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On the Cover  
Aerial view of Millennium Park

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# Message from the Mayor



Improving the infrastructure of our city is key to paving the way for a better quality of life for all Chicagoans. That has been the goal of *Neighborhoods Alive 21*, a four-year initiative that ended during 2003. As part of the city's Capital Improvement Program, *Neighborhoods Alive 21* represented a commitment of \$800 million to build, upgrade and renew public facilities in Chicago for the 21st century.

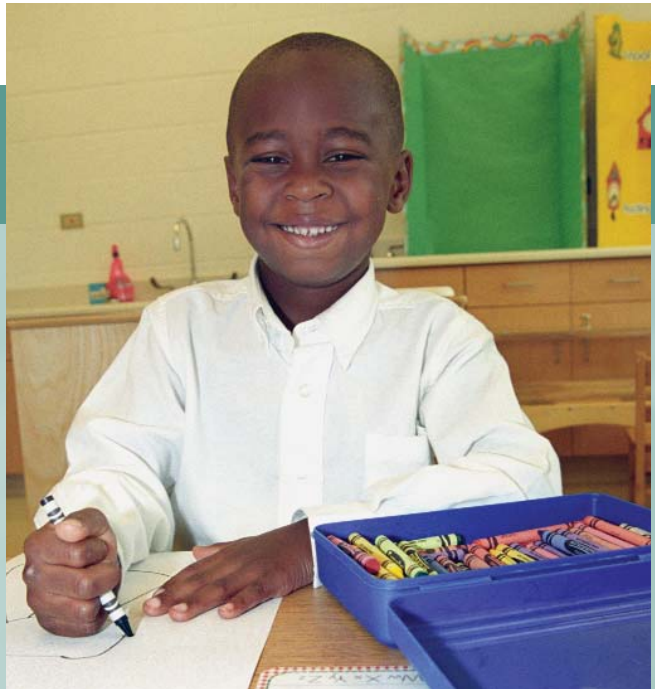
From new and renovated schools to new libraries, police stations and fire stations, *Neighborhoods Alive 21* has helped energize Chicago communities while keeping the city on a progressive path. In addition to building stronger neighborhoods, these projects have played a vital role in stimulating the local economy by providing jobs in the construction trades. Investment in the city's infrastructure has also helped to attract employers wanting to locate and expand in cities with a high-quality workforce and vibrant communities. That is why *Neighborhoods Alive 21* has played such an important role in the growth of every ward and every community in Chicago, creating new and improved facilities in support of education, health, family recreation and public safety all provided under the management of the Public Building Commission (PBC).

This year, the PBC opened several state-of-the-art schools, such as the new \$40 million Simeon Career Academy located on Chicago's South Side. These new schools are expanding educational opportunities to students and broadening the appeal of the neighborhoods that they serve. The PBC also began the construction of two libraries, two fire stations and two police stations.

Inside this year's annual report, there are a number of examples of partnerships between the Public Building Commission, the city and its sister agencies. It is through these efforts that we continue to build stronger communities for the people of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Daley  
Mayor



*A young artist, happily settled into his new school – Ronald E. McNair Elementary School*



# Message from the Executive Director



Since the incorporation of Chicago in 1837, Chicago city planners have endeavored to establish an architectural tradition of creative invention supported by the use of public art in the construction of our city. Yesterday's urban planners successfully built their professional reputations by creating vibrant neighborhoods and communities highlighted by a showcase lakefront. Throughout the years, city planners have cultivated and developed these architectural treasures for the benefit and enjoyment of all Chicagoans.

Today, under the leadership of Mayor Richard M. Daley and assisted by its sister agencies, the Public Building Commission (PBC) is continuing this tradition of vibrant construction.

One of the agency's newest and most dynamic construction management projects to date has been the Millennium Park Project (Park). The Park covers 24.6 acres of lakefront landscape and has quickly become one of Chicago's must-see destinations for families, tourists and conventioners. In 2003, the Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance opened, establishing the Park as a 1,500-seat venue for dozens of arts groups and other types of entertainment. Construction also continued in 2003 on the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States. The pavilion features a highly sculptured, stainless steel design, and it is complimented by the BP Pedestrian Bridge, both designed by Frank Gehry.

In addition to Millennium Park, the PBC is also playing a key role in evolving and expanding Chicago's urban landscape throughout the city—from helping the Chicago Public Schools to build new schools, as well as upgrade existing schools, to aiding the city in expanding public access to green spaces through the construction

of new campus parks, playlots and fountains. The PBC has also been busy building new libraries, as well as renovating existing libraries. The Mayor's commitment to building useful and eye-appealing public buildings also extends to the building and renovation of police stations and firehouses. All of these buildings are accentuated by bright, contemporary designs that cater to the needs of the men, women and children who work, learn and play there, as well as the neighborhoods they serve.

