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PBC Chairman Mayor Richard M. Daley cuts the ribbon at the new 20<sup>th</sup> District Police Station

## message from the chairman

Construction is the cornerstone of our local economy. It creates and sustains jobs for the men and women working in the trades to the suppliers of building materials to the restaurants and stores that surround a construction site. A healthy infrastructure, capable of handling the present while anticipating future needs, makes Chicago more attractive to prospective businesses and employers. It keeps Chicago moving forward.

Every ward and every neighborhood in Chicago continues to benefit from *Neighborhoods Alive 21*—a component of the city's Capital Improvement Program and our progressive initiative to build, upgrade, repair, or renew community infrastructure for the 21st century. From sewers to bridges to municipal buildings, we have continued to make improvements to ensure a bright future for our residents.

*Neighborhoods Alive 21* is a four-year program that began its third year in 2002. When *Neighborhoods Alive* concludes in 2003, \$800 million will have been dedicated to building and renovating schools; creating more outlets for family recreation through the addition of parks, campus parks, and playlots; bringing new and

vastly improved libraries to city neighborhoods; and increasing the public's safety with new police and fire stations. Under the management of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, many of these new structures have been built, are under construction, or are being planned for every corner of the city.

This year, the PBC opened two new educational facilities that promise to serve as models for the entire country. The National Teachers Academy prepares dedicated individuals for teaching careers in urban environments, and in revitalized Bronzeville, a new \$16 million annex to the Chicago Military Academy offers an alternate to the traditional public school.

Throughout the colorful pages of this year's annual report, you will see more examples of the work of the Public Building Commission of Chicago and its partnerships with the city's sister agencies. We continue to strive to make Chicago an even better place to live and raise families.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Daley  
Mayor

*National Teachers Academy*



*Pre-construction activity at the future site of the Edward "Duke" Ellington School*





*Seniors swinging under the Picasso*



## About the pbc

The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) builds and renovates public facilities for government agencies in Chicago and Cook County. The PBC owns and operates the landmark Richard J. Daley Center, along with Daley Plaza and the renowned Picasso sculpture on behalf of the people of Chicago. In recent years, Daley Plaza has come alive year-round with cultural displays, a colorful farmer's market and a variety of entertainment. Each weekday afternoon, droves of downtown workers head to the Plaza seeking a spot to relax and eat lunch, people watch, and enjoy the activities on the main stage. Seniors, children, and visitors to Chicago also find their way to the Daley Center Plaza, guided by the sight of the famous Picasso.

The PBC has developed prototypes for libraries, police and fire stations, and builds schools to fit the needs of students and communities. This approach to design

stresses function, form and cost-effectiveness. It also takes advantage of aesthetic opportunities, from the façade improvements at the Chicago Military Academy in Bronzeville to the colorful etched glass prairie-scape in the lobby of the new Lincoln District Police Station.

The PBC was created in 1956 as an independent governmental unit. The PBC Board of Commissioners provides supervision of projects—from land acquisition through all stages of design, planning and construction. The PBC's mission is to build attractive and functional structures that will serve the public for generations, and to provide cost-efficient project management services to its clients, including the City of Chicago, the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Park District, the City Colleges of Chicago, Cook County Government, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.





*Asian-American dancers on the Plaza*



*Summertime farmer's market*



## **commitment to the community**

In the last decade, the PBC has streamlined its qualification process to encourage smaller companies to participate and to increase diversity among those who work on public projects. The PBC enforces Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and city residency goals, seeking a larger role for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE). And, Mayor Daley's Skill Builders

program is a training initiative administered by the PBC to help Chicagoans gain work skills, train for apprenticeship tests in the building trades and qualify for construction jobs.

During 2002, the PBC again exceeded its MBE and WBE participation goals of 25 percent and 5 percent, respectively.





# *P* pbc board of commissioners

THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO IS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY WHOSE COMMISSIONERS OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND MAJOR PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY. THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN AND AS ONE OF 11 VOTING COMMISSIONERS. OF THE OTHER 10 COMMISSIONERS, ONE EACH IS APPOINTED BY THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY AND THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO. THE MAYOR APPOINTS THE REMAINING FIVE, WHO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR, COMMERCE, AND THE COMMUNITY.





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# A message from the executive director



Daniel Burnham presented his Plan for Chicago in 1909, proposing a system of parks, civic buildings, lakefront recreation areas, and grand public spaces that helped form the very distinct personality of our city today. It was considered to be the nation's first comprehensive city planning document. Nearly 100 years later, his vision for Chicago is still unfolding in the work of the Public Building Commission, its many sister agencies, and under the leadership of Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Along the lakefront, Millennium Park is taking shape and incorporates several key components of Burnham's plan. The 24.6-acre site already contains 11 acres of lush landscaping. Two hundred trees took root this year throughout the park—elms, maples, firs, Hawthornes, pears, and Red Buds create a verdant oasis with the dramatic Chicago skyline as a backdrop. Meanwhile, additional green space, flower beds, and ornate staircases now carpet the parkland above the Metra tracks, between Randolph and Monroe Streets, as part of the Bank One Promenade.

Working in partnership to bring Millennium Park to life, the PBC and the Chicago Park District also unveiled the Greek-inspired Peristyle—a replica of the structure that graced that spot in Grant Park from 1917 to 1953. With an elegant fountain in the center of the Peristyle and plenty of space for sitting, Wrigley Square—as it's called—has become an urban piazza popular with the lunchtime crowds. To the south of Wrigley Square, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink becomes an outdoor café and unique open-air exhibit space in the off season.

The city's campus park, playlot, and fountain programs also serve to develop the public's access to open spaces by adding to the existing urban landscape. Neglected or underused lots become new outlets where children can safely run and play, while public fountains now flow in rejuvenated parks and squares. The Chicago Public

*Millennium Park Peristyle under construction*







*Fall blooms in Millennium Park*

Library, too, brings a new feature to many of its branches—landscaped, outdoor reading gardens. And, large community meeting rooms and open, airy lobbies are now standard in all of the new police stations built by the PBC, encouraging participation by residents in community policing and promoting better relationships with the officers on their beat.

