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44th Ward Summer 2022 Block Party Package

Thank you for your interest in holding a block party this summer. Neighborhood block parties are a terrific way to strengthen our community through social interaction and enjoy Chicago during the summer. **Requests are filled on a first come first served basis. The block party applicant must volunteer to be a Covid-19 Captain to help communicate safety protocols.** Block party planners must notify neighbors and recommend vaccinations for all who attend. **As before, any new applicants must provide evidence (signatures) that the majority of residents on the block approve of the block party.**

The COVID Captain must sign a COVID-19 safety affirmation form with the permit application that attests they will:

1. recommend vaccinations for all who attend
2. communicate that unvaccinated individuals, including children not eligible for the vaccine, wear masks and maintain social distancing, ensure ready access to hand sanitizer throughout the block party
3. No Jumping Jacks or Bouncy Houses will be permitted.

Enclosed you will find the following forms:

- Application for a permit to hold a block party
- Petition for first-time block parties

If this is your first time applying for a Block Party or you have not held one in the past two years, I ask that you circulate a petition among your neighbors demonstrating support for the event. A copy of the petition is included in the application packet. I also ask that **block parties not be held on Cubs home games, concert nights or festival weekends whenever possible - especially for those blocks in close proximity to Wrigley Field and festival grounds.** Schedules can be obtained at www.cubs.com and www.44thward.org/calendar. Block Party Permits will not be issued on any arterial streets or on a bus route. They will also not be issued for more than one (1) day in succession or to close any street for a commercial purpose.

All paperwork must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event. Please return completed applications to my office located at 3223 N. Sheffield, Suite A or email a scanned copy directly to ward44@cityofchicago.org. My office will forward the application to the Department of Transportation for approval and work with the Department of Streets and Sanitation to provide "No Parking" signs and barricades (if available). It is required that the block party organizers flier cars on the block in advance of the party to inform neighbors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Esme Borrero in my 44th Ward Office at 773-525-6034 or via email, Esmeralda.borrero@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Tunney
Alderman, 44th Ward

Note: Please read about changes to our block party policy:

Due to Covid-19, applicants must follow CDPH guidance, volunteering as a Covid-19 Captain to help communicate safety protocols. Block Parties are recreational street closures for residents to hold an annual event for their block. They are a fun way to create an atmosphere that welcomes old and new neighbors, strengthens the community and creates a bond for years to come. Permits are issued by the Department of Transportation. **Due to popular demand, we are limiting block parties to one per block per year. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis.**

Block parties will not be held on Cubs home games (without prior approval), concerts at Wrigley Field or festival days for those blocks with-in close proximity to Wrigley Field and festival grounds. The Cubs schedule can be obtained at www.cubs.com. All applications and petitions must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event. We will no longer approve applications that are not submitted less than 30 days in advance.

If this is your first time applying for a Block Party or you have not had one in the past two years, we require you circulate a petition among your neighbors demonstrating support for the event. You must have more than 60% of your neighbors sign up. Addresses must be different and reflect coverage throughout the entire block and not have more than half the names from one address (multi-unit buildings). A copy of this petition is included in the application packet.

Rules Regarding Block Party Permits Requests

1. Block parties are public events; **permits will not be issued for personal/private events. No exceptions.**
2. Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis.
3. Streets cannot be blocked prior to 8 am and must be reopened by 10 pm.
4. Block Party Permits will not be issued on any Federal Aid Urban Streets (i.e., arterial streets) or on a bus route.
5. Block Party Permits will not be issued for more than one (1) day in succession or to close any street for a commercial purpose.
6. A block party permit will only be issued for a single block (intersection to intersection).
7. Access to any parking spaces controlled by meters or pay boxes must be accessible at all times.
8. The city does not provide street cleaning prior to the block party or after.
9. In addition to the rules listed above, Block Party Permit requests may be denied by the Department of Transportation for the following reasons:
 - Incomplete application (missing information)
 - Traffic control issues

- Issues related to other permits issued in the vicinity of the event (i.e., construction on the street)
- Public safety concerns
- Previous noted issues with a block party.

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Here are a few tips for having a fantastic block party:

- Don't go it alone! Recruit volunteers from the block to help plan a fun day.
- Designate multiple people to be in charge of entertainment/games/set-up/break down, etc.
- Make it a potluck! This is a great way to showcase your blocks' culinary skills.
- Be sure you have trash/recycle receptacles placed strategically throughout the block to ensure there is a place for garbage or recycled materials to be disposed of.
- Last but not least, when it's over, gather neighbors and walk the block, picking up any remaining trash on the parkway/street.



**CALENDAR YEAR
2022
CITY OF CHICAGO**
Department of Transportation
121 North La Salle Street, City Hall - Room #905
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Tel: 312-744-4652 Fax: 312-744-4627

**DATA COLLECTION FORM FOR A PERMIT TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY
(Recreational Street Closing)**

Date of Application: _____ Ward: _____

Please note: A block party permit cannot be used to close any thoroughway of Federal Aid Urban Street, to close a street with a bus route, to close any street prior to 8:00 A.M. or past 10:00 P.M., to close any street for more than one (1) day in succession, or to close any street for commercial purposes.

Applicant Information:

Permit Issued to: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email Address: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please answer the following questions:

Even Location (i.e., State Street from 1100 N. to 1199 N.) – request can only be one (1) block long (street intersection to street intersection).

Street: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Purpose: _____

What is the date of the event? _____ Start time: _____
 End time: _____

For a block party to be approved and issued by the Chicago Department of Transportation the permit request must be entered by the Aldermanic Office in which the block party is taking place in the Service Request (CSR) system.

Entry of the request constitutes the Aldermanic request for a recreational street closing in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-12-040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago.

Barricade Request Form

44th Ward

I am requesting 2 barricades for our block party located at:

DATE: _____ LOCATION: _____

START TIME: _____ END TIME: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NUMBER: _____

Please be advised, barricades must be returned in proper working order/condition. Any damage that renders them unusable will result in the following replacement costs (billed to contact person):

Long board replacement:	\$55.00
Legs:	\$35.00

I acknowledge and accept full responsibility of Alderman Tom Tunney's barricades, ensuring they are in the same condition as when they were dropped off and, left in the same location for easy retrieval Monday morning unless otherwise noted.



CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Office of Special Events
3510 S. Michigan Ave., 2nd Flr.
Chicago, IL 60653

Email request to: Fire-specialevents@cityofchicago.org

ATTN: Deputy District Chief
Francisco Velez
Coordinator of Special Events

I am requesting a C.F.D. Presence.

TYPE OF EVENT: _____

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NUMBER: _____

*ALDERMANIC WARD: _____

*** NOTE: ALDERMANIC WARD MUST BE COMPLETED**

I/we understand all C.F.D. equipment is considered "in-service," meaning if an emergency occurs, it will take priority and the C.F.D. will respond to the incident.

The C.F.D. will NOT turn on fire hydrants or give rides.

Confirmations for block parties can no longer be provided. The C.F.D. will make every attempt to honor all Block Party or Special Event requests.

*Requests **MUST** be submitted in a timely fashion at least 14 days prior to the tour. Failure to do so may result in the inability to schedule the tour.*

PETITION TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY
44th Ward

Dear Neighbors,

For the first time, residents of our block are putting together a Block Party. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with the other families on our block and have a little fun together. In order to show support for the party on our block, Alderman Tom Tunney asked that we circulate this petition among our neighbors. Thank you for your support.

Anticipated Date and Times: _____

Location of the Party: _____

Contact person on the block: _____

Please provide your name, phone number and address. Incomplete entries will not be counted.

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