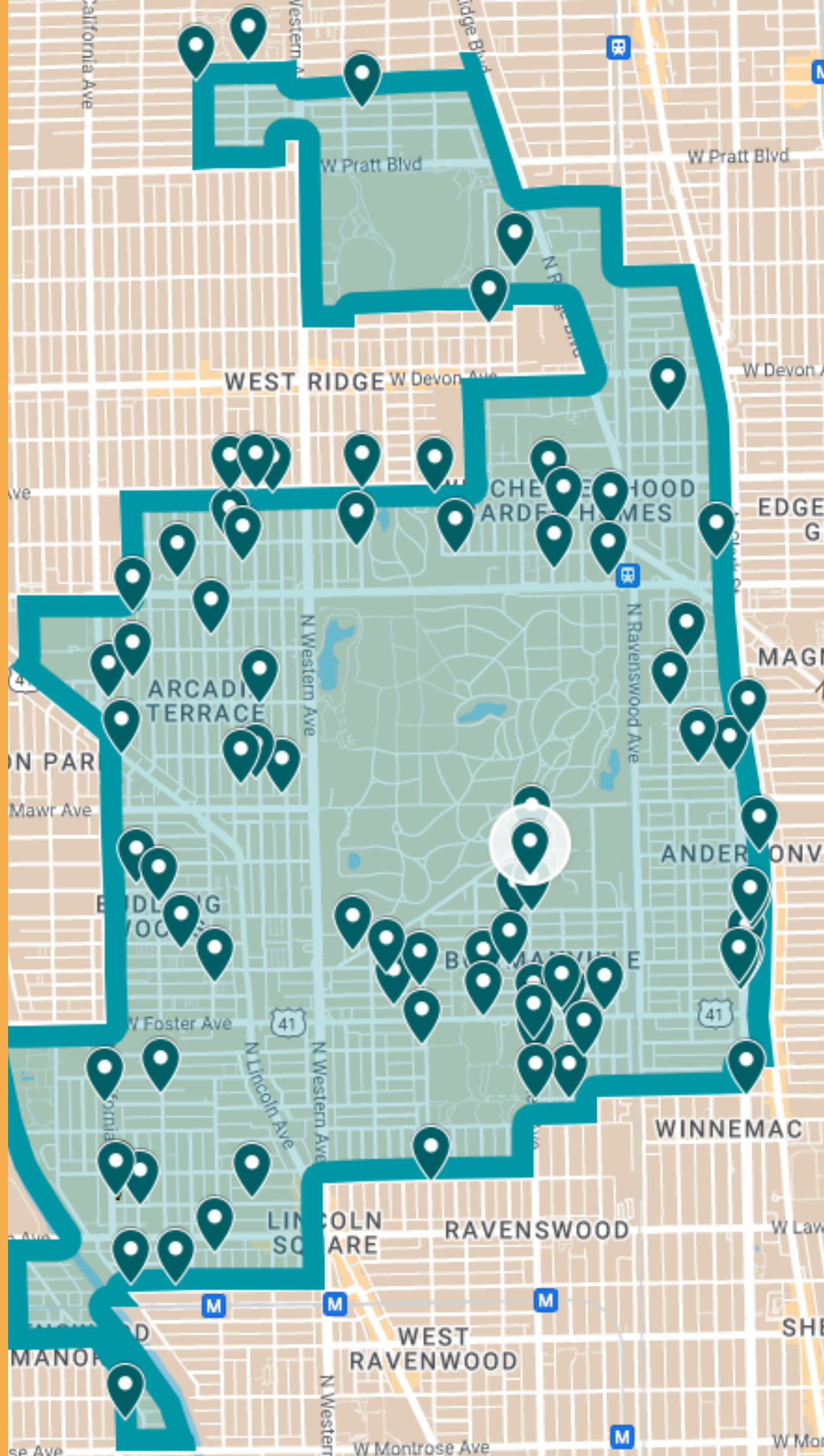
- **Park 599**
  - Chicago's newest park opened in Summer 2024!
- **Winnemac Park**
  - Newly renovated tennis and pickleball courts
  - New turf field to be completed in 2025!
- **Emmerson Park**
  - New workout equipment
  - Newly renovated tennis courts
- **Green Briar Park**
  - Newly renovated tennis courts and basketball courts