Recently, Mayor Daley sounded the call to all city agencies to become as energy efficient as possible by following the principles of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the U.S. Green Building Council. While last year's opening of the Chicago Center for Green Technology was a high-profile LEED-based project, LEED initiatives have become standard for most of our current construction. Libraries, police and fire stations, and schools will be designed to boost energy efficiency through the use of solar panels, highly reflective roofing materials and concrete parking lot pavement that work to keep building sites

cooler in the summer, and building materials—carpeting, ceiling tiles, gypsum board, and steel—that contain substantial quantities of recycled materials.

We've come a long way since 1909. Yet, the progressive ideas of the past are firmly engraved in this city's present and future. The Public Building Commission and its sister agencies will not only work together to bring the latest in design and technology to new municipal facilities, we will continue to develop opportunities to provide the green, open spaces that allow us to slow down, spend time with our families, and enjoy this great city.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gujral  
Executive Director

Kevin Gujral was named Executive Director of the Public Building Commission of Chicago in February 2003, after serving as its interim Executive Director since May 2002. Kevin joined the PBC in 1999 as the organization's Director of Construction.



Jones College Prep students in renovated school



# chicago public schools

A new generation of urban educators, committed to teaching in Chicago’s public school system, is learning their trade at the new National Teachers Academy. Built by the PBC and opened for the 2002–2003 academic year, the National Teachers Academy will be the training ground for college students pursuing education degrees. Students will rotate between taking courses at their own colleges and universities and practice teaching at the Academy. Faculty of the Academy are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), or working toward certification. Only about 10,000 of 2.7 million teachers nationally are NBPTS-certified.

Mayor Daley, Chicago Public School’s CEO Arne Duncan, and other dignitaries cut the ceremonial ribbon to open this new facility that may become a national model for teacher training. A four-story, 135,000-square-foot structure, the National Teachers Academy houses 30 classrooms, observation rooms, two science labs and a

library, and serves students from kindergarten to 8th grade. Linked to the school by a pedestrian bridge is a two-story community center complete with day care facilities, a gymnasium, swimming pool with locker rooms, and two community meeting rooms.

On the near South Side, the first 98 cadets graduated from the Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville—the City’s first public military academy. Working closely with the Bronzeville Merchants Association, the PBC redesigned the façade of the new \$16 million addition to blend, architecturally, with the historic Bronzeville community and surrounding 35th Street commercial district. The addi-







*Teachers in training at the National Teachers Academy*

tion increased the school's capacity to accommodate freshmen through senior classes. Students of the Academy adhere to the military culture by wearing uniforms, for example, and joining the Junior ROTC.

The existing building, at 3519 S. Giles Avenue, was built in 1915 and originally served as the first U.S. armory for an African-American regiment—the Illinois National Guard's "Fighting Eighth." Its restoration and conversion into a high school military academy by the PBC has been recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The PBC completed another large-scale school project in 2002 with the reopening of Jones College Prep. Jones students staffed the open house celebration and showed off their newly renovated high school. Modernized and expanded, Jones is now home to more than 700 students.

South Loop residents of all ages should benefit from the vitality that the refurbished school and its student population will bring to the area.

Four schools are on target to open their doors for the 2003 academic year: Paul Cuffe Academy, 8324 S. Racine; Field Area Elementary School, 1707 W. Morse; Ronald E. McNair Elementary School, 4820 W. Walton; and the Neal F. Simeon Career Academy, 8147 S. Vincennes. In addition, construction activities began in 2002 on several new school projects in the continuing partnership between the PBC and the Chicago Public Schools—Anderson Community Academy, Oscar DePriest Elementary School, Edward "Duke" Ellington School, and Kelvyn Park South High School.





# Chicago police department



*The former Spa Motel at site of new 20th District Police Station*





*Interior construction at 20th District*

Mayor Daley, Police Superintendent Terry Hillard, and other officials dedicated the new 20th District police station—known as the Lincoln District—on October 26, 2002. The \$14.5 million state-of-the-art police station, at 5400 N. Lincoln Avenue, was built by the PBC to replace the old Foster District station, which dated back to 1936. It now occupies the former site of the Spa Motel.

The new 43,000-square-foot facility is four times the size of the old station, with a computerized command center, a community meeting room, and updated locker room facilities for both male and female officers. The new 20th District station was part of an effort begun four years ago to build 11 new police stations, replacing some of the oldest in Chicago.

In 2002, construction also began on the new Morgan Park 22nd District station, replacing the current one erected in 1938. This project is seeking to earn designation from the U.S. Green Buildings Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Also this year, plans moved forward on a new 10th District station, replacing the current station built in 1917, and on a new 15th District station. The current building went up in 1918.

The Lincoln District project marked the fifth new station built in the last four years under the mayor's *Neighborhoods Alive 21* program, in addition to the new Police Headquarters at 35th Street and Michigan Avenue. In all, 19 police stations are being replaced or renovated under the program.

