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It is my pleasure to serve you as the Alderman of the 6th Ward. I look forward to partnering with each resident, business owner, block club and community organization to return our neighborhood to what it should be. My Aldermanic office located at 8001 S. M.L King Drive is always available to serve you. We are open Monday through Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday and Saturday from 10am-2pm. We look forward to greeting you soon.

Roderick T. Sawyer

Winston McGill **6TH WARD CHIEF OF STAFF**

Greetings everyone,

It is my pleasure to serve the residents of the 6th Ward as your new Chief of Staff. I am extremely excited to join Alderman Sawyer and his diligent staff to continue providing outstanding service to

our constituents. I share Alderman Sawyer's vision for a safe, vibrant and flourishing community. I look forward to working with you to make the 6th ward the greatest ward in the city of Chicago.



Winston McGill



Paul Bryson, the 6th Ward superintendent services all streets and sanitation issues including garbage removal, refuge removal, street cleaning and general sanitation issues.

1. What is the process of getting a vacant lot cleaned and grass cut?

Call 311. If you do not receive action within 7-10 days follow up with Streets and San. Please make sure that you have the correct address for the lot in need of service.

2. What can I do if there are problems with trees on our block?

If the tree is on your private property it is your responsibility. If the tree is on public way call 311 and ask for the Department of Forestry.

3. What if one or all of the street lights are off on my block?

Call 311 and give an exact description of the problem (1 light or all lights) along with an exact address.

4. If my garbage cans are missing, stolen or in poor condition how can I go about replacing them?

Call 311.

***ALWAYS** make sure you ask for a service request number when contacting 311. This ensures that your request was submitted and it allows for tracking the status of your request.

GOOD NEIGHBOR BUSINESS OF THE MONTH 6TH WARD CHICAGO

Edward Calahan Calahan Funeral Home

Edward Calahan was born on July 19, 1952 in Brinkley, Arkansas. Edward's formative years were spent in the Arkansas public school system. He attended Arkansas AM&N University in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. On July 19, 1980, Edward married Shirley A. Taylor. Edward Calahan is the father of four children: Edward Warndell, Tijuana Lakeisha, Edric Lamarr, and Valerie Danielle.

Calahan has worked in the funeral home business since he was sixteen years old. He pursued his dream, and graduated from the Worsham College of Mortuary Science. In 1983, Edward along with his wife opened the doors to Calahan Funeral Home, Inc., thus, beginning the 1st generation in the funeral service industry. Under his leadership, Calahan Funeral Home, Inc. has become well known for sincere and personal service. Due to his hard work and diligence, Mrs. Calahan and the entire staff of Calahan Funeral Home. Edward has been recognized for several accomplishments. Most notably, he was awarded the Mortician of the Year award, by the senior members of the Illinois Selected Mortician Association, and was the recipient of the King Humanitarian Award.

In addition to his hard work in the funeral home industry, Edward is extremely active in community organizations. He has served as an advisor to the business department of Kennedy King College; an advisor on the Greater Englewood community council and an advisor for the City of Chicago Fire Department. He currently serves as Vice President of the Illinois Selected Morticians Association, advisory board member of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company a member of the Auburn/Gresham Community Council, National Funeral Director's Association, the National Funeral Director and Mortician Association and President of the Calahan Foundation.

Edward is a member of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, Rev Stephen J. Thurston, pastor. He serves as a Deacon. He served as the past President of the Christian Business and Professional Group, and a member of the Bereavement Ministry. He and his wife are also members of the Married Couples Ministry, past Directors of the Married Couples Ministry and Past Teachers of the Married Couples Sunday School class.

When asked of his many endeavors and constant involvement in community projects, Edward states, *"I love the Lord and His people."*





GOOD NEIGHBOR
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH
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Visit goodneighbor.6thwardchicago.com
to view the interview with Edward Calahan.

ALDERMAN IN YOUR AREA

Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer is coming to your neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to meet your Alderman and his staff as well as submit any service requests that you may have.

Park Manor Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016

Chatham Date: Saturday, September 17, 2016

Englewood Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016

Visit www.6thwardchicago.com for info on locations and times

Please call (773) 635-0006 or email service@6thwardchicago.com
with questions or for more information.