In addition to their attractiveness, these new buildings are state-of-art facilities designed to boost energy efficiency and lower operational costs while improving the overall user environment under the principles of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the United States Green Building Council. By incorporating construction elements such as building with recycled materials and including water-saving features and technologies, we will reduce the harm to the environment and reduce our overall energy consumption. Today, LEED initiatives are the standard for most of the PBC's current construction projects.

The PBC is committed to assisting the city, our sister agencies and the country construct safer, cleaner and more cost efficient public buildings for the citizens of Chicago and the surrounding metropolitan area. Moreover, we are also committed to ensuring Chicago's neighborhoods and communities remain vibrant and useful. History has taught us that these are essential attributes of a world-class city!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Montel M. Gayles". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Montel M. Gayles  
Executive Director

Aerial view of Millennium Park's Peristyle



Watering the greens at Arai Campus Park



# 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. Currently, the Mayor of Chicago serves as chairman and is 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 commissioners. With the approval of City Council, these appointees include representatives of labor, commerce, clergy and the community at large.



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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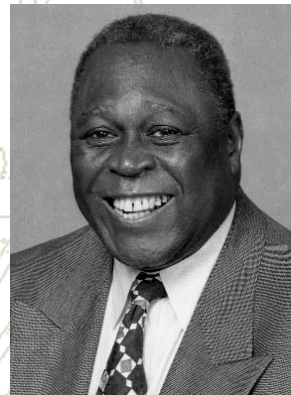
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# About the PBC



Daley Center farmer's market

The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) builds and renovates public facilities for governmental agencies in Chicago and Cook County. Created in 1956 as an independent governmental unit, the PBC Board of Commissioners provides supervision for construction projects from the acquisition of land, through the various stages of construction—design, planning and actual building construction. Our mission is to build attractive and functional structures that the public can enjoy for generations while also providing cost-efficient project management services for our clients, which include the City of Chicago, the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Park District, the City Colleges of Chicago and Cook County.

The PBC is headquartered at the Richard J. Daley Center, a building which it also owns and operates. The PBC also owns and operates Daley Plaza, the home of one of Chicago's most important architectural landmarks—the Picasso statue.

## **Commitment to the Community**

In the last decade, the PBC has streamlined its qualification process to encourage smaller company participation and to increase diversity among those who work on public projects. The PBC enforces equal employment opportunity and city residency goals, seeking a larger role for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE). In addition, the PBC coordinates Mayor Daley's Skill Builders program, a training initiative designed to help economically disadvantaged Chicagoans gain work skills, prepare for apprenticeship tests in the building trades and qualify for construction jobs.

Further information pertaining to the PBC, including periodic news about the PBC's activities, is available on the World Wide Web at: [www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com).



Spring blooms on the Plaza



Pumpkin Plaza – fall



Winter holiday season



Field Area Primary School playground



Field students hard at work



# Chicago Public Schools



The new Neal F. Simeon Career Academy

Stronger than ever, the partnership between the Public Building Commission and the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) produced four new first-rate teaching facilities this year. Ringing in the 2003–2004 academic year at the new Neal F. Simeon Career Academy, Mayor Daley showcased this modern, three-story structure, complete with 40 classrooms, eight computer labs, six science labs, five rooms devoted specifically for music and art and a full-service kitchen. Sitting on an eight-acre site, the \$40 million school also prepares students for life after graduation by offering vocational training in various industries, such as automotive, architecture and drafting. Training is also offered in carpentry, welding, electrical, technology, commercial art, cosmetology and the culinary arts. A replacement for the former high school, the new Simeon is 215,000 square feet in size and is located at 8147 S. Vincennes.

With a distinctive geometrical pattern in its brickwork, the new Ronald E. McNair Elementary School brings a striking presence to the Austin community. Nearly 1,000 students are now thriving in McNair's 37 bright and airy classrooms and up-to-date art, science and music labs. Since the school's opening this year, students and community residents alike have enjoyed the two outdoor play areas on the McNair campus. Named after an African-American astronaut who died in the Challenger disaster, McNair Elementary is located at 4820 W. Walton.

Former students of Paul Cuffe Academy were once housed in a cramped church building that did not even have a gym. This year, the Cuffe student body not only has a fabulous gymnasium to use for recreation, but its own basketball team. Built in the Auburn-Gresham community, the new three-story Paul Cuffe Academy, located at 8324 S. Racine, has been designated a math, science and technology academy. The school features contemporary learning labs for computer and science study, special art and music classrooms, a full-service dining hall, two outdoor play areas and Chicago Style windows.

In Rogers Park—at the corner of Clark and Morse—Field Area Primary School opened to serve 1,000 kindergarten through fourth grade students who, collectively, speak 21 different languages. Designated a performing arts academy, this new three-story school building features a clock tower, 30 up-to-date classrooms, two play areas and an additional section of open green space adjacent to the Rogers Park Library to be used by library visitors, as well as Field Area Primary School students.

