



News from Belmont

Brown Line Timeline Almost Set for Lakeview Area

October 26th is the “Meet the Contractor Meeting” for the Montrose, Damen, Irving Park and Addison stations. Why does this matter to us? It matters because at this meeting, the contractor will announce their sequence of station closures. If the contractor has selected to begin work on the Addison station right away, the Paulina station will remain open until the new Addison station is complete. This equates to the Southport station closing prior to the Paulina station. The bids for the

remaining package, which includes Paulina, Southport, Wellington and Diversey, were opened in Mid-September. The CTA Board of Directors will take action on the bids at their regular meeting in November. Because of the timing of the contract award, it seems unlikely that either Paulina or Southport will close by the November 30 deadline; however, we cannot rule out that it may happen.

In an effort to mitigate as much business drop off as possible during the station closures, the Chamber has

established a Brown Line Task Force. The task force is working to establish programs and resources for its affected member businesses during this time of economic uncertainty. The first program to launch is an e-newsletter dedicated to Brown Line construction updates and programming updates. In addition, information will be updated regularly at lakeviewchamber.com. And of course, never hesitate to contact the Chamber office with comments, questions or concerns.

Member Spotlight

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center



Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center has been serving the health care needs of the Lake View community for over 100 years. What started as a small hospital with roots in the Belden Baptist Church more than a century ago has evolved into a bustling medical center in the heart of our neighborhood. And while the mission of our hospital enables us to care for the sick, help those in emergencies, deliver babies and work to create healthier communities; we also serve as a key community partner. We recently announced our new affiliation with Gilda’s Club Chicago—a support community for men, women and children diagnosed with cancer and family members and friends. With the help of Illinois Masonic and the generous support of hospital donors, a dedicated space for Gilda’s Club members is opening in the hospital’s Angelo P. Creticos MD Cancer Center. This is the first Gilda’s Club Chicago satellite to open in Chicago and we are proud to have it located in Chicago’s Lake View neighborhood.



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Breakfast With Santa

The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce’s 11th Annual Breakfast with Santa is just a month away! This festive event will be held at Saint Luke Church, 1500 W. Belmont Ave on December 2nd from 9 am to Noon. Last year this event provided over 250 children with a breakfast of pancakes, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, juice and milk all graciously donated by Lakeview Chamber members. After the thrill of meeting jolly Old Saint Nick, children happily departed with a full stomach and a goody bag full of treasures from the neighborhood. Local schools such as Saint Luke, Saint Alphonsus, Saint Benedict, Blaine, Burley, Hamilton and Hawthorne benefit from the Chamber and its members generosity. The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce relies on the kindness of our membership to make such a valuable contribution to the community. Donations are needed for both breakfast and the goody bags so please don’t hesitate to contact us in the Chamber office. Thank you in advance for the outpouring of generosity during the holiday season.

Events Calendar

November 01

Wired Wednesday Schubas

3159 N. Southport Ave.
6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

December 02

Breakfast With Santa

Saint Luke Church
1500 W. Belmont Ave.
9:00 a.m.– Noon

November 08

Ribbon Cutting Standard Bank & Trust Co.

3920 N. Sheridan Ave.
5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.

December 06

Wired Wednesday Signs Now

3838 N. Ashland Ave.
6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

November 16

Ribbon Cutting Porchlight Music Theater

2814 N. Lincoln Ave.
5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

December 01

Southport & Lincoln Ave. Holiday Strolls

For more information, visit
www.lakeviewchamber.com
5:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/01 **Wired Wednesday**
Schubas
3159 N. Southport Ave., 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

11/08 **Ribbon Cutting**
Standard Bank & Trust Co.
3620 N. Sheridan Ave., 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

11/16 **Ribbon Cutting**
Porchlight Music Theater
2814 N. Lincoln Ave., 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

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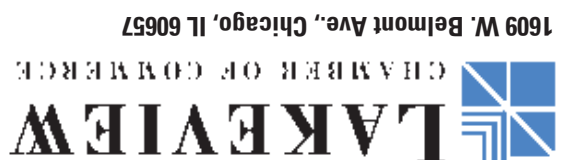
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	Chris Irwin Sussex & Rellly Commercial	Noreen Vaid Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
		Kevin Vaughan Mystic Celt



New Members

1. Bobtail Ice Cream & Coffee Company
Chris Hill
3425 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 248-6104

2. Bourbon
Peter Mitchell
3244 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 880-9520

*** 3. Briar Street Studio**
Jennifer Mau & Libor Vitu
416 W. Briar Place
(773) 525-2015

4. Church of Scientology
Anthony Klarich & Howard Mock
3011 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 348-7788

5. Coldwell Banker
Charles Saponaro
1457 W. Belmont Ave.
(773) 656-3233

6. Comset Computers
Thomas Phillips
3402 N. Ashland Ave.
(773) 327-6893

7. Edgeworks Technology
Andrew Sheppard
3139 N. Lincoln Ave., #202
(773) 244-0305

8. Ethel's Chocolate Lounge
Allison Jurkowski & Lisa Vogt
3404 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 525-1568