Who's Knocking at Your Door

By: Worlee Glover

As the weather has finally shown "Summer" and the days are getting longer it is the perfect environment for Door to Door (D2D) salesmen to come out for work. While most are honest individuals trying to make a living there are those individuals out there who will use unscrupulous sales tactics to get business.

"In the era of overseas call centers and "voicemail hell" the door to door(D2D) salesman has reemerged. Whether a company calls it consumer direct, up and down the street(UDS), consumer interaction, its all door to door. This sales method has been used as an effective tool in workforce development as it allows teenagers, laid off older workers, and those with background issues enter/reenter the workforce. There are not for profits who train individuals to go into D2D sales careers.

Recently, there have been some post about D2D salesmen who are allegedly misrepresenting themselves and companies. Specifically, ADT Security and Comcast have been mentioned. Because of the nature of D2D sales and Independent Sales Organizations(ISO's) its almost impossible to pinpoint who is responsible. So I think its time to take a hard look at who's who and what's what.

The first group that needs to be looked at is:

1. 3rd Party Energy Companies - Many of the companies (IGS, Direct Energy, Veridian, Ambit, etc) have both ISO's and direct reporting D2D salesmen. The D2D salesmen are independent contractors(commission) so they might be a little more aggressive in their sales approach. Walking 8-10 blocks in the cold weather and no sales doesn't make anyone happy. ISO's hire independent contractors and some might not be well suited for this kind of work and not well trained. In the D2D situation, they should have branded clothing as well as a picture ID. The better ISO's also have their reps wear picture ID's with the company name and contact information.

Please be alert as most Chicago area residents have opted into the City of Chicago energy plan with Integrys. Integrys does not use sales reps and some 3rd party D2D reps are engaging in slamming. Slamming is they are illegally changing residents energy providers without their knowledge. Some of the providers have exit fees and tie you into contracts. Over the next couple of days, please check your utility bill and especially any senior, to ensure you or they have not been slammed.If you feel you are a victim contact the Illinois Commerce Commission(ICC). Also, you can check energy rate from various providers at Plug In Illinois <http://www.pluginillinois.org/>.



2. Home Alarm Companies- Whether it's ADT, Protection One, Monitronics or Viviant, etc. have both ISO's and direct reporting D2D salesmen. ADT does not have D2D salesmen while the others have D2D salesmen are independent contractors(commission) so they might be a little more aggressive in their sales approach. ISO's hire independent contractors and some might not be well suited for this kind of work and not well trained. In the D2D situation, they should have branded clothing as well as a picture ID. The rep should introduce himself as a rep from the authorized dealer of XYZ company and not as an employee. The better ISO's also have their reps wear picture ID's with the company name and contact information.

3. Satellite Television- The companies in this category are DirecTV, Dish Network. Neither company has a direct sales staff but use ISO's. ISO's hire independent contractors and some might not be well suited for this kind of work and not well trained. The companies allow ISO's to wear branded clothing. The better ISO's also have their reps wear picture ID's with the ISO's company name and contact information.

4. Cable TV/Internet/Telephony- The companies include WOW, Comcast, AT&T, Sprint. All these companies have both D2D sales employees and ISO's. Comcast, WOW, and AT&T require all D2D reps and ISO's to wear picture ID's. The ISO's must represent themselves as such. Currently Comcast and WOW have sales reps and equipment retention reps. You will only get a call from an equipment retention rep only if you are delinquent or disconnected service and did not return equipment(settop boxes, internet modems, etc). Clear/Sprint has ISO's.

Hopefully, this clears up any confusion and equips residents to be prepared. The first rule is always follow your gut. If you have doubts or suspicious about anyone knocking on your door ask for ID or ask them to leave the information and you will call them if interested."

Photos around the 6th Ward





IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE 911

FIRE TTY (HEARING IMP) 312.747.5047

ALL CITY SERVICES AND POLICE-NON EMERGENCY

CALL 311 - 24 HOURS

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT - CAPS

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5TH DISTRICT 312.747.3100

6TH DISTRICT 312.745.3641

7TH DISTRICT 312.747.6722

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