



South Shore Chamber, Inc./SSA #42

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Headed in a New Direction!

SSA #42 is proud to recreate its Newsletter to keep all its vendors and retailers aware and conscious about the events and resources that are available through the SSA, as well as South Shore Chamber, Inc. South Shore Chamber is under a new direction with Teyonda Wertz as the Executive Director, Allyson Scrutchens as the SSA Program Manager, and Ciera Whitaker as the Office Manager. This staff is dedicated to the continued improvement and business success in South Shore. This quarterly newsletter will ensure that all retailers and residents are aware of matters pertaining to the South Shore community and the SSA. SSA #42 is dedicated to the enhancement of the 71st/ Stony Island business corridor by assessing and assuring that the needs of the business owners and their clientele are being met on a daily basis. We look forward to building a stronger relationship with the goal of continued business growth in South Shore.

South Shore Chamber was awarded a grant through the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) that allowed residents of the South Shore community to become certified docents in their own community. These residents will be able to give tours of the neighborhood they appreciate, value, and reside in. The Chamber appreciates CAF and all their hard work to help us continue to improve our community. The tours will be given through South Shore Chamber, Inc. and the first one will begin at South Shore's first annual Summer Festival on August 20, 2011. They will be leaving from 1813 E. 71st Street, South Shore's new Tourism Center.

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South Shore Community residents who are now certified Docents through the Chicago Architecture Foundation

SOUTH SHORE'S ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL



Residents and retailers of the South Shore community may be familiar with South Shore Chamber's annual sidewalk sale so this year the Chamber is going to bring you South Shore's first annual Summer Festival! This will be the first festival to come to the South Shore Community, but surely will not be the last!

There will be a community meeting with residents and 8th Ward Alderman Michelle Harris on August 4th, 2011 at 6:30 pm in Woodhull Park. The pre-festival community meeting will discuss temporary inconveniences and the needs and concerns of the residents that will be affected.

The festival will take place on Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 10am-8pm. It will be opened by South Shore's own South Shore Drill Team and include performances from artist such as The Stylistics, Maggie Brown, Kim Stratton, Universal Alley Jazz Jam, and Full Circle. There will be a variety of activities for children provided by Chicago Park District from 11am-3pm. The location of the festival is on 73rd Street from Stony Island to Constance Avenue. All volunteers who would like to participate are welcomed. This will be an event that you don't want to miss!

The goal of the festival is to bring more foot traffic to the South Shore Community, as well as welcome other retailers and vendors to this jewel that we have on the Southside. We are expecting more than 10,000 residents and vendors. All SSA vendors who would like to participate will only have to pay a \$50.00 participation fee and the Chamber will provide tents, tables, and chairs. We encourage South Shore vendors to take advantage of this opportunity to market and advertise their businesses. For more information visit our website: Southshorechamberinc.org/summerfestival2011.



SENATOR KWAME RAOUL VISITS THE CHAMBER

Senator Kwame Raoul visited South Shore Chamber to discuss the needs and wants of the community. Residents, retailers, and activists were able to speak to the Senator on a variety of matters that they believe affect their community.

The senator was very interested in hearing and discussing the needs and wants of the community from its valued members. The discussion was significant and important to the Senator as well as the community.



South Shore Chamber President, Gloria Pittman (Left), Senator Kwame Raoul (Middle), South Shore Chamber Executive Director, Teyonda Wertz (Right)

Building Stronger Businesses, Building Stronger Communities

Alderman Hairston has developed “Building Stronger Businesses, Building Stronger Communities” in her effort to assess the needs and wants of the business owners. This monthly business meeting is open to the public and Alderman Hairston encourages all business owners to attend. External and internal challenges to having a business in the South Shore community are discussed, as well as available resources to help the businesses in the community. Alderman Hairston also has developed an Economic Development Committee for the 5th Ward. This committee will be focusing on a variety of challenges and the development of solutions, but it is also the collective efforts of all the community members that are needed. The next Building Stronger Businesses, Building Stronger Communities meeting is September 20th at 11 am; Business owners please attend, it is for the benefit of you and your business.



South Shore Chamber members, business owners, and residents attending the monthly chamber meeting. June’s topic was the economic changes that will be occurring in South Shore until 2040. Chamber meetings are held every fourth Wednesday.