## 2024 Housing Projects

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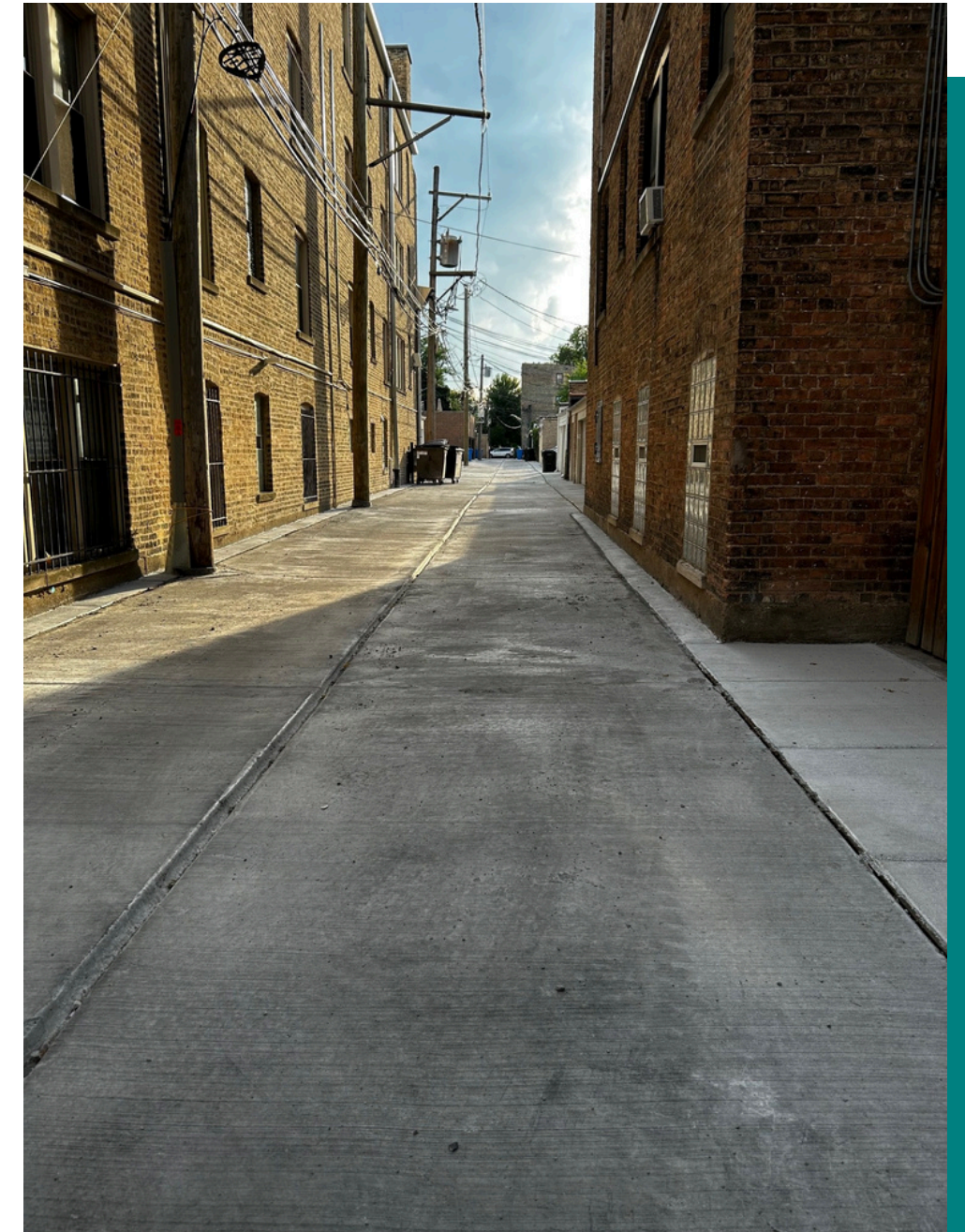
- **The Haven on Lincoln**
  - broke ground on the city's first stabilization housing pilot at the former Diplomat Motel!