Nearly complete Engine Company 63 station

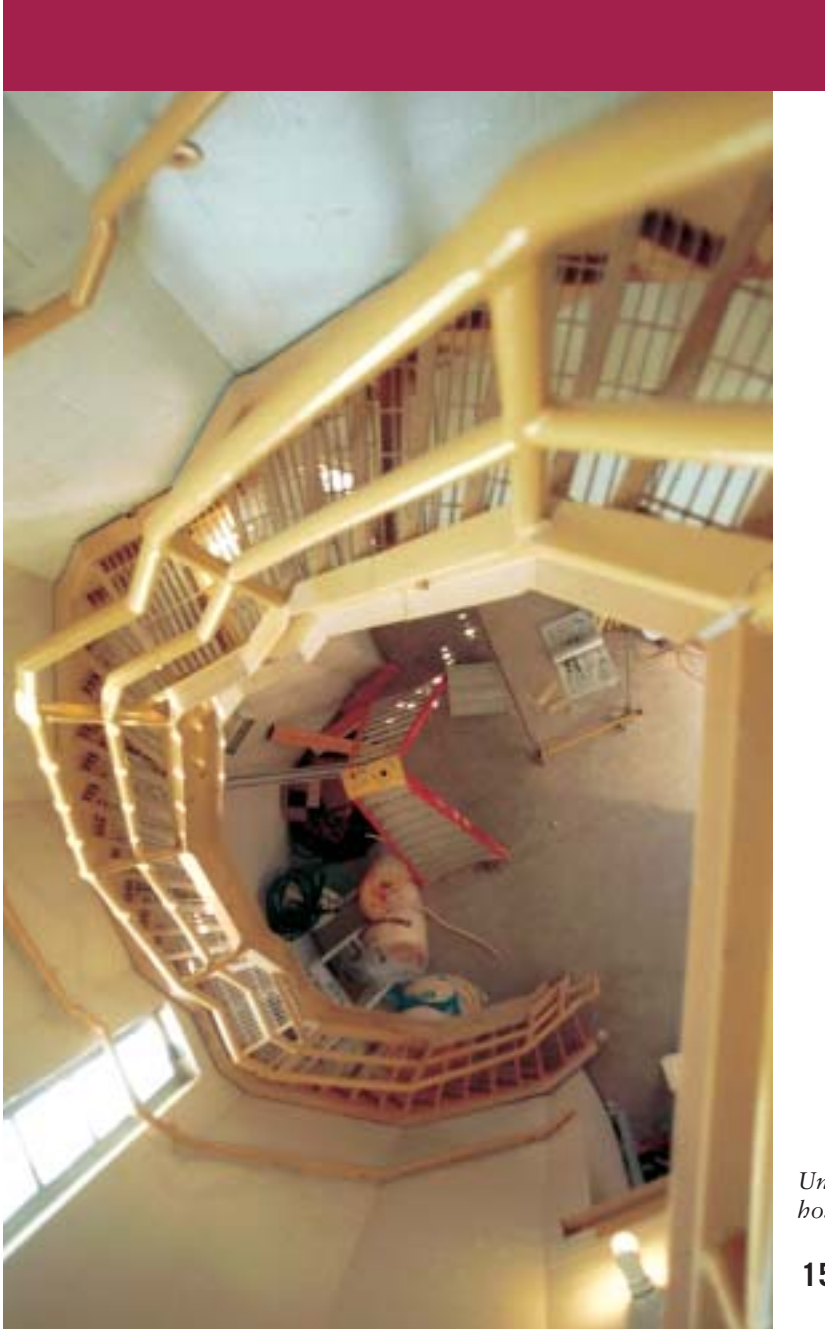


# chicago fire department





*Work begins at site of future Engine Company 38*



The PBC and the Chicago Fire Department broke ground in June 2002 on the new Engine Company 63 fire station, at 1440 E. 67th Street. This is the first new fire station to be built in two decades and the first of nine stations planned under Daley's *Neighborhoods Alive 21* program.

The upgraded station will replace Engine 63's existing quarters on 62nd Place that dates back to 1929, and is due to be completed in 2003.

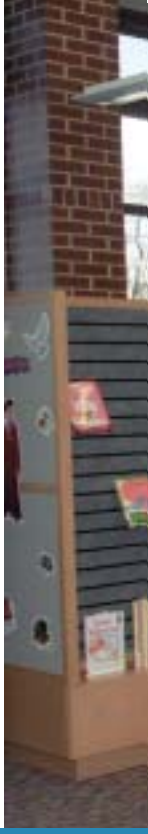
Work was also under way in 2002 on the new fire station for Engine Company 38 at 16th Street and Pulaski Road, while another station is planned for Engine Company 88 at 59th Street and Central Park Avenue. These new facilities will replace a pair of stations that opened in 1915 and 1927.

Firefighters will have the latest in technology, as well as updated living quarters in their new 15,000-square-foot fire stations. The one-story buildings feature circular driveways that allow easier and safer access for the larger fire trucks in use today.

*Under construction, spiral staircase leading to hose tower at Engine Company 63*



*Painting the interior of future  
West Englewood Branch  
Library*



*Family time at Budlong  
Woods Branch Library*





Computer access at new Budlong Woods Branch Library

## Chicago public library

The Budlong Woods Branch Library opened in a neighborhood that had long been without one of its own. In the heart of a multicultural business, residential and school district, the new library featured a \$400,000 opening day collection of books, newspapers, and magazines. Residents can now use online databases to perform research, check out a multitude of books on tape and CD, view educational videos, and access a variety of Korean and Spanish language materials. In addition to children's and adult reading rooms, the Budlong Woods Branch Library offers an outdoor reading garden for the warmer months of the year.

Budlong Woods is the first library in the city to earn its certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). All new libraries, however, will begin to adapt the LEED standards, bringing greater energy efficiency to each facility through the use of specific building materials, solar panels, and high-performing HVAC systems, for example.

Forty-two neighborhood libraries have been built or fully renovated since 1989 under Mayor Daley's *Neighborhoods Alive 21* program; by 2005, another 10 new library projects will have been completed. Today's Chicago public libraries are much more than shelves of books. Summer reading clubs, book discussion groups for adults and young readers, author appearances, crafts and holiday celebrations, story times, and cultural events are typical of the programming available in Chicago's libraries.

Construction began in the spring on the West Englewood Branch Library, which is slated to open in 2003 in the 1700 block of West 63rd Street.

Land acquisition and design activities also began in 2002 for branches in Avalon, Logan Square, Oriole Park, Toman, Vodak/East Side, West Chicago Avenue, West Pullman, and Bucktown-Wicker Park



Hayt School Campus Park



## campus parks

Creating green space where there once was none can drastically transform a neighborhood. Campus parks are springing up throughout the city, encouraging residents of all ages to come out and play, relax, and socialize. Lush landscaping, gardens, park benches, ball fields, basketball and tennis courts, and playground equipment are all components of the campus park program that can be tailored to create a park that fits into a particular school and its surrounding community. Working as a team, the PBC, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools, and the City of Chicago have brought these campus parks to life.

Mayor Daley dedicated Shoop Elementary School Campus Park, at 1460 W. 112th Street, in early spring 2002, followed by a summer dedication at Hayt School Campus Park. Members of the community were on hand to welcome the much-anticipated new playground equipment, flowering plants, trees, shrubs, and park benches. Rubber safety surfaces help make the play areas safer for the enthusiastic children now using the parks before, during, and after school hours.