Ground was broken and construction was begun at five more schools during 2003—Claremont Academy, 6315 S. Claremont, on Chicago's South Side; the West Side's Oscar DePriest Elementary School, 139 S. Parkside; Edward K. "Duke" Ellington Elementary School at Fulton and Parkside; North Grand High School, 4338 W. Wabansia; and Little Village High School, 3126 S. Kostner.

# Chicago Public Schools

*Drafting class at Simeon Career Academy*



*Paul Cuffe Academy*



*Ronald E. McNair Elementary School façade*

The PBC and CPS are part of the nationwide movement to bring energy efficiency and “green” concepts into the schools. For example, solar panels and rooftop vegetation were installed at Claremont and Ellington schools to lessen the heat generated by dark surfaces. Implemented jointly or separately, these advancing environmental concepts lower roof temperature and reduce building energy costs. Meanwhile, Tarkington Elementary School—set to open in 2005—will be the first Chicago public school to be certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the U.S. Green Building Council. Some of this future teaching facility’s eco-friendly components will include building materials constructed from recycled products, such as terrazzo flooring made from recycled glass, recycled wood and masonry produced from recycled slag, plumbing fixtures that use 30% less water than a typical building of that size, air conditioning refrigerants that do not deplete the ozone, and rainwater run-off systems that feed into a lagoon instead of a sewer system. Tarkington School will set the standard for more upcoming partnerships between the Public Building Commission and Chicago Public Schools.

Bright new classroom – McNair Elementary



New band practice room – Simeon Academy



The hose tower at Engine Company 63



Chicago Fire Department logo etched in stone



Engine Company 38





# Chicago Fire Department



*Each new station contains an Office of Emergency Communications*

Designed as a prototype, the first new fire station to be built in Chicago in two decades opened its doors in 2003. The one-story Engine Company 63—located at 1140 E. 67th Street—will accommodate 16 firefighters and four officers within 16,000 square feet of space. This innovative station includes sleeping quarters, officers quarters, a state-of-the-art stainless steel kitchen with pantry and dining area and exercise room. The commander receives calls and dispatches vehicles from the station's watchtower while other important information is conveyed through the Office of Emergency Communications.

Also on site at Engine Company 63 is a satellite firefighting training facility, equipped with computers, which provides learning space for 25 students in two classrooms, two instructor's offices and a conference room.

The station's 52-foot circular driveway was engineered for ease of maneuvering all three vehicles—the fire truck, fire engine and ambulance—in and out of the station, while an apparatus bay will serve to store them.

Eight more new fire stations are moving toward completion throughout Chicago as part of the progressive *Neighborhoods Alive 21* program. Ground was broken for Engine Company 38, as well as Engine Company 84 and 88. Construction details and photos for each new station can be viewed on the PBC's website—[www.pbcchicago.com](http://www.pbcchicago.com).



*The modern façade of Engine Company 38*



Interior – West Englewood Library



*The new West Englewood Branch Library*



West Englewood welcomed a branch library during a community-wide dedication ceremony in August of 2003. With a \$300,000 opening day collection of books, magazines and newspapers for adults, children and teens, the new one-story library anchors the neighborhood at 1745 W. 63rd Street.

Online research databases, educational videos, children's computers with instructional software, summer reading groups and the Teacher in the Library program are just some of what the new West Englewood Branch Library has to offer for the nine elementary and two high schools it will serve. The 7,000-square-foot library also features an outdoor reading garden as well as a community room that seats 50.

Ground was broken for two other new libraries in 2003—the Oriole Park Branch Library and West Pullman Branch Library—and renovation and expansion was begun on the Toman Branch Library in the Little Village community.

The present Toman Library is situated in an ideal location to serve the community, the entire building will be enlarged and the interior renovated to create more room for larger book collections, more computers, a community meeting room and a growing Spanish-language materials section.

The Oriole Park and West Pullman libraries will each cover 14,000 square feet, with interiors that make use of natural lighting. A variety of trees and shrubbery will also be planted to enhance the exterior of these libraries.

The Oriole Park Branch Library is scheduled to open in the Summer of 2004, while West Pullman anticipates a 2005 grand opening.

Construction activities—in various stages—are also taking place at the following future libraries: Avalon Branch Library, Bucktown/Wicker Park Branch Library, Logan Square Branch Library, West Chicago Avenue Branch Library and Vodak/East Side Branch Library.



*Peristyle at Millennium Park*



*Welcome to Millennium Park*



# Millennium Park



Diners at the Park Grill watch skaters at McCormick Tribune Plaza Ice Rink

The construction of Millennium Park continued throughout 2003, moving ever closer toward what promises to be an extraordinary masterpiece of art, architecture and landscaping along Chicago's historic lakefront. Completion of the 24.5-acre Millennium Park is certain to enhance that tradition.

Also during the year, Chicago was named top arts destination in the United States in *American Style* magazine's readers' poll. The ranking is a tribute to the city's long tradition of excellence in the performing and visual arts.