# 2024 Menu Improvements

- 13 Alley Projects
- 20 Sidewalk and Curb and Gutter Repairs
- 13 Residential Street Resurfacings
- 17 Pedestrian Safety Projects
- And more!

To learn more, visit [40thward.org/development](https://40thward.org/development)



# Submit a Menu Repair Request!

Please select what you'd like to improve / repair : \*

- Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure
- Bike Infrastructure
- Street
- Alley
- Sidewalk / Curb + Gutter
- Street Lights / Traffic Signals
- Parks
- Schools
- Ward Beautification

Select the type of project you are proposing : \*

If you don't see the type of project you'd like to propose, please select 'OTHER.'

- Sidewalk Repair
- New Sidewalk Installation
- Curb + Gutter Repair

Attachments / Pictures

Pictures are REQUIRED for any project to be approved. Please include as many pictures as needed. Please do not submit the form unless photos are attached.

If there is a reason you are unable to take photos, you can submit this form without pictures, and Ward Staff will reach out + coordinate with you accordingly.

Is your project for infrastructure within the 40th Ward?

Check the box below if your project is for infrastructure within the 40th Ward. Only projects within the 40th Ward will be considered.

You can check if an address is in the 40th Ward here : [https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/iframe/lookup\\_ward\\_and\\_alderman.html](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/iframe/lookup_ward_and_alderman.html) .

Street Number Range \*

If the address is 5606-5620 N Western Ave, the Street Number Range would be : 5606-5620.

Street Name \*

If your address is 5620 N Western Ave, the Street Name would be : N WESTERN AVENUE.

+ Please write out the street type (Avenue, Street, Circle) fully.  
+ Don't forget the cardinal direction (N, S, E, W)!

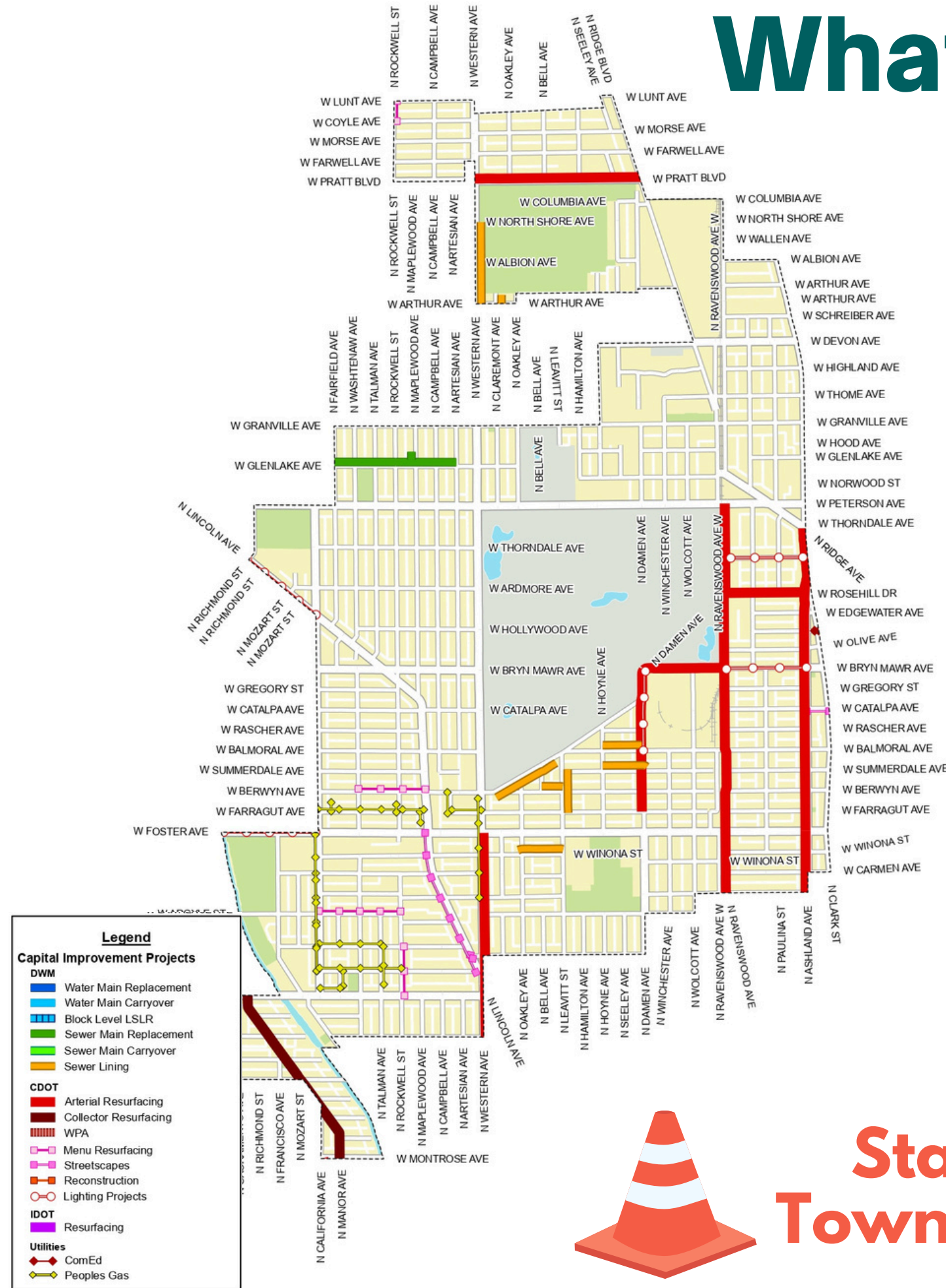
Which Side of the Street is your project for? \*