Campus parks at Goethe School in Logan Square, the Bucktown area's Carpenter School, and the new National Teachers Academy were also completed in 2002, while construction activities began on another nine parks.







*Shoop Elementary School Campus Park*



*Campus park at new National Teachers Academy*



## Millennium park

Millennium Park moved forward during 2002, gaining momentum as a future “must see” attraction with meticulously fashioned green space, classic landmarks and gardens and breathtaking architectural features. Framed by Michigan Avenue, the lake, and the Chicago skyline, Millennium Park is a strikingly beautiful addition to a downtown lakefront that runs from Soldier Field past the world-class museum campus and on to Navy Pier.

A magnificent architectural wonder, the outdoor music pavilion began to rise along Columbus Drive in Millennium Park. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, winner of the Pritzker Prize in Architecture and the National Medal of Art, the band shell itself will rise some 60 feet. It will be decorated with unique steel ribbons that burst outward another 35 to 40 feet high, a key element of Gehry’s design. Gehry also designed the Music Museum in Seattle and the Guggenheim Museum in Spain.

The pavilion and its environs feature fixed seating for 4,000, and a 95,000-square-foot lawn area will serve a combined audience of more than 11,000 people. Excellent sound quality will come from a state-of-the-art trellis network of speakers, the first of its kind in the world, intended to rival the concert sounds of Ravinia. This will be the park’s main band shell with a stage similar in size to the Symphony Center (Orchestra Hall) and able to accommodate up to 120 musicians and a chorus of 150 singers.

In October, Mayor Richard M. Daley led the unveiling of the Peristyle, a nearly full-sized replica of a curving row of paired Greek columns that originally towered over the northwest corner of Grant Park near Michigan and Randolph between 1917 and 1953. A gift from the William Wrigley Jr. Company, the new Peristyle stands nearly 40 feet tall. It restores a classical elegance to that section of Michigan Avenue while commemorating all of the Millennium Park donors, whose names will be inscribed on its limestone base.