In the spring, construction was started for the 2.5 acre Lurie Garden. Located in the southeast corner of the park, the year-round garden was designed by the team of Kathryn Gustafson, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel. The garden is designed to offer a unique combination of spatial structure, plantings and lighting that will provide a rich and varied sensory experience, day or night. In November of 2003, at the northeast section of the park, the Joan W. and Ira B. Harris Music and Dance Theatre opened. The opening of this 1,500-seat theatre provides Chicago with a state-of-the-art performance space allowing performing arts organizations to attract broader and more diverse audiences.

In 2003, construction also moved forward on the centerpiece of Millennium Park—the Frank Gehry—designed Jay Pritzker Music Pavilion. Featuring fixed seating for 4,000 and space for more than 7,000 on the Great Lawn, the performance shell will be the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States. The Pavilion will stand 120 feet high, adorned by stainless steel ribbons that will frame the proscenium opening. In addition, a network of high-quality speakers will be attached to crisscrossing steel pipes, creating an open-air “acoustical canopy” above the lawn seating area. The world-renowned architect Gehry also designed the BP Pedestrian Bridge, itself a stunning, steel-clad structure that will facilitate pedestrian access to the park from the east.



View through the tulips – Pritzker Music Pavilion



Cloud Gate



The BP Pedestrian Bridge

# Millennium Park

Another feature of the park that continues to grow in popularity is McCormick Tribune Plaza, which is the home of an ice-skating rink that in 2003 drew 77,667 visitors. The rink also serves as a 150-seat outdoor dining area in the summer for the Park Grill Restaurant and Park Grill Cafe.

To the south of the skating rink sits the Crown Fountain (Fountain), designed by Spanish sculptor Jaume Plensa. The Fountain features two 50-foot-tall glass block towers at each end of a shallow reflecting pool. Imbedded within each tower are lighted screens that flash the faces of 1,000 Chicagoans, who appear from behind the glass with streams of water spurting from their lips.

Just east of the skating rink is the site of Cloud Gate, a 110-ton elliptical sculpture designed by the celebrated British artist Anish Kapoor. As one of the world's largest outdoor sculptures, Cloud Gate stands 66 feet long, 42 feet wide and 33 feet high. Cloud Gate's mirrored finish, forged of a seamless series of 168 highly polished, stainless steel "plates," reflects the activity of the park and the surrounding skyline.

With an estimated two to three million visitors annually, Millennium Park will be one of the City's most visited cultural icons—an international destination that showcases the city of Chicago to the world. It will also stand as a tribute to Chicago visionaries, both past and present, that will speak to future generations about the dreams and daring in Chicago at the turn of the millennium.

Crown Fountain





*The distinct checkerboard pattern is represented throughout the police stations*



*8th District Police Station under construction*





# Chicago Police Department



A large group for 17th District groundbreaking

Today's new Chicago police stations have evolved to better suit the officers who serve and protect the public. Working with Chicago Police Department personnel and the Department of General Services, the PBC has developed a prototype police station that cuts design costs while maintaining an emphasis on technology, safety and comfort.

These sleeker, more spacious stations replace cramped and often antiquated facilities, giving officers ample room to tend to their duties. Each new police station includes a secure viewing and line-up room that protects crime victims and witnesses, in addition to a separate entrance for arrestees. Other improvements include a fiber optics network for faster, more efficient emergency and telephone services, video recording equipment that enables arraignments to be made directly from the station, and electronic security consoles located throughout these facilities that allow monitoring of various station locations and areas. These stations include a "quiet room" where officers can reduce personal stress after traumatic situations.

This year, the PBC broke ground on the new Austin (15th District) station that will replace the current facility built in 1918. This new

station will be more than twice the current station's size. In June 2003, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in Albany Park for a new 17th District station that will be nearly four times the size of the original—which was one of the city's oldest and smallest.

The PBC also moved forward with the new Morgan Park (22nd District) station, which, upon opening in 2004, is set to become the first certified "green" police station by the U.S. Green Building Council. The new station will contain a variety of energy-saving components, such as reflective surfaces installed on the roof and parking lot to cool the building and save on energy costs, solar thermal panels that use the sun's energy to heat the water in the station, recycled content used in many of the building materials and drought-resistant landscaping that requires less water usage.

Land acquisition, pre-construction, demolition and construction activities are also underway for a number of other new Chicago police stations as part of Mayor Daley's *Neighborhood's Alive 21* program, including stations located in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and the 12th Districts.



Welding at the construction site of the Department of Water Facility

13th Ward Yard



# City of Chicago

*Fosco Community Center architectural rendering*



*Department of Water Facility architectural rendering*



As partners in building, restoring and maintaining the infrastructure that supports the functions of daily life in the Chicago metropolitan area, the PBC and the City of Chicago collaborated on several diverse projects this past year.