9. Flirt
Lynn Ellenberger
3449 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 935-4789

*** 10. Grand Art Printing**
Timothy Lofgren
5051 N. Damen Ave., #3W
(773) 841-4560

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C. Jason Brown
4050 N. Hermitage Ave., #2
(312) 844-0258

12. ICM Properties
1438 W. Belmont Ave.
(773) 549-5443

*** 13. Konica Minolta Business Solutions**
William Chapman
150 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2300
(312) 701-9255

14. Lakeside Bank
Eva Ayala
2800 N. Ashland Ave.
(312) 789-3600

15. Lakeview Dermatology
Eugene Mandrea, MD & Steven Mandrea, MD
3000 N. Halsted Ave., Suite 801
(773) 281-9200

16. Lifestyle Physical Therapy
Michele Kehrer
3130 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 525-5200

*** 17. Murphy's Bleachers**
Elizabeth Murphy
3655 N. Sheffield Ave.
(773) 281-5356

18. Right-On Futon
Liz Hegel
3012 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 528-3960

19. Sugar Fix (A Dental Loft)
Jessica Emery
3346 N. Paulina Ave.
(773) 883-1818

20. Sine Qua Non II Ltd.
Margie Criner
3417 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 871-2280

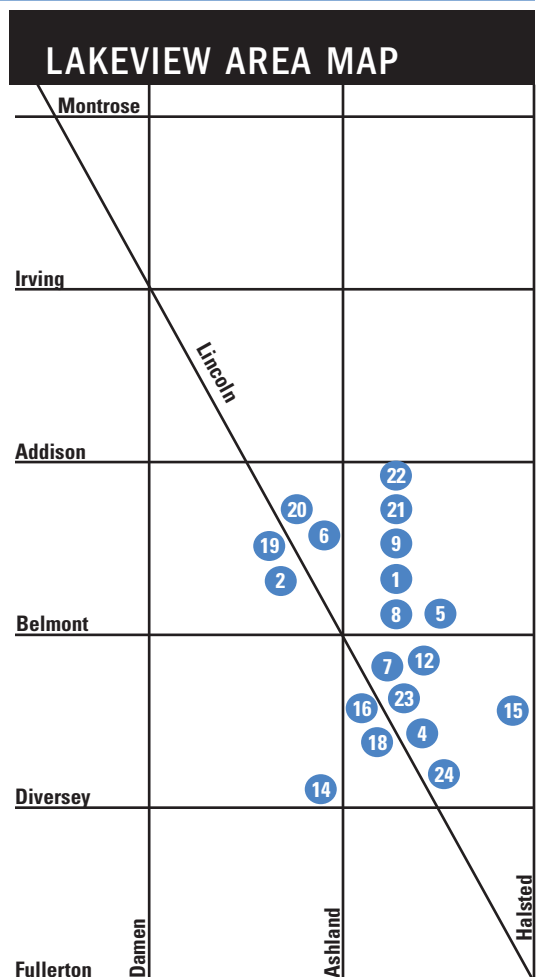
21. That's Amore Florist
Julie Martinez & Jim Dudley
3454 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 472-6673

22. Uncle Dan's
Brent L. Weiss
3551 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 348-5800

23. W-Limo, Inc.
Vujo Zogovic
3139 N. Lincoln Ave., #203
(773) 281-5466

24. Witt's
Don Agee
2913 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 528-7032

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Voices of the View

'Tis The Season For Thanks



by **Kris Hallowell**
President

The end of 2006 is quickly approaching. This past year we have been blessed with a very dedicated group of volunteers who have worked endless hours on many different projects and committees. I know you have all taken time away from your businesses and personal lives to assist our Chamber, and for this I applaud you. Thank you for your time, talent, skills, and energy. Our Chamber would not be what it is today if not for your involvement.

We, the volunteers, are the heart and soul of this organization and we are also the ones who help to inspire our staff. We have a wonderful staff, Heather Way, Katie Meier Wilson (our newlywed, Congratulations) and Rick Cummings. They have all worked well beyond the call of duty to keep this Chamber running smoothly and keep us well informed. They have all put in many evenings and weekends, without complaints. On behalf of the entire Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank our staff for their dedication.

We will soon be in 2007 with new programs, board members, and a continued forward stride into the future. At this juncture I would like to extend an invitation to every member of our Chamber to step up and take a leadership role. There are many volunteer opportunities within our organization. Taking part in Chamber activities and committees is an excellent way to expand your business knowledge and create new contacts.

Programming With Punch



by **Heather Way**
Executive Director

One of our goals for 2007 is to develop programming that is mutually beneficial to the Chamber and our members. The U.S. Chamber Federation Partnership (see "Partnership Ensures Business Alliance") is the first step in that direction. The recently established business development committee will be working on these programs which will include business to business partnerships for our members.