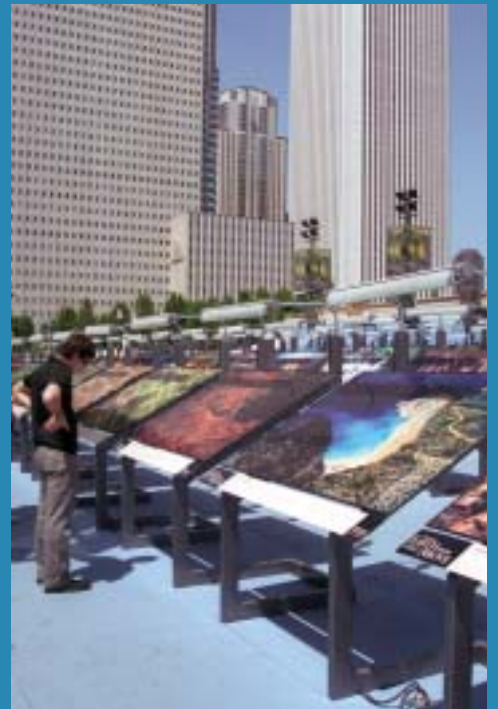




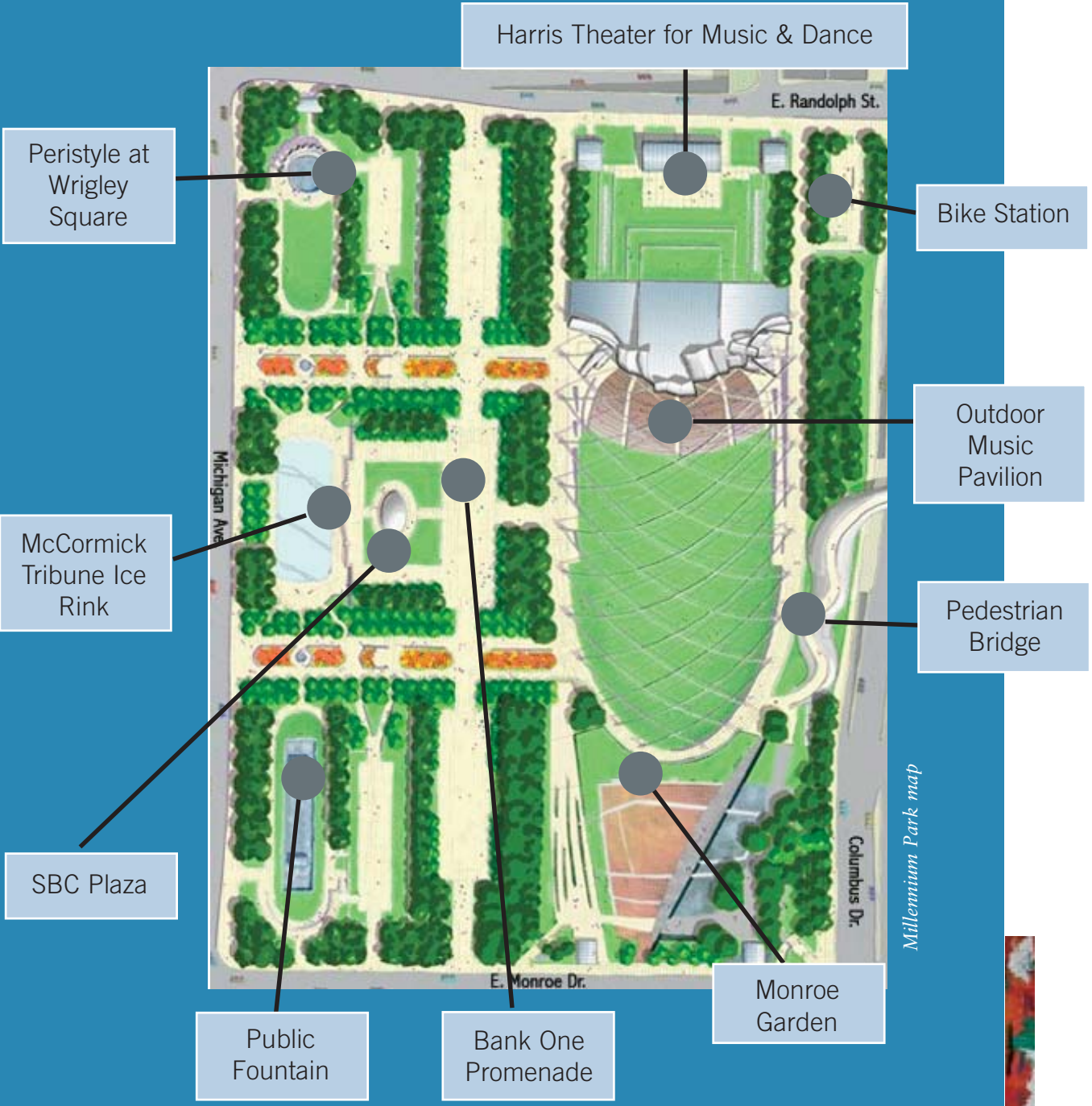
*Gebry band shell under construction*



*Concert in Millennium Park*



*“Earth From Above” photo exhibit in McCormick Tribune Plaza*





# Millennium park



*McCormick Tribune Plaza Ice Rink at night*

During the Winter 2002–03 season, the popular McCormick Tribune Plaza Ice Rink along Michigan Avenue drew 64,826 visitors. The 80-by-200-foot ice rink sits adjacent to a planned 300-seat Park District restaurant. Work on the restaurant got under way this year.

Millennium Park blossomed in 2002 with the completion of construction and landscaping. More than 200 trees have already been planted in Millennium Park—from early blooming Chanticleer pears to the rich fall colors of the Autumn Blaze maples.

Yet to come: a long-awaited massive, stainless steel sculpture by British artist Anish Kapoor will be seated in SBC Plaza, just east of the ice rink. The bean-shaped sculpture measures 60 feet in length, stands 30 feet tall and will weigh in excess of 100 tons.

In the northeast corner of the park, the 1,500-seat Joan W. and Ira B. Harris Music and Dance Theater is being built for a dozen local performing arts groups. At the park's southeast corner, the Monroe Garden—a 2.4-acre landscaped garden—will be installed on the basis of a design that was the subject of international competition.

Millennium Park is being funded by parking garage revenues, private donations and tax increment financing. Millennium Park, Inc. has received pledges in excess of \$130 million from more than 80 individuals, foundations, and corporations.





*Elizabeth Peabody Playlot*

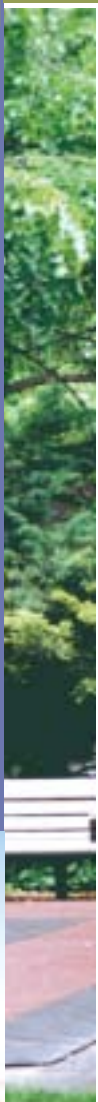
# *P*laylots



*Thurgood Marshall Playlot*







Sprinkled throughout the city, at a variety of public schools, 13 new playlots have put smiles on the faces of children eager to play. The rubber-tile soft-surface flooring makes running and jumping safer and easier, while the brightly colored assortment of playground equipment provides new outlets for swinging, climbing, and spinning.

Each playlot features its own customized design to fit that particular school. Spiral slides, wobble ladders, fire poles, talk tubes, climber bridges, chin-up bars, platforms, and heavy-duty swingsets can be found—in a vibrant mixture—on these new playlot

sites. Long-wearing and durable park benches are generally installed, too, in the playlot packages. The benches are non-flammable, heat resistant, and are easily cleaned; the bench surfaces cannot be carved into and are graffiti resistant.

Under a \$10.5 million program funded by the Chicago Public Schools, the PBC has been building these interactive recreational environments that have proven to be a boon to families raising children in the neighborhood. Citywide, these new or refurbished playlots will number 87 in all at the end of 2002.



*Construction at Hayes Park Natatorium*



## Chicago park district

On the first official day of summer in 2002, the Grant Park South underground parking garage project wrapped up—five months ahead of schedule. An accelerated construction plan was put into place to keep inconveniences to Michigan Avenue businesses, residents, and tourists to a minimum.

Work began mid-March 2001 to rebuild the majority of the 40-year-old garage, reconfigure the Michigan Avenue and Jackson Street entrance and exit ramps, reconstruct the roadways over the garage, and install median planters along the popular avenue.

Grant Park South reopened with 1,300 parking spaces—more of those spaces designated for disabled drivers than in the former garage. While the progressive design of the ramps allows the vehicles to get in and out quicker, the extensive lighting upgrades and 24-hour security provide further customer service enhancements.

The Auburn-Gresham community eagerly awaited the completion and grand opening of its own Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center set for January 2003. Bringing affordable, family-style recreation back to the neighborhood, the



*Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center*





*Roller skating at Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center*

40,000-square-foot Center offers roller skating and bowling, video arcade, snack bar, children’s birthday party zone and special event area that can accommodate up to 200 individuals. Mirrored “disco” lights and DJ booth with high-tech stereo equipment accompany the hardwood maple roller rink, creating a fun and funky atmosphere for skating. The 12-lane bowling alley is equipped with automatic score boards, and glow-in-the-dark bowling is also possible with the installation of a black lighting system. Bowling leagues have quickly formed at the Center by the neighborhood’s senior citizens. Auburn-Gresham residents added more community spirit, pride, and ownership to the finished product by participating as laborers, apprentices, and journeyworkers on the construction of the Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center.

Under construction in the Ashburn neighborhood, the new Hayes Park Natatorium will provide the community with its own indoor swimming pool and fitness room when it opens in 2003.



*Grant Park South underground parking*



*Grant Park South entrance*





*Daley Library Fountain*

## Public fountains

In May of 2002, Mayor Daley dedicated the newly renovated fountain in Wicker Park, at 1425 N. Damen Avenue. The fountain was rebuilt in its original turn-of-the-century image using some of the original molds to cast the metal sections of the fountain.

The mayor stated: “This fountain is more than a pleasant little addition to the neighborhood. It is a symbol of what is happening in the Wicker Park neighborhood.”

