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Dear Community Stakeholder:

As you know, the Hyde Park community has partnered with the City of Chicago and the University of Chicago in recent years to plan for a vibrant, healthy 53rd Street corridor. That process began with visioning workshops several years ago, and the results can be seen in the new commercial, retail and entertainment amenities springing up on and around 53rd Street.

I would like to invite you to help us consider the next chapter by participating in a community workshop on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Nichols Park Field House, 1355 E. 53rd Street. A continental breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., after which we will begin our meeting, with a brief general update on 53rd Street before we move into smaller, interactive discussion groups. The workshop will end promptly at noon.

At this community workshop, we will renew our focus on gathering places and activities in the district, including streets, sidewalks, parks, buildings, and other public spaces that are integral components of a successful streetscape. We will also review the planning goals established by the community (see attached) for other portions of the corridor, including the Mobil gas station site, and think about how we can work together to sustain and maintain these investments long-term.

Please invite your neighbors and members of your organization to this important meeting. I have asked representatives from the University of Chicago, the City's Department of Housing and Economic Development, and the Chicago Park District to participate and help facilitate the discussion.

We look forward to your attendance and participation at this important community workshop. Please contact my office at (773) 536-8103 should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

William D. Burns
Alderman, 4th Ward

SAVE THE DATE: April 21, 2012



53rd Street Visioning Workshop

4th Ward Alderman Will Burns and Community Stakeholders cordially invite you to attend the 53rd Street Visioning Workshop to discuss the redevelopment of 53rd Street.

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012

Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Nichols Park Field House
1365 E. 53rd Street

RSVP By: April 13, 2012

Register at www.53rdstreetvisioningworkshop.eventbrite.com

Workshop topics include:

- An update on 53rd Street
- Obtain feedback from the community regarding plans for the Mobil Station and former McDonalds site
- Enhance access and use of Nichols Park and increase connectivity between 53rd Street and University of Chicago campus
- Explore ideas to continue ongoing marketing of 53rd Street as the main commercial corridor in Hyde Park



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