Now that the staff has moved into their new building, the 13th Ward Yard facility is up and running at 3720 W. 55th Street. The one-story, 2,380-square-foot facility is a cost-saving prototype design and was opened in January 2003. The building's low-profile, sloped, sheet metal roof and neutral masonry were designed to blend into the scenery of the residential neighborhood. The site also contains a new 2,100-square-foot, three-vehicle storage bay and maintenance garage.

Built on the site of a former City incinerator, the new Department of Water Facility made use of the original foundations, structural pilings and basement walls of the previous facility—saving money by “recycling” the construction in this way. The two-story building—42,000 square feet in size—contains maintenance shops, warehousing space, and the City's water meter testing facility. A 28,000-square-foot garage designed for Department of Water vehicles and a single-story office space are also part of this new campus.

Children and adults alike in the ABLA Homes—Fosco Park area are excited about the construction that is in full swing on their new community center, located at 1312 S. Racine Avenue. The Fosco Community Center will house an indoor swimming pool, an indoor regulation-size basketball court and an indoor softball diamond, making it possible for year-round “summertime” recreation. The facility will also feature a gymnasium, softball field, many versatile rooms and a day care center that will accommodate up to 96 children. The local YMCA will offer programs at the new center, including music and art lessons and ceramics. In addition to constructing this beautiful new building, lush landscaping has also been planned for the grounds, including flowering crabapple trees and lilac hedges; maple, elm, and oak trees; and roses, daylilies and other perennials.

Also in 2003, the PBC and the City of Chicago completed renovation activities on nearly a dozen Department of Human Services Head Start centers. Work on each center varied, but included enhancements, such as improved classrooms, new restrooms, updated wall and floor coverings, renovated kitchens, new furniture, tuckpointing and door and window replacements.



*Two youngsters check out the new Lewis Campus Park*



*Burroughs Campus Park fits right into the neighborhood*



*New playground and landscaping at Burnham Campus Park*

# Campus Parks

Campus parks are blooming throughout Chicago's neighborhoods, bringing safe, recreational outlets and much-needed green space to our city. The PBC partners with the Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District and the City of Chicago to bring these campus parks to life.

In 2003, Mayor Daley formally dedicated three new campus parks at celebrations attended by community leaders, school and park officials and children and adults eager to use their new multi-purpose venues.



Wide open spaces – Arai Campus Park



Leslie Lewis Campus Park, at 1431 N. Leamington Avenue, opened in August with an array of greenery—4,000 ground cover plantings, 800 perennial flowers, 140 flowering shrubs and more than 30 new trees—in addition to jogging paths, benches and ornamental lighting and fencing.

On Chicago's Southeast Side, a new park joins the campus of Burnham/Anthony Mathematics & Science Inclusive Academy at 1903 E. 96th Street. An area once filled with broken concrete now offers the children of the neighborhood two fully equipped playgrounds with soft-surface flooring and a playing field that can accommodate a variety of sports. Benches, bike racks and two new staff parking areas are other amenities provided in this campus park project.

Dedicated in November of 2003, the Frederick Funston Elementary School Campus Park contains two playground areas—one for kindergarten through third grade students, and the other for fourth through eighth graders. A multi-purpose playing field, new walkways and an assortment of landscaping complete this park which is located at 2010 N. Central Park Avenue. A cul-de-sac was created on nearby McLean Street to stop unauthorized vehicles from entering the street, thereby making the campus park a safer place to run and play.

Campus parks are currently in the works for the following Chicago Public Schools: Burroughs, Cather, Cleveland, Paderewski, Ross and Yale.



*Kennedy-King rendering*



# City Colleges



*New gym floor and bleachers —Olive-Harvey College*

The Public Building Commission and City Colleges of Chicago moved ahead with plans for the new Kennedy-King College Campus while also working to complete a capital improvement program aimed at renovating and modifying existing facilities to help boost educational opportunities throughout the city.

In addition to moving forward with plans for a new Kennedy-King College Campus, earlier in the year a top-to-bottom renovation of Harold Washington College was launched. This renovation includes an interior reconstruction of the college's teaching areas. The PBC also moved forward with plans to adapt the facilities at Daley, Olive-Harvey, Truman and Wright Colleges to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Moreover, at Daley College, the PBC completed an extensive renovation of three of the school's science laboratories in September 2003. The PBC also completed construction of a new gym floor, installed bleachers, and replaced windows throughout Olive-Harvey College.

*Science lab storage at Daley College*



*Daley College chemical lab renovation*



The new Portage Park Senior Satellite Center



Portage Park Senior Satellite Center





# Senior Satellite Centers



Getting fit in Portage Park Senior Center's exercise room

New Senior Satellite Centers are enriching the lives of older individuals throughout Chicago by providing comfortable and modern places to socialize, exercise, take computer classes and enjoy lunch with others. In an effort to keep seniors from feeling isolated, Mayor Daley has developed these new gathering spots through a program called *Neighborhoods Alive with Seniors!*

Also in 2003, communities of Austin and Portage Park saw substantial completion of a new senior satellite center. The \$2 million Austin Senior Satellite Center will be operated and managed in partnership by the South Austin Coalition Community Council and Bethel New Life. This facility will be outfitted with a Golden Diner lunchroom, fitness room equipped with treadmills and weights, a multi-purpose room with computers and a library.