The Wicker Park fountain, at Damen Avenue and Schiller Street, is one of five public fountains built by the Public Building Commission under Mayor Daley’s *Neighborhoods Alive 21* program. Three other fountains completed in 2002 added splashes of beauty in Portage Park, at Irving Park Road and Central Avenue; near the Richard J. Daley Library at 3400 S. Halsted Street; and Sun Yat-sen at 2400 S. Princeton.

The fountains and surrounding plazas serve as gathering spots and sources of community pride. In all, 17 fountain plazas will be built or renovated when the program is completed.



*Portage Park Fountains*



*Demolition at future site of new Kennedy-King College Campus*



*Exterior beautification at Harold Washington College*

The PBC and City Colleges of Chicago made progress on plans for the new Kennedy-King College Campus in the Englewood area, and pursued a capital improvement program designed to upgrade and modernize Harold Washington College, Wright College, and Olive-Harvey College, as well as adapt City College facilities to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Land acquisition and demolition work in 2002 prepared the site at 63rd and Halsted streets for the new Kennedy-King College Campus. Meanwhile, community outreach efforts have been under way to gain support for and participation in the project.

The PBC undertook an extensive renovation of the science laboratories at Daley College. Under the \$973,000 project, three science labs on the third floor of Daley College's main building at 7500 S. Pulaski Road will be renovated. The Southwest Side college's science labs will have new floors, cabinets, work stations and fume hoods. A project to replace Olive-Harvey's gymnasium floor and windows is under way, while a top-to-bottom renovation of Harold Washington College was planned, in addition to the exterior beautification work that was completed on the College's façade. And, improvements to classrooms, restrooms, elevators, and signage were undertaken at Truman, Daley, Olive-Harvey, and Wright Colleges, as well as the district office, to better accommodate the accessibility needs of students with disabilities.





*Graduating class of Skill Builders*

## Skill builders

Firmly established and recognized as a quality program by the construction industry, Skill Builders continues to bloom and grow. More than 60 graduates can be found on job sites throughout Chicagoland, apprenticing in a variety of the trades, including cement masons, carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, and roofers. And, nearly 25 percent of these union apprentices are women.

By 2002—two years after Mayor Daley introduced this new program for Chicago residents—360 students had been enrolled in the first dozen classes, and 229 proud graduates earned their certificates. Meanwhile, a new director—Edgrick Johnson—took the helm of Mayor Daley’s Skill Builders program during this year.

Skill Builders success stories continue to unfold: a bricklayer apprentice was recently promoted to foreman; three family members graduated from the same class; several alumni are working on the

renovation of Soldier Field; and, Skill Builders routinely score in the top 10 on apprenticeship entrance exams.

Working in partnership with the City Colleges of Chicago, Skill Builders is developing a training program to prepare community residents to participate in the construction of the new Kennedy-King College Campus. Also, the program has joined forces with the CTA to place apprentices from within the community on the Blue Line rehabilitation project.

Skill Builders is now on-line; general information, photos, and updates can be found on the PBC’s web site—[www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com). Look for the launch of *Skill Builders News* in 2003—a quarterly newsletter designed to maintain contact with graduates, highlight the support of numerous community organizations and construction firms, and to promote the program to the general public.





*Skill Builder graduate and new union painter apprentice Antjuan Bingham and instructor Francine Cardasio*

*Skill Builder class visiting a construction site*



**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO**  
**Summary Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2002**

**Assets**

Cash and investments	\$ 507,630,900
Capitalized leases receivable	549,270,000
Due from other governments and agencies	14,709,363
Other receivables	1,691,454
Building and land net of depreciation	49,357,425
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,659,142</b>

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ 55,155,169
Bonds payable	558,653,668
Deferred project revenue	107,948,873
Other liabilities	325,037,172
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,046,794,882</b>

Net Assets \$ 75,864,260

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** \$ **1,122,659,142**

**Operating Highlights**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2002**

Direct project costs	\$ 268,610,668
Facility maintenance and operations costs	15,483,102
Administrative costs	6,417,006

The complete December 31, 2002 PBC Audited Financial Statements are available at [www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com).





# City of Chicago



*Playlot at Chicago Commons ETC Center Head Start*

The PBC began renovating 20 Department of Human Services Head Start centers—including playlots—under a \$1.3 million improving effort aimed at the places where the city's youngest learners begin their education.

The PBC is carrying out the renovations on behalf of the city's Department of Human Services. The improvements include heating, air conditioning and electrical system upgrades, as well as interior room alterations. In addition, some Head Start sites are receiving a multi-colored blend of playground equipment—from slides to climbing platforms to large movable counting toys.

The Chicago Public Schools, community centers and private homes have a total of more than 17,000 Head Start spaces, including 1,000 new spaces that were created in the public schools this year. The school year started in the fall of 2002 with 1,400 Head Start openings in community centers around the city.

The PBC undertook preliminary construction activities of the new \$14.3 million ABLA-FOSCO Community Center to be built in the ABLA Homes-Fosco Park area.

The 59,000-square-foot community center will be built at 1312 S. Racine Avenue. Plans include a day care center for 96 children, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasium, an indoor swimming pool, and a softball field.

Several agencies are participating in the community center project, including the Chicago Housing Authority, the Chicago Park District, the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools.





Dining area at the West Town/Logan Square Senior Satellite Center

Stretching exercises at the new West Town/Logan Square Senior Satellite Center



## Senior satellite centers

The West Town/Logan Square Senior Satellite Center opened in October of 2002 in the newly renovated first floor of the Goldblatt's building, at 1613 W. Chicago Avenue. The brightly colored new facility is the first Senior Satellite Center built by the PBC under a \$20 million program called *Neighborhoods Alive with Seniors!*

Locations such as West Town/Logan Square and four other senior satellite centers that moved forward during 2002 provide seniors with places in their neighborhoods where they may socialize, learn new skills such as personal computing, exercise, or just have lunch.

The new Senior Satellite Centers supplement a network of Regional Senior Centers. The next four centers are: Abbott Park/Roseland Senior Satellite Center, at 49 E. 95th Street; Austin Senior Satellite Center, 5071 W. Congress Boulevard; Englewood Senior Satellite Center, 653 W. 63rd Street; and the Portage Park/Belmont Craigin Senior Satellite Center to be built at 4100 N. Long Avenue.



