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## **Rep. Feigenholtz to Host RTA, Fraud Workshops for Senior Citizens**

State Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) will host two seminars for senior citizens on Wednesday, October 19 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station located at 850 West Addison in Lakeview.

At 10:00 a.m., the Regional Transit Authority will offer a presentation on changes to services and programs for senior citizens, including the seniors ride free and reduced fare programs. The RTA representative will also take questions concerns and suggestions for improving services for senior citizens.

At 11:00 a.m., the Office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan will facilitate a "Silver Beat". The training session will cover a variety of topics including consumer rights under the new credit card rules, the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Project, health care

fraud, reverse mortgages, debt settlement traps, fake check-cashing schemes, and tips on avoiding exploitation and scams.

"These are two fantastic seminars for senior residents in this neighborhood," said Feigenholtz. "As a transit-reliant community, the changes to the RTA reduced fare and free rides program for seniors are vital. Many seniors are confused about the changes or have suggestions on how to better improve the program and the RTA's communication with riders.

Silver Beat is a great program for all seniors; I have been to a few of them now and continue to learn more about protecting myself from fraudulent scams. Together, this is going to be a very informational morning for senior residents."