Portage Park's site is based within an existing Chicago Park District facility at 4100 N. Long Avenue. Christian Churches Caring will oversee Portage Park's daily operations. By sharing space with the Park District, the new Portage Park Senior Satellite Center will benefit from such things as an Olympic-size swimming pool and tennis courts. Other features of the new senior center will include a library with computers, an exercise room, a daily snack bar and an all-purpose room equipped with a large-screen television.

Additional Senior Satellite Centers are scheduled to open in 2004 at Abbott Park and in Englewood. These centers will be available to senior citizens eager to get out, sharpen their computer skills or just relax among friends.

Group activities at new Austin Senior Center





*Graduation ceremonies are a family affair*



*Certificates in hand at summer commencement*

# Skill Builders

Mayor Daley's Skill Builders Program marked its third year with nearly 100 graduates already accepted into union apprenticeship programs. Many of the graduates will soon become journeyworkers earning full-scale pay. Individuals who have faced long-term unemployment, years of minimum wage jobs, homelessness and other conditions that kept them from well-paying and rewarding careers are now on their way to gainful employment and learning skilled trades as apprentices. Historically, these individuals—women and minorities, for example—have been under-represented in the trades.

Breaking into the trades can be a difficult process. With two courses running concurrently through Dawson Technical College, 3901 S. State, and Westside Technical College, 2800 S. Western Avenue, Skill Builders has prepared more than 300 Chicagoans with the training, mentoring and support they need to become union apprentices.

Skill Builders consistently score high on the apprenticeship entrance exams due to the intensive instruction they receive during 14 weeks of classroom study. One Skill Builder recently earned the top score on the sheet metal entrance exam *and* a near-perfect Score (95%) on the required test for the electrician's union.

In addition to classroom work, participants visit different apprenticeship programs each week and occasionally tour construction sites. These activities help students make better, more informed decisions before making applications to the construction trades.

Skill Builders is a collaboration that draws on resources from a variety of organizations including the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council, City Colleges of Chicago and the Public Building Commission of Chicago. The City's unions have also offered assistance and guidance to Skill Builders. This year, Skill Builders administered a survey to all union apprentice program directors. Feedback from this survey is invaluable to the future of the Skill Builders program and will be used to develop the best possible candidates to enter the field of construction.

*Filled with pride on graduation day*



# Public Fountains

After bringing elegant public fountains to all corners of the city, the PBC's fountain program has come to a close. The completion of the Waller/Midway Fountain and its surrounding plaza marked the end of the popular program, provided through Mayor Daley's *Neighborhoods Alive 21*.

Waller/Midway, pictured here, provides not only a beautiful water fountain, but a peaceful landscaped gathering place for area residents.

Sometimes old-fashioned and ornate, sometimes simple and modern, the fountains bring new public spaces to busy neighborhoods in need of a quiet spot to relax with a book, chat with friends or enjoy lunch away from the office. Through this program, fountains have been built, restored or renovated throughout the city—from Hyde Park to the Gold Coast, and from Lincoln Park to the West Side.

*Waller/Midway Fountain and its surrounding plaza (also photo above)*



## 2003

**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO**  
**Summary Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2003**

### Assets

Cash and investments	\$ 514,129,717
Capitalized leases receivable	600,440,000
Due from other governments and agencies	32,394,256
Other Assets & Receivables	2,749,493
Building and Land net of Depreciation	50,196,844

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,199,910,310</b>
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### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 67,161,288
Bonds Payable	622,800,429
Deferred Project Revenue	168,120,138
Other liabilities	266,984,681