West Town/Logan Square work-out facilities



## Pbc web site—[www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com)

Receiving nearly 15,000 hits a day, the Public Building Commission's Web site—[www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com)—contains up-to-the minute data on all of its construction activities, bid opportunities, and board actions. The site posts more than 2,000 photos of the ongoing work on PBC construction projects, provides upcoming contract information, and presents a fully-updated bid calendar.

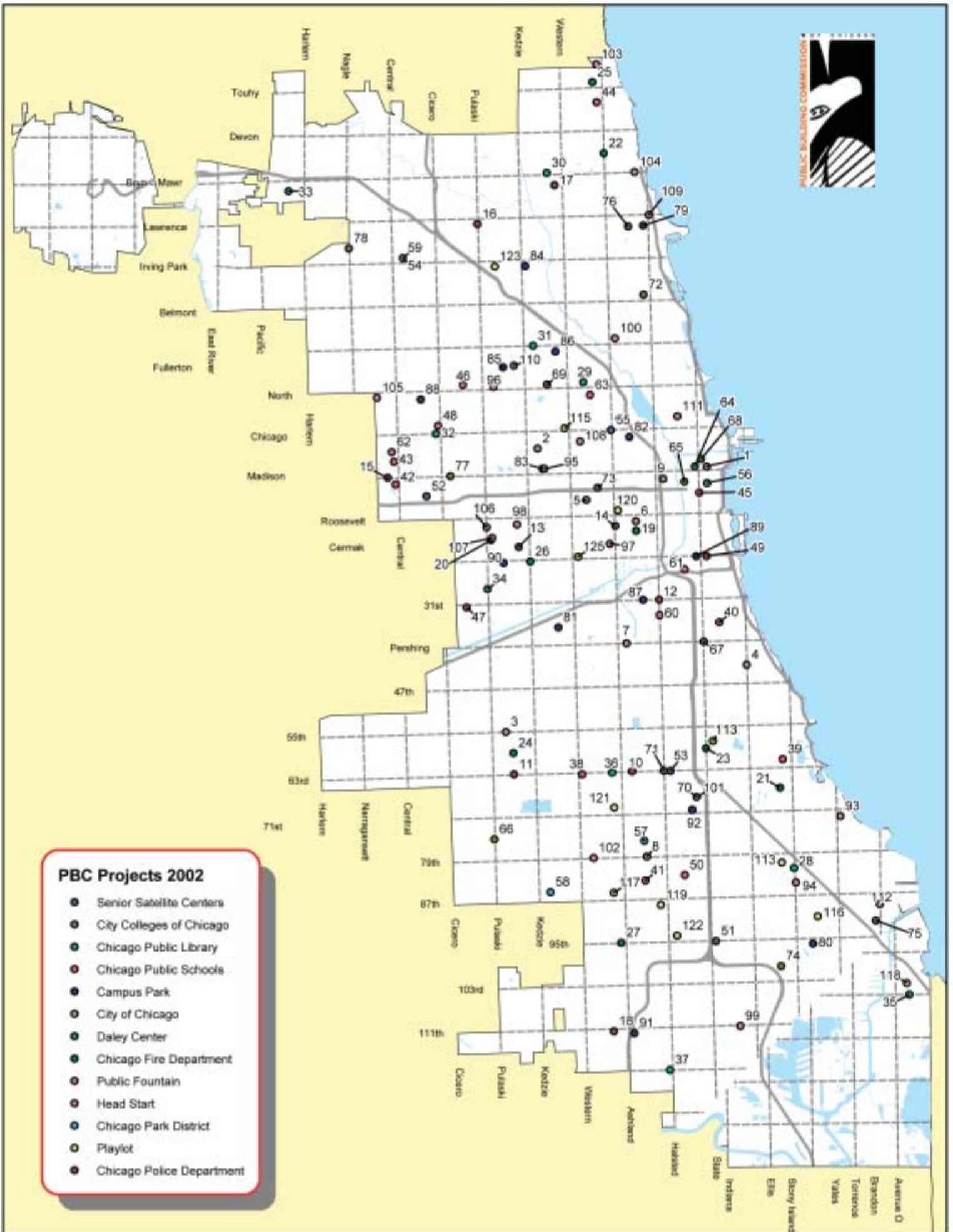
Approximately 950 sub-contractors subscribe to "PBC Alerts"—a free instant notification service that informs construction firms about new bid opportunities, pre-bid meeting details, and bid opening dates. This unique function of the Web site was designed to increase participation of all sub-contractors in the bidding process, and to reach out to more MBE and WBE firms.

Annual reports, financial statements, and standard contract forms are available online to be downloaded. All contracts awarded since 1998 and all bid tabulations since 2000 are also available on the site. In addition, press releases are regularly posted to keep both the media and the public informed about a host of activities and actions.

A current highlight of the site is an interactive map of Millennium Park. Each component of this massive project is illustrated with photos or renderings and is accompanied by a comprehensive description.

Recently, GovSpot.com—an online resource center for government information, named [www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com) "Site of the Month."

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# pbcc—2002 projects list

## City of Chicago

1	Millennium Park	Michigan/Columbus/ Randolph/Monroe
2	Chicago Center for Green Technology	445 North Sacramento
3	13th Ward Yard Facility	3720 West 55th St.
4	4th Ward Yard Facility	4336 South Cottage Grove
5	311 Annex	2111 West Lexington
6	ABLA/Fosco Community Center	1312 South Racine
7	Dept. of Water Facility	1424 West Pershing
8	Southwest Mental Health Center	1140 West 79th St.
9	Near West Side Park	Des Plaines & Adams

## Chicago Police Department

10	7th District	1400 West 63rd St.
11	8th District	3600 West 63rd St.
12	9th District	3100 South Halsted
13	10th District	3400 West Ogden
14	12th District	1430 South Ashland
15	15th District	5800 West Madison
16	17th District	4700 North Pulaski
17	20th District	5400 North Lincoln
18	22nd District	1901 West Monterey

## Chicago Fire Department

19	Engine 18	1500 South Racine
20	Engine 38	3911-59 West 16th St.
21	Engine 63	1440 East 67th
22	Engine 70	5960 North Clark
23	Engine 84	5900 South State
24	Engine 88	3600 West 59th St.
25	Engine 102	7322-74 North Clark St.
26	Engine 109	2215 South Kedzie
27	Engine 121	1700 West 95th St.

