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Alderman Milly Santiago hosts "Positive Roll Call"

Community and Police working together in Cragin Park

The first of a series of new style Positive Loitering/Roll Call events planned by Alderman Milly Santiago (31st Ward) will be held this Friday, October 2nd at Cragin Park (2611 North Lockwood) at 5pm.

The new style event is a blending of Community Positive Loitering and the Police Roll Call to work against any rise in gang activity and violence. Community leaders with the 5300 West Wrightwood Block Club have taken the lead and volunteered to host the first of the series.

Chicago Police will work cooperatively with neighbors to share concerns and strategies to make the neighborhood safer.

Chicago Police Commander Maria Peña (25th District) said, "We're always striving to create more partnerships and get everyone involved in public safety. The people in this neighborhood have valid concerns and I welcome working with them. They can be our eyes and ears to see so much more than we can alone."

The new alderman of the 31st Ward, Milly Santiago has been very active in meeting with police officials and community members on public safety even before she was sworn in. She fully supports the initiative of working together with residents who want to give public safety a different approach. She will be joined in the effort by State Representative Luis Arroyo and Cook County Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr.

Alderman Santiago noted, "I applaud the neighbors and the Police, coming together to take a strong stand and say that schools, streets and parks belong to us all and should be safe. The community can be a big help to the police and the police get a chance to meet people who they protect. It's a bond we want to strengthen."

Other events of the series will be held at Kelyvn Park with the Hermosa Neighborhood Association on October 9th. Additional events are being planned for Kosciuszko Park and Foreman High School (now known as Foreman College and Career Academy) for later this fall.

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