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,125,066,536</b>
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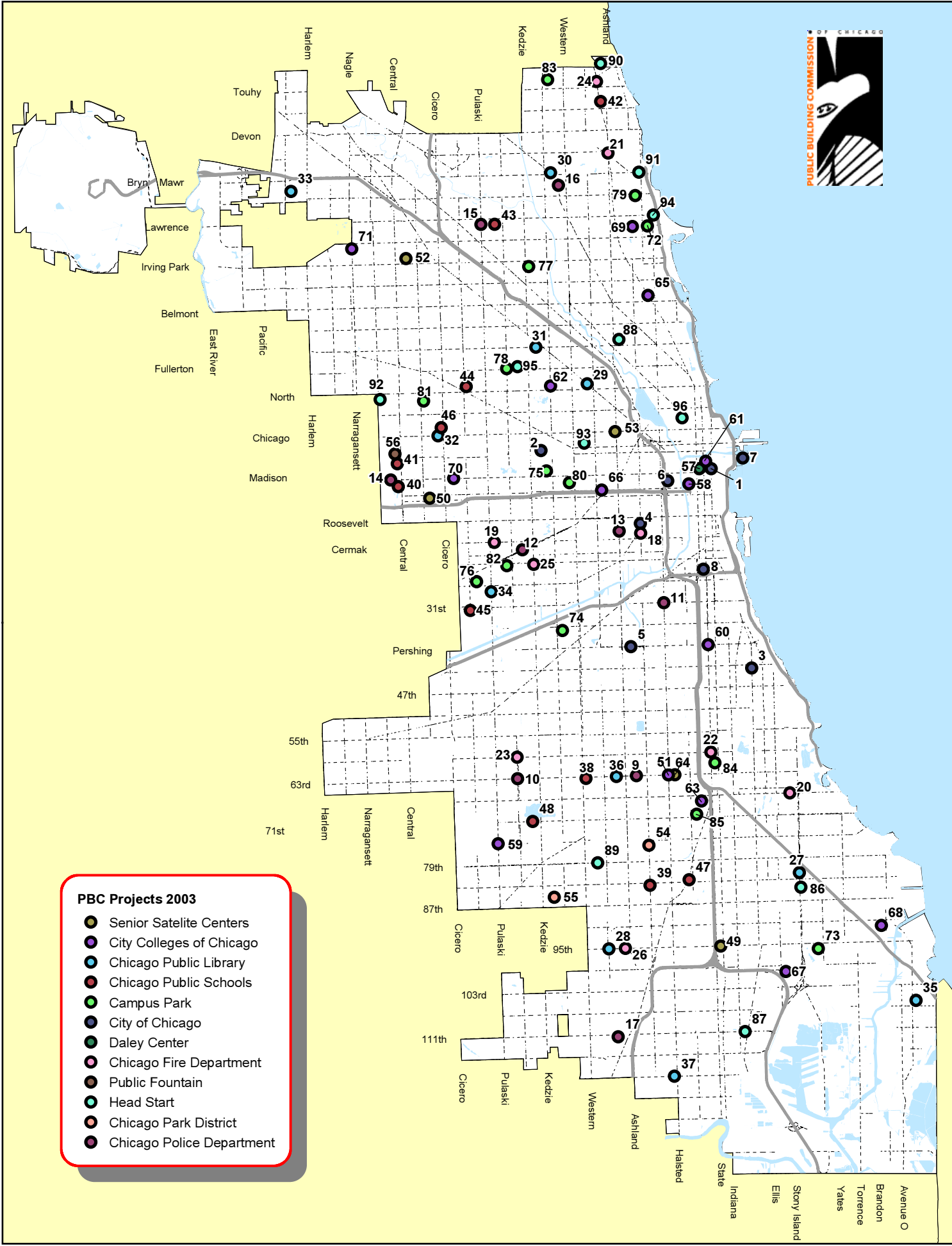
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 74,843,774</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,199,910,310</b>
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**Operating Highlights**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2003**

Direct project costs	\$ 298,391,316
Facility maintenance and operations costs	15,337,119
Administrative costs	7,705,948

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# PBC — 2003 Project List

## City of Chicago

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|----|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Millennium Park                     | Michigan/Columbus/Randolph/Monroe |
| 2. | Chicago Center for Green Technology | 445 N. Sacramento                 |
| 3. | 4th Ward Yard Facility              | 4336 S. Cottage Grove             |
| 4. | Fosco Community Center              | 1312 S. Racine                    |
| 5. | Dept. of Water Facility             | 1424 W. Pershing                  |
| 6. | Near West Side Park                 | Desplaines & Adams                |
| 7. | Marine Safety Station               | 250 N. Breakwater Access          |
| 8. | South Loop Open Space               | 2400 S. Dearborn                  |

## Chicago Police Department

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

## Chicago Fire Department

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|-----|------------|----------------------|
| 18. | Engine 18  | 1500 S. Racine       |
| 19. | Engine 38  | 3911-59 W. 16th St.  |
| 20. | Engine 63  | 1440 E. 67th         |
| 21. | Engine 70  | 5960 N. Clark        |
| 22. | Engine 84  | 5900 S. State        |
| 23. | Engine 88  | 3600 W. 59th St.     |
| 24. | Engine 102 | 7322-74 N. Clark St. |
| 25. | Engine 109 | 2215 S. Kedzie       |
| 26. | Engine 121 | 1700 W. 95th Street  |

## Chicago Public Library

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|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 27. | Avalon Branch Library               | 8148 S. Stony Island Ave. |
| 28. | Beverly Branch Library              | 95th & Damen              |
| 29. | Bucktown/Wicker Park Branch Library | 1701 N. Milwaukee         |
| 30. | Budlong Woods Branch Library        | 5630 N. Lincoln Ave.      |
| 31. | Logan Square Branch Library         | 3030 W. Fullerton         |
| 32. | West Chicago Avenue Branch Library  | 4856 W. Chicago Ave.      |
| 33. | Oriole Park Branch Library          | 7454 W. Balmoral          |
| 34. | Toman Branch Library                | 2708 S. Pulaski           |
| 35. | Vodak/East Side Branch Library      | 3710 E. 106th St.         |
| 36. | West Englewood Branch Library       | 1745 W. 63rd St.          |
| 37. | West Pullman Branch Library         | 830 W. 119th              |