## Chicago Public Library

28	Avalon Branch Library	8148 South Stony Island Ave.
29	Bucktown/Wicker Park Branch Library	1701 North Milwaukee
30	Budlong Woods Branch Library	5630 North Lincoln Ave.
31	Logan Square Branch Library	3020 West Fullerton
32	New Branch Library	4844-56 West Chicago Ave.
33	Oriole Park Branch Library	7454 W Balmoral
34	Toman Branch Library	2708 South Pulaski
35	Vodak/East Side Branch Library	3700 East 106th St.
36	West Englewood Branch Library	1745 West 63rd St.
37	West Pullman Branch Library	830 West 119th

## Chicago Public Schools

38	Anderson Community Academy	6315 South Claremont
39	Andrew Carnegie Elementary School Addition	1414 East 61st Pl.
40	Chicago Military Academy—Bronzeville	3533 South Giles
41	Paul Cuffe Academy	8324 South Racine Ave.
42	DePriest Elementary School	139 South Parkside
43	Duke Ellington School	Fulton & Parkside
44	Field Area Elementary School	1707 West Morse
45	William Jones College Prep	606 South State
46	Kelvyn Park South High School	4338 West Wabansia
47	Little Village High School	3126 South Kostner
48	Ronald McNair Elementary School	4820 West Walton
49	National Teachers Academy	61 West Cermak
50	Neal F. Simeon Career Academy	8235 South Vincennes

## Senior Satellite Centers

51	Abbott Park	49 East 95th St.
52	Austin	5071 West Congress
53	Englewood	653 West 63rd St.
54	Portage Park	4100 North Long
55	West Town	1613 West Chicago

## Chicago Park District

56	Grant Park South Garage	325 South Michigan
57	Hawthorne Park Entertainment Center	7600 South Racine
58	Hayes Park New Natatorium	2940 West 85th St.

## Public Fountains

59	Portage Park	4100 North Long
60	Richard J. Daley Library	3400 South Halsted
61	Sun Yat-sen Park	300 West 24th Pl.
62	Waller/Midway Plaza	Waller & Midway Plaza
63	Wicker Park	1425 North Damen

## Daley Center

64	Richard J. Daley Center	50 West Washington
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## City Colleges of Chicago

65	Central Administration Bui	226 West Jackson Boulevard
66	Daley College	7500 South Pulaski
67	Dawson Tech	3901 South State St.
68	Harold Washington College	30 East Lake St.
69	Humboldt Park	1645 North California
70	Kennedy King College	6800 South Wentworth
71	Kennedy-King Replacement	6300 South Halsted
72	Lakeview	3310 North Clark St.
73	Malcolm X Colleges	1900 West Van Buren
74	Olive Harvey College	10001 South Woodlawn Ave.
75	South Chicago LC	3055 East 92nd St.
76	Truman College	1145 West Wilson
77	Westside	4624 West Madison St.
78	Wright College	4300 North Narragansett

## Campus Parks

79	Arai	900 West Wilson
80	Burnham	1903 East 96th
81	Burroughs	3542 South Washtenaw
82	Carpenter	1250 West Erie St.
83	Cather	2908 West Washington
84	Cleveland	3121 West Byron
85	Funston	2010 North Central Park
86	Goethe	2236 North Rockwell St.
87	Holden-Bosley	1104 West 31st St.
88	Lewis	1431 North Leamington
89	National Teachers Academy	55 West Cermak
90	Paderewski	2221 South Lawndale
91	Shoop	1460 West 112th St.
92	Yale	7025 South Princeton

## Head Start

93	Ada S. McKinley Ersula Howard	7222 South Exchange
94	All Nations Development Center Head Start	8435 South Stony Island
95	Boys & Girls Club King	2850 West Washington
96	Chicago Commons E.T.C. Center	1633 North Hamlin
97	Chicago Commons Guadalupano Family Center	1814 South Paulina
98	Chicago Youth Centers ABC	3415 West 13th Pl.
99	Chicago Youth Centers Roseland	461 East 111th
100	Christopher House Head Start	2507 North Greenview
101	City Colleges Kennedy King	6800 South Wentworth
102	First Church of Love & Faith Head Start	2140 West 79th Street
103	Howard Area	7638 North Paulina
104	Hull House Association Head Start	1020 West Bryn Mawr
105	Lutheran Social Service North Austin	1500 North Mason
106	Marcy Newberry Assoc. Clair Christian	1339 South Pulaski
107	Marcy Newberry Assoc. Marcy Center	1539 South Springfield
108	Onward House Head Start	600 North Leavitt
109	Salvation Army	4800 North Marine Dr.
110	St. Augustine Head Start	3401 West McLean
111	St. Matthew Methodist Church Head Start	1000 North Orleans
112	Y.M.C.A. South Chicago	8902 South Brandon

## Playlots

113	Avalon Park School	8045 South Kenwood Ave.
114	Carter	5740 South Michigan
115	Chopin	2450 West Rice
116	Davis	9101 South Jeffery Ave.
117	Foster Park School	8530 South Wood Street
118	Gallistel Language Academy	10347 South Ewing Ave.
119	Jackson School	917 West 88th St.
120	Thomas Jefferson	1522 West Fillmore
121	Johns Middle Academy	6936 South Hermitage Ave.
122	Kipling School	9351 South Lowe Ave.
123	Thurgood Marshall	3900 North Lawndale Ave.
124	Peabody	1444 West Augusta Blvd.
125	Pickard	2301 West 21st Pl.

**On the cover:**

“The Picasso” by *Pablo de Leon*

Pablo de Leon created “The Picasso”—an original oil painting—in 1995. Painting is a hobby for Pablo, who has served as the Director of the City of Chicago’s Graphics and Reproduction Center since 1998. He regularly paints Chicago scenes and landmarks, and donates his art to be sold for auction by charitable organizations. After 35 years of service to the City, Pablo retired in August 2003 and will devote his time to painting.



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