Additionally, 2007 will present a new

set of challenges to the chamber and portions of our service area. The Brown Line Expansion project is going to impact our member businesses on and around Southport and Lincoln Avenues. 2007 also marks the start of the Lincoln Belmont Ashland Streetscape project. Our main concern is mitigating as much business drop off as possible for our members during our neighborhood's "face lift." The challenge of these projects lies beyond the actual headaches of capital improvement projects but in knowing exactly what types of programs will best benefit our

members. If you are a member who will be impacted by these projects, I encourage you to think about how the chamber can help your business and send us your suggestions. While we are constantly working for our entire membership, there are occasions when we must focus on certain areas and this is one of those times. But rest assure, even though we may be focusing on certain areas of our service area, we will continue to develop programs and services that will benefit all of our members.

Caught in the Act



1 Lee Salzman of Patricia Blagojevich's Office, Courtney Baros and Kathy Pohlmann of Be By Baby mug for the camera during Be By Baby's September 9th Ribbon Cutting. 2 Mark Knight of State Bank of Countryside, Andrea Geller of Sudler Sotheby's International Realty, Lee Salzman of Patricia Blagojevich's Office, Courtney Baros and Kathy Pohlmann of Be By Baby celebrate the Grand Opening of the Be By Baby store. 3 Congratulations to Dr. Margie K. Smith on the one year anniversary of Total Balance Chiropractic celebrated with

a Ribbon Cutting and Wired Wednesday in September also hosted by the Law Offices of Joel Kessler. 4 Executive Director Heather Way and Joey Morelli of Joey's Brickhouse share in the pre-game fun at D'Agostino's before Chamber Night at Wrigley Field. 5 Jeff Wojan of Property Consultants and Brian Fons of Corporate Creations show their Cubs spirit at the Chamber Night at Wrigley Field. 6 Cathy Mallers of The Office Grapevine, Bethany Thompson of Guaranteed Rate, Michelle Zavatsky of Amme Promotions and Dave Spoehr of

Monroestar, Inc. gather to learn about Home Based Businesses at October's Wired Wednesday. 7 Patti Guerzo of Guerzo Business Solutions and Carolyn Luton of 5 Oceans Creative discuss business strategy at October's Wired Wednesday hosted by Central Federal Savings bank. 8 Senator John Cullerton presents a grant for \$75,000 for the development of Space Park: An Urban Eden at Halsted and Roscoe Streets.



What's the Buzz?

Experience The Holidays In Lakeview



Lakeview SSA #27 is again sponsoring SHOP Lakeview, a shoppers rebate program. The program, which is fully funded by SSA #27, benefits both consumers and businesses. The goal of SHOP Lakeview is to get consumers into multiple businesses more than once.

The customers earn SHOP Lakeview dollars by spending at least \$300 in at least three stores. When the SHOP Lakeview dollars are redeemed, participating businesses are reimbursed by SSA #27 at the Chamber office. Nearly 140 businesses have signed up to participate in the holi-

day round of SHOP Lakeview. If you haven't joined this great promotion, there's still time. You can contact Rick Cummings in the Chamber office to find out if you are eligible, and for more information, visit www.shoplakeview.net.

Partnership Ensures Business Alliance

The Chamber has partnered with the U.S. Chamber to bring a stronger voice to small business. Through the Federation Partnership program, members of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce also receive the benefits of membership with the U.S. Chamber. Through the Federation Partnership, members receive access to members-only sections of the U.S. Chamber's online

Small Business Center; discounts on products and services; uschamber.com Weekly e-newsletter; the Chamber's monthly publication and other communications that provide action alerts to pressing legislation or policy initiatives. Inclusion in the Federation Partnership is provided to you and the Chamber at no cost. In the coming weeks you will receive an email from the U.S. Chamber with your member

number. This will allow you to access all of the aforementioned benefits. We hope that you will take full advantage of this partnership that is available only to members of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. If you wish to opt out of the program, you are welcome to do so at any time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Heather Way in the Chamber office.

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Lakeview Local

Lakeview SSA #27 Meeting

There will be no meeting until 2007
Church of St. Luke
1500 W. Belmont Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Sheil Park Neighbors

Tuesday, November 14, 2006
Mystic Celt
3443 N. Southport Ave., 7:00 p.m.

South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2006
St. Alphonsus Church Basement
1429 W. Wellington Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Southport Neighbors Association Meeting

There will be no meeting until 2007
The Mercury Theater
3745 N. Southport Ave, 7:00 p.m.

West Lakeview

Neighbors Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2006
Lincoln/Belmont Public Library
1659 W. Melrose Ave., 7:00 p.m.

32nd Ward

Alderman Ted Matlak
(773) 384-3011
www.tedmatlak.com

44th Ward

Alderman Tom Tunney
(773) 525-6034
www.44thward.org

47th Ward

Alderman Gene Schulter
(773) 384-8400
www.ward47.com

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Burning Question? Call 311

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