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## Walgreens at 45th and North Ave. to close its doors

**Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II** has plans to work with neighbors and the business community to address a soon-to-be-closed Walgreens at 4520 W. North Ave.

Alderman Stamper, whose 15th Aldermanic District includes the store property, said he received word from Walgreens that the store will be closing soon. "I was told the store has been losing money and is not meeting the sales numbers necessary to keep it open," Alderman Stamper said.

"This Walgreens has been an important business in the area for many years, and my family and I have shopped there for years," he said. "It's conveniently located, and many people rely on it for getting medications and other items, including groceries."

"It's definitely a loss for the community, and I'm very disappointed they are leaving so suddenly," he said.

**Alderman Stamper will host a community meeting at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 16 at The SOS Center, 4620 W. North Ave.** to discuss concerns, suggestions and next steps for the building.

Alderman Stamper said he will work with the Walgreens real estate division to help market the building and prevent blight and underuse. He said the Department of City Development and the W. North Ave. Business Improvement District will also be involved in the effort to find a new, suitable tenant for the location.

"I will be working diligently with the community and all interested stakeholders to get the lights turned back on at that location," he said.

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