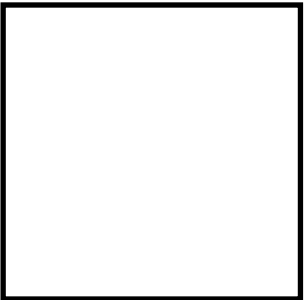


Helping Our Seniors and Residents with Limited Mobility

I want to thank our **"Gardiner Angels"** who selflessly donate their time and efforts removing snow and ice for seniors who need assistance. Volunteers and members of my staff help senior citizens clear pathways and sidewalks around their homes each snow fall. We are happy to help over **50 senior citizens and people with limited mobility.**



If you know a senior who is a 45th Ward resident and could use our assistance, or if you are interested in becoming a Gardiner Angel, please email our office at ward45@cityofchicago.org or give us a call at (773) 853-0799!



INFORMATION AND ASSESMENT FOR SENIOR SERVICES

Information and Assessment is key to determining which city services and programs are available for senior citizens and for eldercare service providers. **This assessment will determine eligibility for many city services including, but not limited to, home delivered meals, medical transportation assistance, senior companion program, legal assistance, senior housing information, caregiving resources, employment services, and life enrichment programs.** You are welcome to call (312)-744-4016 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/fss to get started on your assessment today.

SENIOR CITIZEN WATER BILL SAVINGS

Senior citizens may be able to save on their water bills. If they qualify, seniors could receive an exemption of the sewer charge on all future water bills. In order to qualify, residents must be at least 65 years old, own the property and occupy it as their principal place of residence, have a separate water meter and not have a balance on an existing water bill.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

There are a variety of discounts and exemptions available to senior citizens who own homes in Chicago. Some of these include Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption and the Senior Citizen Tax Deferral.

For more information about any of programs and discounts please contact the 45th Ward Office at (773) 853-0799!



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Welcome to the NEW 45th Ward!

Dear neighbor,

Since taking office in May of 2019, my staff and I have been working to identify and address our communities’ greatest needs. In this newsletter, we have highlighted the concerns most frequently raised by our constituents. Those issues include (but are not limited to) public safety, development, infrastructure and finances. We have also included a special section for our treasured senior residents. **To get weekly updates about what’s happening in our neighborhood, make sure to subscribe to our E-Newsletter at www.aldermangardiner.com.** It is my pleasure to serve as your Alderman, I hope you enjoy our newsletter!

At your service,

James M. Gardiner

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Alderman, 45th Ward



When we address personnel shortages, we not only create safer, healthier neighborhoods, we also build a stronger police force. By improving the overall morale of our police department, we can help our officers fight crime more effectively. I will continue to advocate and fight for the needed public safety resources our community deserves.

Something to Think About...

During my 14 years as a Chicago Firefighter I learned many things, one of which is the importance of having bedroom doors shut at night. This image provides a real-life example of how the simple act of closing your bedroom door could mean life or death in the event of a fire.

The 45th Ward Constituent Service Office has a limited quantity of battery-operated smoke detectors available to 45th Ward residents (limit one per household) Please stop by while supplies last!



PUBLIC SAFETY

We deserve a safe community!

For far too long, we have been underserved while crime has steadily crept into our community. Last November, I addressed the Chicago Police Superintendent about the shortage of manpower in our 16th and 17th Districts.

To address the recent uptick in crime in the 45th Ward, I have been working diligently with my fellow northwest side colleagues to address vacancies in our communities’ police districts.

DEVELOPMENT

Revitalizing the 45th Ward



Proposed Development at Former Sears Parcel

This mixed-use development worth over **\$200 million** will bring significant economic stimulus to the area of Six Corners and the greater 45th Ward. The 421 residential dwellings complimented by over 100,000 SF of commercial space will serve to attract future vitality to the area. **This project is 100% privately-funded without cost to taxpayers.**

Alderman Gardiner secured some of the following public amenities and components:

- Increased the on-site affordable housing count by over 40% to 16 total units from the original proposal.
- Per the Six Corners Master Plan, Alderman Gardiner worked with the developer to secure the installation of specialty ornamental pavers on the three corners north of Irving Park Rd. at Six Corners. These pavers will be installed **completely at private expense.**
- Planters and bollards will be implemented at each of the three corners to serve as important pedestrian safety features.

If you are interested in learning more about this development, you can find the rendering and project details on our website at www.aldermangardiner.com under the “Proposed Development” tab.



Proposed Development at 4747 W. Irving Park Rd.

This mixed-use development worth over **\$130 million** includes 258 senior residential dwellings and over 45,000 SF of grocery-anchored retail. After negotiations with developers, Alderman Gardiner secured numerous enhancements and concessions from the developers compared to the original proposal. **This project is 100% privately-funded without cost to taxpayers.**

What Changed? Enhancements secured for the community:

- Increased the **on-site affordable housing unit count from 0 to 11 units.** Alderman Gardiner fought to secure the full 10% affordable housing component on-site so senior residents from our community have the opportunity to live in a facility at a substantial discount based upon their income levels.
- Alderman Gardiner worked with the developers to waive the one-time community fee for residents who are veterans of the U.S Armed Forces. **The savings to residents who served our country is \$4,000 each.**



- Independent living unit count has been increased from 103 to 114. Alderman Gardiner negotiated with the developers to increase the independent component by 11 units. This significant enhancement will bring more active residents to the community; stimulating local businesses and bringing more sales-tax revenue.

INFRASTRUCTURE

A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

BEFORE



AFTER



Alderman Gardiner has invested over \$1,000,000 to asphalt and concrete repaving projects since taking office.

Streets & Alleys...

Every year, each of Chicago's 50 wards are given funds that are used to address specific local infrastructure needs through the Aldermanic Menu Program.

As your Alderman, my priority is to maximize these valuable tax dollars by putting them towards infrastructure needs that have long been overlooked. **I have committed to investing nearly \$1,000,000 annually to repair our streets and alleys.**



Finances

Alderman Gardiner voted **NO** to the property tax increase in the 2020 Budget!

Here are some key facts Alderman Gardiner supported:

- Investment of close to **\$30 million in new funding** in the key areas of affordable housing, mental health, homelessness, and violence prevention.
- Increased the city's minimum wage to **\$14/hour in 2020 and \$15/hour in 2021.**
- Closed a record **\$838 million deficit** through structural solutions, savings, efficiencies and new revenues.

