



News from Belmont

Brown Line: Closures to Begin April 2, 2007

The chamber learned at the most recent Brown Line Task Force meeting that the construction schedule has been set for the remaining bid package. This package includes Paulina, Southport, Wellington and Diversey.

The Southport station will be one of two stations to close on April 2, 2007. The second station is Wellington. Southport will be closed for 12 months. When the

Southport station re-opens in April of 2008, the Paulina station will then close and re-open in April of 2009. Before the work begins, the CTA along with the Chamber and Alderman Tunney, will host a "Meet the Contractor" community meeting. This will give members of the community the opportunity to learn more about the scope of work as well as a proposed time line for the project. Details of this

meeting are yet to be determined. Please visit lakeviewchamber.com and transitchicago.com for more information. In addition, the Chamber will regularly produce an e-newsletter with information about the project including resources that will help your business as it is affected by the station closure.

Member Spotlight

Hart & Brown Photography



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2007 Annual Membership Dinner

On Wednesday February 7, 2007 the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce will proudly honor local community leaders and outstanding members at the Annual Membership Dinner. The evening will include the ratification of the 2007 slate of Officers and Directors and presentation of Membership Awards including awards such as: President's Award, Community Beautification Award, Outstanding Member Award, Rising Star Award and Outstanding Public Servant Award. The Chamber will also recognize and honor outgoing board members and the generous volunteers of 2006. This year the dinner will be held at Joey's Brickhouse at 1258 W. Belmont Ave., and it is important to note that parking is not available in the adjacent lot just east of the eatery. While the food and service is great at Joey's Brickhouse, it wouldn't be fun to end your evening running after a tow truck.

Please be on the look out for an invitation in early January 2007—we hope to see you there!

Events Calendar

January 01

Wired Wednesday Potbelly's

3424 N. Southport Ave.
8:30 a.m.— 10:00 a.m.

January 19

Women Out Working Networking Group

Location TBA, \$15 per person
8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.

January 25

Ribbon Cutting Chicago Kids

3453 N. Southport Ave.
5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.

January 31

Ribbon Cutting Citibank

3128 N. Ashland Ave.
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

February 07

LCC Annual Membership Dinner

Joey's Brickhouse
1258 W. Belmont Ave.
5:30 p.m., \$55 per person

February 16

Women Out Working Networking Group

Location TBA, \$15 per person
8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.

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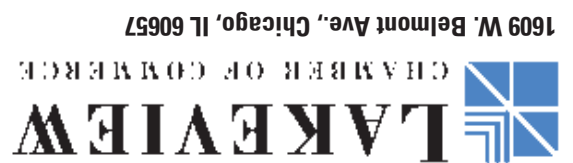
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2006 Board of Directors and Officers*

*Officers and Directors for 2007 will be announced at the Annual Membership Dinner in February.

OFFICERS	President Rev. David Abrahamson Church of St. Luke	Vice President Ben Castronovo Central Federal Savings	Treasurer David Knea Kenesco Computing	Secretary Bryan Dohman Paychex
DIRECTORS	Mark Knight State Bank of Countryside	Michele Kunze Signs Now	Matt Menna Schooyard Tavern & Grill	Chris Sears Coldwell Banker
	Dan Spain Standard Bank & Trust Co.	Noreen Vaid Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Chris Irwin Sussex & Rellly Commercial	Kevin Vaughan Mystic Celt

New Members

*** 1. Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry Bonaventure House**
Susan Danhoff
825 W. Wellington Ave.
(773) 327-9921

