



The BIS Buzz...

Welcome to the first quarterly edition of...

the Department of Business & Information Services' (BIS) news and information format. Our newsletter is designed to provide its readers with the latest reports on technology issues and initiatives that have city-wide and departmental impacts. In this issue you will find discussion topics on the exciting features regarding:

- » Re-mapping,
- » 311 System Developments,
- » NDS Training,
- » Updates from the Aldermanic Technology Task Force Forum,
- » And information relating to Aldermanic Ward events.

Future editions of "All That Matters" promise to be interesting and informative! Discussions regarding: How to maximize your technology support service, how to enhance technology in your ward office, and security concerns regarding email, will be only the beginning!

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All That Matters

Quarterly News and Reports



A Tech Visionary

For the past two years, Chris O'Brien, Chief Information Officer of the Department of Business & Information Services, has taken hold of his departmental reigns by utilizing his expertise to ensure that technology is the principal device used to make the services to the City of Chicago more efficient and more accessible to citizens.

When asked if he sees a more progressive future for the City of Chicago and technology, the Visionary responded, "the City of Chicago prides itself as being a premier organization and therefore recognizes that our approach on technology is to use it as a competitive tool that will keep us in the driver's seat." Mr. O'Brien's focus on bringing the world closer to Chicago.

Mr. O'Brien oversees the maintenance, upkeep, and performance of the City's 10,000+ personal computers and a citywide area network that encompasses more than 100 City offices and locations.

One other tool Mr. O'Brien uses to ensure his departmental goals are met is the staff of Planners he employs. Their expertise keeps technology in the forefront of improving City services. Our hat is off to Mr. O'Brien for the spirit he brings to the City of Chicago!

What's Hot—The Remapping

Every 10 years the City of Chicago is involved in remapping the City's Aldermanic Ward boundaries. The City's wards have been remapped accommodating population changes from the 2000 Census.

BIS/GIS is working with Alderman Mell's office to get the ward map in a GIS format and conflate it to the City's street centerline.

The new ward boundaries were voted on at the December 19, 2001 council meeting. The new wards are official on April 1, 2002. However, will not take affect until next election, in February.

Any questions on the ward re-mapping process can be directed to Michelle Murphy, Senior Staff Attorney to Committee on Finance at (312) 744-6150 or Mr. Jaime Andrade at Alderman Mell's Office (33rd Ward) at (773) 478-8040.

Got A Dinosaur In Your Office?

PC Replacement Process... Got a PC you just don't want to throw in the Trash? Well, BIS has contracted with a vendor that picks our PCs that are no longer are useful! For more information on this service, please contact: Frank Rico at (312) 744-7985.



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To find information you may need, as well as an activities that are going on in the city, visit

<http://www.cityofchicago.org>

The Aldermanic Technology Task Force Meeting: A One on One Exchange



June 19th, 2002, the Aldermanic Technology Task Force Forum was a total success! This was largely due to the increase in participation, as well as the increased level of interest. This forum provided an opportunity to present their issues and concerns regarding technology, database updating, and Aldermanic web site content changes. BIS, the event host, encouraged all attendees to use this department as a resource for pricing, purchasing, and supporting equipment.

Look for new development from BIS, and how those developments will help enhance your Aldermanic office.

Save time...begin gathering your questions, comments, and concerns for the next Aldermanic Technology Task Force Forum, to be held September 2002. Watch for more upcoming information concerning this event.

For future information on this article, please contact Ms. Phyllis Jordan at (312) 742-6705 or email her at pjordan@cityofchicago.org



Community Connections...

6th Ward

Annual Kwanzaa/Christmas Parade; December 7th

15th Ward

Fund-raiser @ The Martinique 2500 S. 95th; October 4th

Turkey Giveaway (2440 W. 63rd St.); November 22nd

Share Joy with Toys (2440 W. 63rd St.); December 20th

17th Ward

Community Meeting: 17th Ward Public Service Office (7811 S. Racine); October 19th and November 16th

Annual 17th Ward Christmas Toy Giveaway @ Ogden Park (6500 S. Racine); December 21st

23rd Ward

Pumpkin Patch; October 12th at Hale Park (6258 W. 62nd St.); 10 am—3 pm

Holiday Volleyball Tournament @ Vittum Park (5010 W. 50th St.); 10 am—2 pm

Costume Ball at Vittum Park; 6 pm—9 pm

Holiday Basketball Tournament at Vittum Park; 10 am—2 pm

Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Archer Park (4901 S. Kilbourn); 10 am—2 pm

28th Ward

Chihuly in the Park: A Garden of Glass Exhibit; Garfield Park Conservatory; until November 4th at 9 am—5 pm

31st Ward

Senior Citizen Health Fair at St. Genevieve Church (Maher Hall — 4835 W. Algeld St.); 10 am—1 pm — Contact Ward office for Date

37th Ward

Town Hall Meeting: 4th Thursday of the Month

47th Ward

Northcenter Halloween Costume Contest/Bike Fest: October 26th

Lincoln Square Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Giddings Plaza: November 24th at 4:30 pm

Welles Park Kid's Christmas Party (2333 W. Sunnyside Ave); Northcenter Jingle Bell Breakfast: December 7th



Contact the representing Ward office for additional information concerning these and other events.