“KEEP SOUTH SHORE BEAUTIFUL”

South Shore Chamber and SSA #42 has been awarded a cigarette butt litter prevention grant through Keep America Beautiful. The goal of the program is to bring awareness to the littering of cigarette butts and how it affects our community. There was a count taken of cigarette butts on 71st and Jeffery and the results showed 305 cigarette butts on those four corners alone. South Shore Chamber will be placing ash receptacles strategically throughout the South Shore Community and bring awareness through PSA's and a taskforce. There will also be a cigarette butt litter prevention “kick-off” in August.



71ST STREET ART DISPLAY PROGRAM

South Shore Chamber, SSA #42, and Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) have partnered to bring the 71st Street Vacant Art Program. This program will showcase South Shore and worldwide artist in the windows of our vacant buildings. It will bring culture and diversity to our South Shore community that will open the door to success for many young men and women. The art will be available for viewing on August 20th. So feel free to take a stroll down 71st this summer to view an abundance of beautiful and unique art displays.



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SAP SSA #42 Security Patrol Increase!

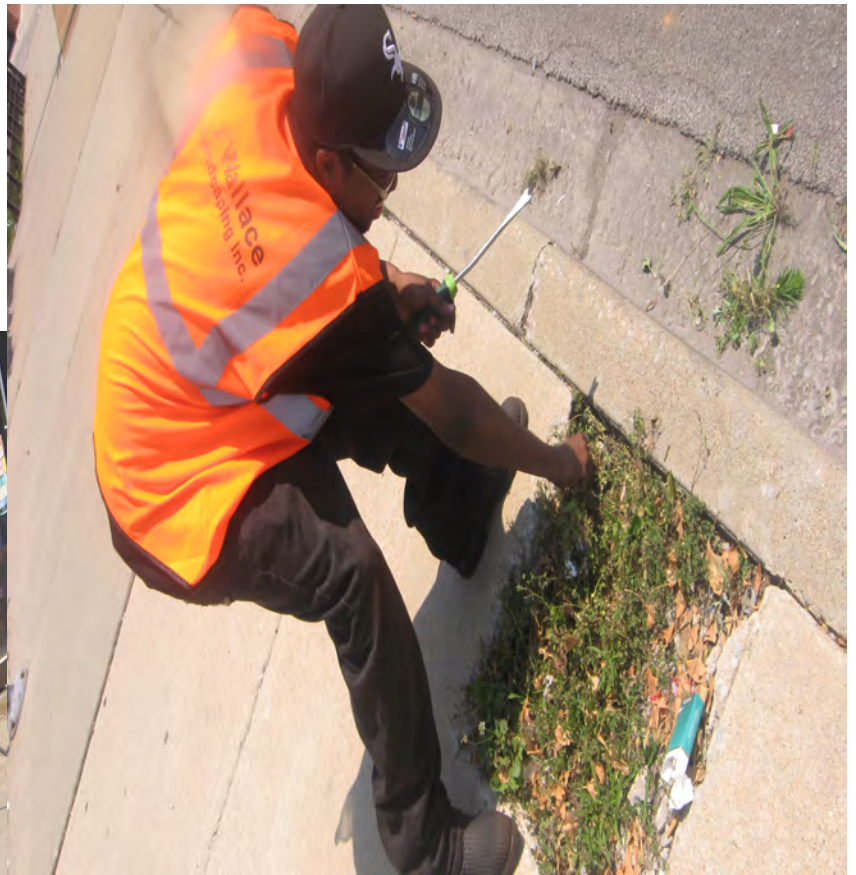
SSA #42 has increased the security patrol for the 71st/Stony Island Corridor. This includes more security for the high foot traffic areas including: 71st and Stony Island, 71st and Jeffery, 71st and Paxton, on 71st Street between Chappel and Clyde, and on 71st Street between Cornell and Ridgeland. These are high solicitors and loitering areas. The security patrol will be able to make arrest.

There has also been an increase in Chicago Police patrolling through the CAPS Missions. Missions officers will patrol high traffic/high crime areas on a regular basis throughout the day with expectations of continuing to deter criminal activity. Our goal is make the 71st/ Stony Island Corridor a beautiful and safe experience.