## Chicago Public Schools

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|-----|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 38. | Claremont Academy                | 6315 S. Claremont   |
| 39. | Paul Cuffe Academy               | 8324 S. Racine Ave. |
| 40. | DePriest Elementary School       | 139 S. Parkside     |
| 41. | Duke Ellington Elementary School | Fulton & Parkside   |
| 42. | Field Area Elementary School     | 1707 W. Morse       |
| 43. | Haugan Middle School             | 3729 W. Leland      |
| 44. | North Grand High School          | 4338 W. Wabansia    |
| 45. | Little Village High School       | 3126 S. Kostner     |
| 46. | Ronald McNair Elementary School  | 4820 W. Walton      |
| 47. | Neal F. Simeon Career Academy    | 8235 S. Vincennes   |
| 48. | Tarkington Elementary School     | 3330 W. 71st St.    |

## Senior Satellite Centers

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|-----|--------------|------------------|
| 49. | Abbott Park  | 49 E. 95th St.   |
| 50. | Austin       | 5071 W. Congress |
| 51. | Englewood    | 653 W. 63rd St.  |
| 52. | Portage Park | 4100 N. Long     |
| 53. | West Town    | 1613 W. Chicago  |

## Chicago Park District

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|-----|---|------------------|
| 54. | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Park & Family Entertainment Center | 7600 S. Racine   |
| 55. | Hayes Park New Natatorium                                       | 2940 W. 85th St. |

## Public Fountains

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|-----|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 56. | Waller/Midway Plaza | Waller & Midway Plaza |
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## Daley Center

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| 57. | Richard J. Daley Center | 50 W. Washington |
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## City Colleges of Chicago

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|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 58. | Central Administration Building | 226 W. Jackson Blvd.   |
| 59. | Daley College                   | 7500 S. Pulaski        |
| 60. | Dawson Tech                     | 3901 S. State St.      |
| 61. | Harold Washington College       | 30 E. Lake St.         |
| 62. | Humboldt Park                   | 1645 N. California     |
| 63. | Kennedy-King College            | 6800 S. Wentworth      |
| 64. | New Kennedy-King                | 6300 S. Halsted        |
| 65. | Lakeview                        | 3310 N. Clark St.      |
| 66. | Malcolm X College               | 1900 W. Van Buren      |
| 67. | Olive-Harvey College            | 10001 S. Woodlawn Ave. |
| 68. | South Chicago LC                | 3055 E. 92nd St.       |
| 69. | Truman College                  | 1145 W. Wilson         |
| 70. | Westside                        | 4624 W. Madison St.    |
| 71. | Wright College                  | 4300 N. Narragansett   |

## Campus Parks

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|-----|------------|----------------------|
| 72. | Arai       | 900 W. Wilson        |
| 73. | Burnham    | 1903 E. 96th         |
| 74. | Burroughs  | 3542 S. Washtenaw    |
| 75. | Cather     | 2908 W. Washington   |
| 76. | Corkery    | 2510 S. Kildare      |
| 77. | Cleveland  | 3121 W. Byron        |
| 78. | Funston    | 2010 N. Central Park |
| 79. | Goudy      | 5120 N. Winthrop     |
| 80. | Grant      | 145 S. Campbell      |
| 81. | Lewis      | 1431 N. Leamington   |
| 82. | Paderewski | 2221 S. Lawndale     |
| 83. | Rogers     | 7345 N. Washtenaw    |
| 84. | Ross       | 6059 S. Wabash       |
| 85. | Yale       | 7025 S. Princeton    |

## Head Start

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|-----|---|----------------------|
| 86. | All Nations Development Center Head Start | 8435 S. Stony Island |
| 87. | Chicago Youth Centers, Roseland           | 461 E. 111th         |
| 88. | Christopher House Head Start              | 2507 N. Greenview    |
| 89. | First Church of Love & Faith Head Start   | 2140 W. 79th St.     |
| 90. | Howard Area                               | 7638 N. Paulina      |
| 91. | Hull House Association Head Start         | 1020 W. Bryn Mawr    |
| 92. | Lutheran Social Service, North Austin     | 1500 N. Mason        |
| 93. | Onward House Head Start                   | 600 N. Leavitt       |
| 94. | Salvation Army                            | 4800 N. Marine Dr.   |
| 95. | St. Augustine Head Start                  | 3401 W. McLean       |
| 96. | St. Matthew Methodist Church Head Start   | 1000 N. Orleans      |



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