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Dear John,

We hope you notice and enjoy the changes we are making in our email communications. Please [let us know](#) what you think of our new Triangle Tales newsletter format.

Don't forget to vote in the City of Chicago elections!

John

Calendar

- [February 27th \(Tues\)](#)

City of Chicago Elections

Triangle Neighbor residents vote at one of two main polling locations, depending on your address:

Hattie Calner Apts
 855 W Aldine (1st Floor)
 (if Roscoe or south)

OR

Lake View Lutheran Church
 835 W Addison (1st Floor)
 (if Newport or north)

- [March 14th \(Wed\)](#)

Triangle Neighbors' Meeting

We'll be in the building phase of the Park - reviewing architectural drawings & plans. Join us at 7PM at the LVCC Offices, at 867 W Buckingham,

CTA Service Reductions - April 2007

The \$530 Million [Brown Line expansion](#) project will hit home for Triangle Residents this upcoming April 2007 when new service reductions take effect. The goal of the Brown Line project is to lengthen the platforms to accommodate longer (8-car) trains, to make the stations handicap accessible, and to modernize the stations with more conveniences for everyone. However, the impact for the next two years will be a dramatic increase in rush hour commuting times. Some say commuting times could double coming home from the loop.

All Northbound trains (Brown, Purple, and Red) will share one set of tracks and one side of the platform at both Fullerton and Belmont stations during the next construction phase. Eventually, the Southbound customers will also have a platform change. As such, the CTA announced they will be reducing the number of trains in service during peak, evening hours. Two new stations will also be closed - Diversey and Southport. LVCC will be distributing postcards addressed to Mayor Daley. Vocalize your top concerns and

lower level.
Meetings typically last one hour.

let him know:

- **March 15th (Thu)**

CTA Meeting on 3-Track

The Belmont and Fullerton tracks will be using 3 tracks instead of 4 beginning April, resulting in longer commutes. The CTA has set up a Q&A Session at Agassiz School,

2851 N Seminary
from 6PM to 8PM.

Important Numbers

LVCC Office (by appointment)
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www.lakeviewcitizens.org

44th Ward Alderman Tom Tunney
(773) 525 6034
www.44thward.org

CUBS Neighborhood Protection
(866) 4 CPD TOW
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- Will you benefit from extra buses along Lake Shore Drive?
- Are you considering driving or getting a car because of bad public transportation options?
- Would you be willing to pay more for better service?
- Are you frustrated by the lack of community involvement in the CTA process?
- Do you think Chairperson Carol Brown and CTA President Frank Kruesi should resign?
- Do you believe your home values will decrease over the next two years as viable public transportation options decrease in our neighborhood?

The CTA has set up a series of community meetings to [answer questions on the 3-track program](#), including one in Lake View at Agassiz School on Thursday, March 15th. We have already expressed our concern that Chairperson Carol Brown has not committed to attending the Lake View meeting that night. We hope you will attend and vocalize your concerns. Join us at Agassiz School, located at 2851 N Seminary from 6PM to 8PM.

New Parking Restrictions and Traffic Signs

New Belmont Rush Hour Parking Restrictions

[Triangle Neighbors](#) has been working with the 44th Ward to ease evening commuter traffic on Belmont.

- Belmont Westbound parking restrictions will be extended one extra hour.
- There will be no parking 4-7PM from Lake Shore Drive to Clark on Belmont (currently 4-6PM)
- There is no change in the morning parking restrictions.
- "Do Not Block the Intersection" signs will be installed at Belmont/Halsted, Belmont/Broadway, and Belmont/Clark for all directions of traffic.
- The 44th Ward hopes to have all these signs installed for opening day at Wrigley (April 9th).

Second, Halsted/Cornelia intersection signage

[Triangle Neighbors](#) and [Belmont Harbor Neighbors](#) honor the memory of Rachel Borders who was tragically killed crossing Halsted at Cornelia in November 2006

- 44th Ward agreed to paint international style crosswalks on Halsted Street at Cornelia.
- They will install "Yield to Pedestrian Within Crosswalk" signs and Pedestrian signs with arrows on either side of the crosswalk.
- Timeline for the above is still to be determined.
- We continue to work with Northalsted Area Merchants Association (NAMA) to install a memorial plaque at the intersection to remember the death of Rachel Borders.

Mark Your Calendars

March 31 - Race to Wrigley 5K Run/Walk

Kick off the 2007 Chicago Cubs season with the second annual Race to Wrigley, proceeds benefiting the Chicago Cubs Charities. The event is limited to 5,000 participants so sign up early if you're interested. The race goes through the streets of Wrigleyville and ends up under the famed marquee at Wrigley Field. Top three fundraisers receive an autographed Cubs jersey.

April 1 -Eggstravaganza 2007

Join the Lake View Chamber of Commerce at their 2nd annual Easter egg hunt. There will be games, prizes, refreshments and even a visit from the Easter Bunny. All the area children and their families are invited to join in the festivities. Sheil Park (3505 N Southport) from 12N to 3PM.

April 2 - New CTA Service Reductions Take Effect

As part of the larger Brown Line project, all northbound 'el' trains (Red, Brown and Purple) will start sharing one track at both Belmont and Fullerton. Expect longer travel times and try alternate routes.

April 9 - Chicago Cubs Home Opener

Cubs home game opener versus Houston Astro's at 1:20PM.

April 28 - Keep Lake View Healthy

LVCC, Illinois Masonic Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital are planning a joint forum to keep Lake View Healthy. Free cholesterol, blood glucose, and blood pressure screenings will be offered. St. Luke's Church (1500 W Belmont) from 9AM to 12N.

July 7-8, 2007 - 6th Annual LVCC Music Fest

This two day tradition combines the finest in Lake View merchants and rising musical talent. Your \$5 donation at the door supports the ongoing programming LVCC offers - including helping out with the Bird Sanctuary, purchasing bikes and other equipment for the Chicago Police Department, and organizing the Tax Reform Action Coalition (TRAC).

July 8, 2007 - Lakeview Garden Walk

Join friends and neighbors on a tour of some of the best front parkways, back yards, and other public spaces dedicated to bringing some color and pride to the neighborhood. A complimentary shuttle bus will take you through the various LVCC participating branches to highlight the best each has to offer. Prizes awarded in multiple categories. Free advance registration for all gardens to be included on the map.

August 11 and 12, 2007 - Northalsted Market Days

Please note the dates as this is not the traditional weekend for the Northalsted Market Days. The two-day event, held each year on Halsted from Belmont to Addison, is one of the largest street festivals in the midwest.

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