



Venita Hervey, 5th Ward Alderman

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Fifth Ward Alderman Venita Hervey to Host Straight Talk on Trauma Oct. 14

Presentation will answer Level 1 Trauma questions related to MercyRockford Proposal

WHAT: Alderman Venita Hervey is hosting a presentation that will inform attendees about Level 1 Trauma Centers and the critical need to keep one on the West Side. “Many of my Ward residents are questioning what MercyRockford is saying about its plans to move the Level 1 Trauma Center out of the West Side and into the East Side, which already has a Level 1 Trauma Center,” said Hervey. “I want to help answer their questions and clarify misconceptions about the importance of keeping Level 1 Trauma on the West Side.”

WHO: Dr. Gary Merlotti, chairman of the Department of Surgery Residency Program at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago, will present on what a Level 1 Trauma Center is and does, how important timing is in trauma care and the value of a robust trauma network evenly distributed in Rockford to best serve Northwest Illinois. Dr. Merlotti is known for his role as one of the architects of the Chicago Trauma Network in the mid-1980s

All interested residents are welcome to attend this free, educational event. Members of the media also are invited to cover the event.

WHEN: 6:00 p.m. Dr. Merlotti presentation begins
6:30 p.m. Q&A with Dr. Merlotti

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015

WHERE: Klehm Arboretum
2715 S. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61102