- Both Sides of Street
- North
- South

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



# What's Coming Up in 2025?



- **3 Arterial Resurfacing Projects**

- Ashland Avenue
- Ravenswood Avenue
- Pratt Boulevard

- **2 Major Streetscape Projects**

- Lincoln Ave North
- Elise Malary Plaza

- **2 Utility Improvement Projects**

- People's Gas Line Restoration
- DWM Sewer Main Replacement

- **4 Traffic Safety Projects**

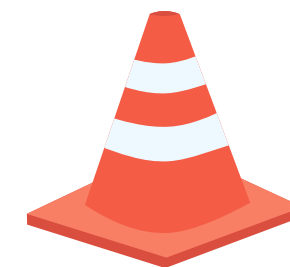
- Granville Traffic Safety
- Berwyn Bikeway Extension
- Protected Bike Lanes on Lincoln and Pratt

- **2 Parks Projects**

- Warren Park Improvement Project
- Completion of Winnemac Park Turf Field



Stay Tuned for our Q2  
Town Hall for more details!



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

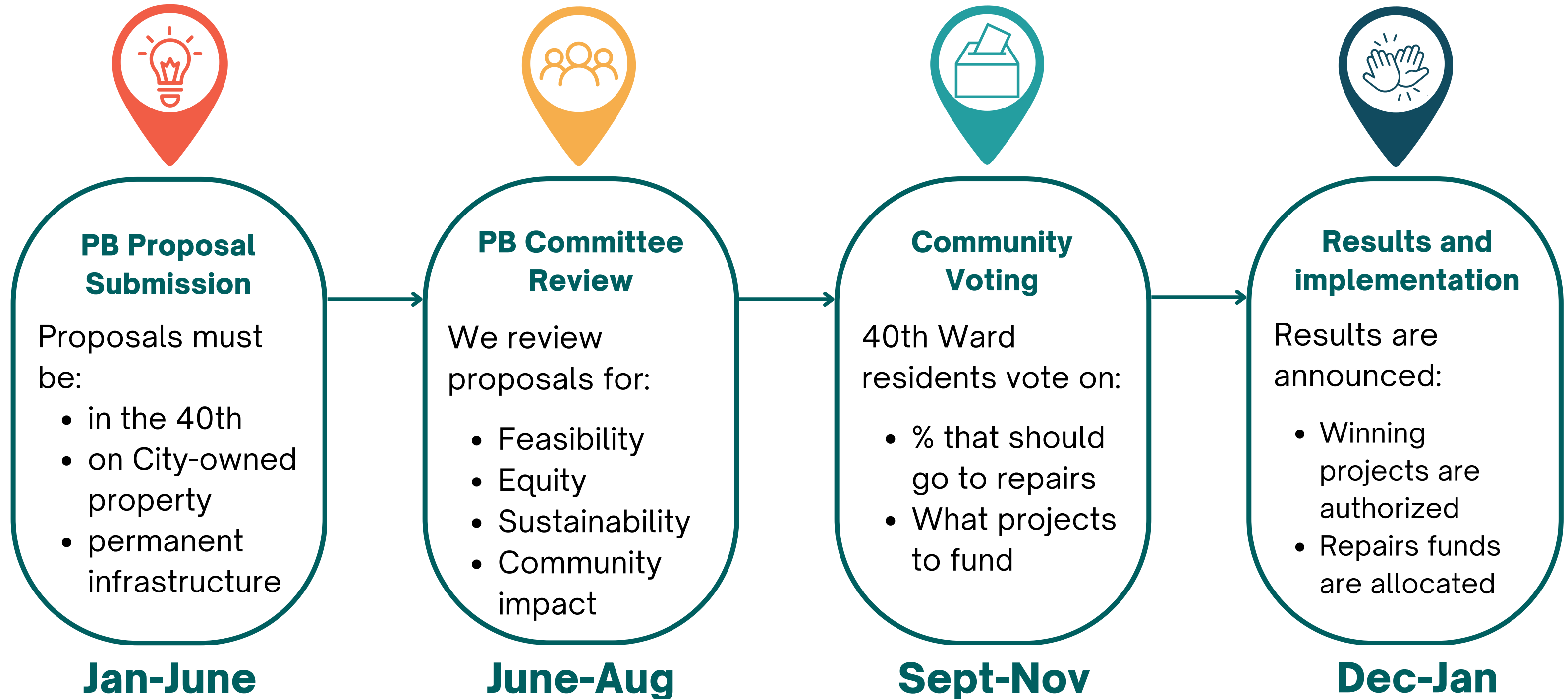
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# Community Engagement



# 40th Ward People's Budget

40th Ward Residents 14+ vote on how to spend \$1M of 40th Ward funds!



# 2025 People's Budget Results!



- Ballots cast: 2,120
- Repairs: 62% (\$620,000)
- Projects: 38% (\$380,000)
- Chosen Projects
  - 1st Place: Mather Park Benches and Pathways
  - 2nd Place: Berwyn and Western Pedestrian Crossing Signal
  - 3rd Place: Budlong Woods Library Butterfly Garden



# Submit a People's Budget Proposal!

Please select what you'd like to improve / repair : \*

- Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure
- Bike Infrastructure
- Street
- Street Lights / Traffic Signals
- Parks
- Schools
- Ward Beautification

Select the type of project you are proposing : \*

