



Chicago's
43rd Ward

NEWSLETTER



Mother's Day is May 9th

April 30, 2010

Dear Friends,

This week-end is one of the busiest moving days of the year. My office offers "No Parking - Residential Move" signs for people moving in or out of the area. Due to the large number of movers this week-end, I would like to ask your help by honoring the signs. Allowing moving trucks space to park along the curbline will help keep traffic moving throughout the neighborhood this busy week-end.

*Whether you are moving or not, it's a good time to clear out some of those old items that are not meant for the regular trash garbage or recycling. Tomorrow morning from 9AM to Noon we will have a **Shredding Day** to destroy your personal documents that are no longer necessary. Each resident can bring up to three bags of paper for shredding to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.*

News Around the Ward

Garages and Zoning

In the past, most garages did not go as far as the property line and SUV's were not the norm. Things have changed but the Zoning Code did not reflect the changes. When there is a standard 16 foot alley residents can build a garage to the property line. If an alley is not standard, the permissible building line is eight feet from center. Many residents have found that once a new garage is built across from them they have a great deal of difficulty accessing their own garage.

In reviewing the situation, it became apparent that the only option was to require a setback for new garages. In order to preserve rear yard space, the setback that I introduced will be only two feet for garages. This will strike a balance between providing sufficient alley space and maintaining a rear yard.

The amendment to the Zoning Code that I sponsored was passed by committee on April 22nd and is expected to be ratified by the City Council at the May 12th meeting.