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From: Jenny Snyder <jsnyder@loy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Ruta Lietuvninkas
Subject: Fwd: October 2021 D-12 Scoop

Sincerely,
Mrs. Snyder

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bridget Degnen <district12@cookcountyil.gov>
Date: October 5, 2021 at 3:10:41 PM CDT
To: District 12 Friends <jsnyder@loy.org>
Subject: October 2021 D-12 Scoop
Reply-To: Bridget Degnen <district12@cookcountyil.gov>



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Hi Neighbor,

With the emerging vibrant foliage and more comfortable temperatures, I wish you a happy fall. As an exciting recap, on September 18, 2021, I hosted 1,500 people in LaBagh Woods for my second annual Fall Nature Fest. We spent six months planning the event which focused attention on environmental awareness while highlighting the many attributes of the Cook County forest preserves. We learned a lot about lining up vendors, acquiring permits, communication and outreach and are overjoyed we had so many visitors. I'm hoping everyone returns for next year's event, where we'll have more fall themed events, more food and beverages, and the return of the Brookfield Zoo animal ambassadors.

September was a productive month on all fronts. Here are some highlights:

- The County Board finalized changes to the District 12 map using published census data collected in 2020. The district increased in population, so the borders are constricting. My objective was to keep neighborhood communities whole while smoothing out district boundaries. The new map will go into effect after the 2022 election and you can find it below.
- I've advocated for spending our American Rescue Plan Act dollars on economic development, mental health initiatives, climate change mitigation and after-school education. I'll be hosting a Town Hall virtually on October 12th at 6 pm to talk priorities. Follow my social media accounts to get more info.
- The Forest Preserves of Cook County FY2022 Proposed Budget has been released. [You can review the budget here.](#)
- The County will be publishing its annual Budget this week. I'll work line by line through the entire County budget to ensure our taxpayer money is spent wisely. Check for budget updates in the next newsletter, and always feel free to contact me with questions.

- One of the first goals of my Cook County Environmental Commission was to amend the Chicago Weed Ordinance. [This past week the City Council passed an amendment to the Weed Ordinance to create a Native Garden Registry.](#) This is a big step forward for the city and I am proud of the work the Environmental Commission did to push this forward. To celebrate, my office will be giving away free native plant seeds to the first 100 people who visit my district office at 4253 N Milwaukee Ave. starting Monday, October 18th.
- Speaking of native gardens, I passed a resolution recognizing the great work that [Ruta Lietuvninkas has done by creating the Berteau Butterfly Garden.](#) Native gardens are essential to maintaining our local ecosystems, and I am proud to have Ruta in District 12.

Property taxes are something I hear a lot about, and it's a cornerstone of the work I do to help constituents pay not a penny more than they must. My office has helped hundreds of constituents file appeals, and this month I'm sponsoring several events to help you appeal your recent assessment. If you live in Jefferson or North Chicago township and believe your home has been over-assessed, check out the below listed events. If you have already filed an appeal through the Assessor's office, I can also help you appeal through the Board of Review.

Jefferson Township Events:

6pm October 6th at the Copernicus Center - 5216 W Lawrence Ave.

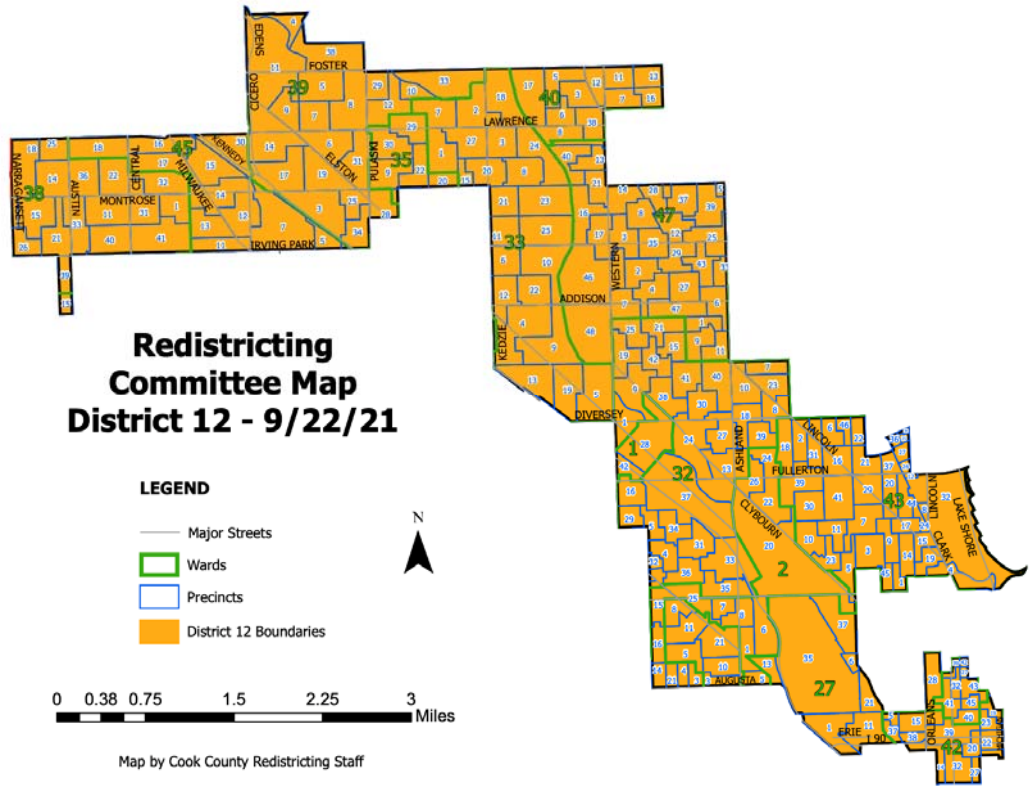
6pm October 12th at the Salvation Army Gym - 5020 N Pulaski Rd.

North Chicago Township Event:

6pm-7pm October 7th via online webinar

Register for webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/4mbac8zs>

If you have questions on appeals or how apply missing exemptions, call 773-283-7873 to speak with my outreach coordinators Tommy and Cat.



The new District 12 map that will go into effect after the 2022 election.



Cook County is now in Phase 5! [Click here](#) to learn more about what that means for you and our community.

If you have anything you'd like to be included in next month's D12 Scoop, email my office at district12@cookcountyil.gov.



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