- Median Landscaping
- Viaduct Improvement
- Tree Planting
- Mural / Public Art
- Community Garden
- Other Ward Beautification

Please explain your project : \*

**\*\*Please only describe 1 project.\*\***  
If there are multiple projects you'd like to submit, please fill out the form one time for each project.

Please explain your project proposal and how it would impact the community. For inspiration, check out our PB proposal rubric at [40thward.org/PBproposals](https://40thward.org/PBproposals). Please describe your project in as much detail as possible. Ward office staff will follow up if further information is needed.

To learn more:  
[40thward.org/PB](https://40thward.org/PB)



# Neighbor Network

From our Front Desk Crew to the intrepid Shovel Squad, we bring neighbors together to offer help and support—that's how we **Build Community** in the 40th Ward.



- 60+ volunteer meet-ups
- 16 flyering shifts
- 60 shovel squad members
- 5 volunteer clean-ups
- Weekly front desk shifts!

# Volunteer with the Neighbor Network!

Want to get involved? There are a ton of ways to volunteer to support your neighbors and help us **Build Community** in the 40th Ward.



## Volunteer Opportunities

- Front Desk
- Shovel Squad
- Neighborhood Clean-up
- Flyering Crew
- Event Tabling
- Safe Streets Board
- Environmental Board
- People's Budget Committee

Apply to volunteer at [40thward.org/volunteer](https://40thward.org/volunteer)

# Out in the Community

Gathering together to support our neighbors and improve our neighborhoods is one of the ways we **Build Community** in the 40th Ward!