5TH WARD WINDOW SIGNAGE ORDINANCE

South Shore Chamber is in the process of implementing a window signage ordinance. With the recommendation from Alderman Hairston, the window signage ordinance will eliminate all the signage and clutter from the windows of our businesses. 5th Ward business will only be able to cover 15 % of their windows with signage. The goal is to create a more vibrant, safer, and welcoming business districts. Consumers are unable to view your merchandise if your windows are covered with signage. Market the inside of your store and welcome them in. More information on the window signage ordinance coming soon!

SSA Power Washing has begun! Cleanstreet is power washing all SSA businesses store fronts to ensure they are clean of all debris, gum, and dirt.



SSA Landscaping for 2011 is being provided by O'Wallace Landscaping, who has been a member since 2009. They have done a great job at revitalizing our "green" areas in the SSA.

DISTINCTLY SOUTH SHORE

Black United Fund of Illinois



5th Ward Alderman Leslie Hairston
South Shore Chamber, Inc., SSA#42

Look for the new spring banners that will be up August 20th! The SSA has designed the new spring banners with the distinct monuments and landmarks of the South Shore Community. Most Banners will highlight businesses that are within the SSA boundaries. They depict what really is “Distinctly South Shore.”



Governor Pat Quinn and Illinois Violence Prevention Authority (IVPA) has implemented a \$50 million dollar Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI) that has been implemented in 20 communities throughout the Chicagoland area. The goal of the NRI program is to create jobs and training for youth, adults, and professionals in our urban communities and provide a range of community based services that will be available for all age groups. Governor Quinn explained that protecting our youth and adults by providing more job and education opportunities is key while in the process of deterring crime in our urban areas.

South Shore Chamber will be administering the NRI through the Parent Leadership program. The Chamber will be providing employment for 50 parents in the South Shore community. It is only temporary employment, but it will help enhance the leadership skills of our South Shore parents. It is a great opportunity for the residents of South Shore and we look forward to increasing awareness to their role as parent leaders.

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NRI ELECTED OFFICIALS DAY

South Shore Chamber hosted Elected Officials Day and provided the 50 parents of the NRI the opportunity to meet the elected officials of the South Shore community. Representatives from 5th Ward Alderman Leslie Hairston, 7th Ward Alderman Sandi Jackson, Senator Kwame Raoul, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., 10th Ward Alderman John Pope, and 3rd District Commander Fletcher himself. It was a great outcome and memorable moment for the NRI parents, as well as South Shore Chamber.

3rd District Caps has implemented Missions for the South Shore Community. More foot patrol accompanied by citations for all peddlers, dealers, loiters, solicitors, and even the consumers! The crime and violence has to stop and CAPS is doing their part to help change South Shore. 3rd District Commander Fletcher (left) addressing missions and other crime deterrence's for the South Shore community on Elected Officials day.



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Visit us at
Southshorechamberinc.org

*SSA SPOTLIGHT BUSINESS:
DREAM SPOT'S LEASING*

Dream Spot's is making its mark in the South Shore Community! Recently celebrating their one year anniversary on 07/16/2011.

Dream Spot's is a free apartment finding service that has something for everyone. With a great team of professional agents that can find your next apartment a smooth and comfortable transition. Visit them at 2116 E. 71st Street or call 773-633-2369.

SAVE THE DATE: STAY INVOLVED IN THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY!

- August 16th: Movies in the Park: The Karate Kid 2
Movie begins at dusk, Hoard Park
- August 20th: South Shore Summer Festival 10am-8pm, 73rd Street Stony Island-Ridgeland
- August 20th: Book Bag Give-Away & Picnic 10am-3pm, Coles Elementary 8441 S. Yates.
- August 23rd: Alderman Hairston Monthly Ward meeting 6pm-8pm, Gary Comer College Prep 7131 S. South Chicago Ave.
- August 28th: 5th Ward Back to School Picnic 11am-4pm, 63rd Street Beach
- August 31st: South Shore Chamber Monthly Meeting 6pm-8pm, 1750 E. 71st Street
- September 10th: Community Clean-up Part 2 11am-2pm, 7262 S. Coles Ave.
- September 10th: Alderman Harris Back to School Parade 8539 S. Cottage Groove
- September 11th: Chicago Half Marathon 7am, Jackson Park
- October 5th: 7th Ward Sandi Jackson Community Resource Meeting 6pm-8pm, 2338 E. 99th



Owner, Perdue Carter celebrating the One Year Anniversary of Dream Spot's Leasing