- Weekly Ward Nights
- Quarterly Town Halls
- 1 Vaccine Clinic
- 2 Biannual Shred Events
- 4 Senior Thanksgiving Meals and Turkey Giveaway
- 5 Park and Neighborhood Cleanups
- 6 Property Tax Appeal Workshops
- Block Club Visits
- Ward Survey Fridays (Outdoor Office + Senior Office Hours)

**Save the Date: Shred Event**  
**April 19th, 11:30am-2pm**



# City Council

# What We've Done

## Housing

Bridge Housing Pilot, Western Avenue Proactive Rezone

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## Public Transportation

CTA Quarterly Reporting, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study

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## Safe Streets

Automated Camera Bike Lane Enforcement

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## LGBTQIA+ Representation

Gender Identity Ordinance, Elise Malary Plaza Naming

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## Modernizing Government

Re-established the Department of Information Technology, 311 Improvements

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## Environmental Justice

Re-Establishing the Department of Environment, Fossil Fuel Divestment & Litigation

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## Good Government

Budget Accountability Measures, Campaign Finance Amendments for Mayor/Mayoral Candidates

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# What's Next

Housing	Preservation Ordinance, Bridge Housing Pilot, Extreme Weather Response Improvement, Green Social Housing, Citywide ADU
Accessibility	Language Access Ordinance, Improving Disabled Parking
LGBTQIA+ Representation	Hire Trans Now, LGBT Business Study
Safe Streets + Transit	Expand Smart Streets Pilot, Expand Speed Cameras, BRT Study, Transit Agency Merger, Speed Limit Reduction, Curbstoning
Modernizing Government	311 Improvements, Tree Trim Portal
Environmental Justice	Congestion Pricing, Native Planting Pilot, Cumulative Impact Implementation
Good Government	Budget Accountability, Independent Departmental Audit, CPD Workforce Allocation Study, CPS Quarterly Hearings

# Committee on Immigrant & Refugee Rights (CIRR)



## What We've Done

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- Created a website to track new arrivals
- Passed legislation to track shelter evictions
- Held donation drives and coordinated with Mutual Aid to support new arrivals
- Created database of immigrant and refugee resources for immigrants and service providers
- Know Your Rights events, TPS Clinics, and City Key events for new arrivals

## What's Coming Up

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- Monthly trainings for immigrants and refugees to understand their rights
- Weekly immigration briefings to understand the impact of the administration's executive orders and policies
- Street Vendor & Language Access Legislation
- Business Canvasses
- Quartely Committee Hearings

Learn more at [40thward.org/CIRR](https://40thward.org/CIRR)



# Committee on Immigrant & Refugee Rights (CIRR)

## IMMIGRATION BRIEFING

Join the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights for a virtual briefing on the impact of federal actions on Chicago's immigrant and refugee communities

**TUES, FEB 25 @ 1PM**

Register at [bit.ly/CIRRBriefing](https://bit.ly/CIRRBriefing) 



Starting on **Tuesday, February 25th at 1pm**, join the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee rights for **weekly immigration briefings** to understand the impact of federal and legislative actions on Chicago's immigrant and refugee communities.

Register at [bit.ly/CIRRBriefing](https://bit.ly/CIRRBriefing)



**We have achieved so much together...**



**And together, we can do even more!**

**GET INVOLVED!**

# 40th Ward Neighbor "To Do" List

- ✓ Sign up for the Newsletter at [40thward.org](https://40thward.org)
- ✓ Download the Chi311 app
- ✓ Volunteer for the Neighbor Network
- ✓ Follow us on social media
- ✓ Spread the word to at least one neighbor!



# ANDRE VASQUEZ

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## Contact Us

Accessible. Transparent.  
Accountable.



## Office Hours:

Monday: 10am-5pm\*

Tuesday: 10am-5pm

Wednesday: 10am-5pm

Thursday: 10am-5pm

Friday: Out in the Ward!

Phone/email only

*\*Join us for Ward Night every  
Monday 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