*** 2. Amme Promotions**
Michelle Zavatsky
1428 Sutton Place
(773) 494-9716

3. Awarestore.com
Will Healy
3449 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 477-9498

4. Chicago Kids
Kara S. Thompson
3453 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 472-6657

5. Citibank
Michael Stanton
3128 N. Ashland Ave.
(773) 883-8587

*** 6. Fave Media**
Matt Gold
2350 N. Clark St.
(773) 598-4565

*** 7. Leonie's Paper & Gifts**
Jon Laubscher & Bill Schwartz
2129 W. Belmont Ave.
(773) 935-1070

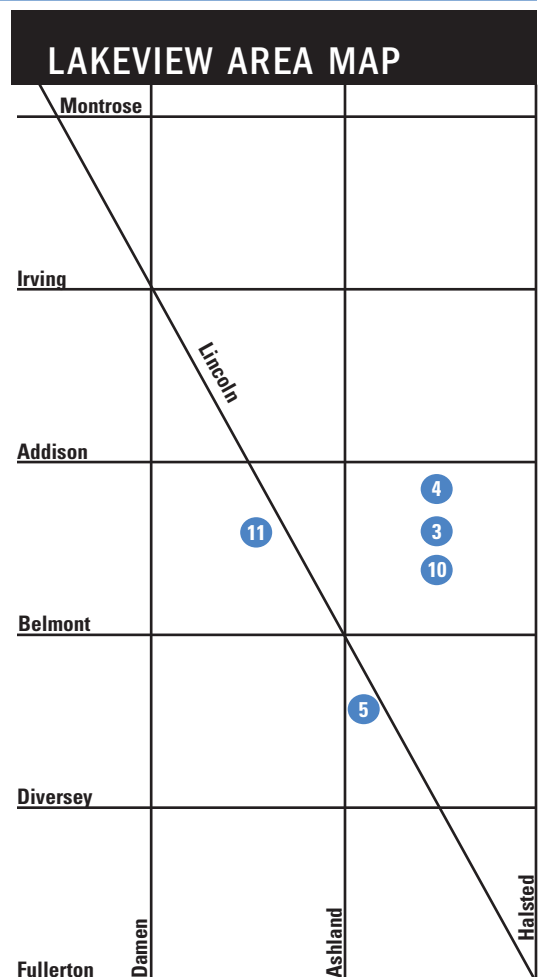
*** 8. Ravenswood Bank**
Vince Saverino
2300 W. Lawrence Ave.
(773) 907-8100

*** 9. Standard Bank & Trust Co.**
Dan Spain & Matt Clark
3920 N. Sheridan Ave.
(773) 327-3580

10. Standard Bank & Trust Co.
Jeremy McDole
3434 N. Southport Ave.
(773) 239-6700

11. The Pleasure Chest
Yvonne Chavez
3436 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 525-7151

* not on map





Voices of the View

Warm Wishes and Many Thanks



by **Kris Hallowell**
President

When I was asked to be on the Lakeview Chamber board, our business had been a member for years, but I wasn't very involved. I was new to the Chamber and didn't know what to expect or know what the Chamber was about. I joined the board because it seemed like a good thing to do. During my term, I learned what the Chamber is about and what it can accomplish. I soon learned and that "we," the members, are the Chamber. I learned what we can do for businesses and what contacts can be made if we become involved. Involvement is the key. Membership has grown, our staff has

grown, our boundaries have expanded, and we are providing many new services, all while the City of Chicago has continued cutting our funding. The SSA was created and is up and running providing programs for our neighborhood, such as holiday decorations, facade rebate, street sweeping, and the very popular SHOP Lakeview. All of this is made possible by the diligent effort of the former and current Chamber members.

I have greatly enjoyed my time on the board. It has been an extremely educational experience for me. I have learned more about the neighborhood, the businesses, business in general, and the people that run them. I wouldn't trade any of the knowledge I've gained. I've invested

as much time and energy as I could during the last two years as president, however, the knowledge I've taken and the friends I've made greatly exceed what I have brought to the Chamber.

I would like to make a final, very heartfelt thank you to our very dedicated staff; Heather Way, Katie Meier Wilson, and Rick Cummings, for their daily commitment and energy, thus making the Chamber a thriving, growing organization. These are the people who carry out the decisions made by our board and committee volunteers. You are greatly appreciated. Finally, a special thank you to our board members and committee members for all the time and energy you dedicated to our Chamber.

Happy New Year!



by **Heather Way**
Executive Director

2006 is officially behind us, which is so hard to believe. It was a busy year for the Chamber. Our membership sky-rocketed to just fewer than 420 with a retention rate of 85%! This is the highest our retention has ever been. We realigned our committees who worked diligently throughout the year to accomplish the goals of our strategic plan. We added new retail events on Southport and Lincoln Avenue. We successfully managed all of the programs provided by SSA #27.

And 2007 is looking to be just as busy. We are launching a new networking group called W.O.W., Women Out Working. Additionally, we are implementing a new membership level named The Chairman's Club. Information about these programs is available at lakeviewchamber.com.

In closing, I would personally like to thank everyone who supported the chamber in 2006. Without our sponsors, volunteers, and committee members, we would not accomplish nearly all that we do. I would especially like to thank the Board of Directors, not only for their support but

their vision and willingness to take the Chamber in a new direction. I would like to thank our directors who are 'retiring' from the board: Patricia Craig, Kris Hallowell, Tom Graefen and Matt Menna. Their service has been invaluable. And last but definitely not least, I would like to thank the members of the Chamber the staff. It is an honor to work with such talented and dedicated individuals every day.

Here's to a prosperous and productive 2007!

Caught in the Act



1 Lakeside Bank opened their doors at their Ribbon Cutting, October 25, 2006 at Diversey and Ashland. 2 Dan Spain of Standard Bank & Trust Co. and Andrea Geller of Sudler Sotheby's Realty enjoy catching up at Schuba's Wired Wednesday in November. 3 Posing for the camera is contagious as demonstrated by David Finnerty of National City Mortgage and Niki Zohrab of E Process Solutions at Schuba's

Wired Wednesday. 4 Networking is the name of the game at Wired Wednesday where Krystyna Mazur of Krys of Europe, Ray Hallowell of the Lakeview Funeral Home and Jennifer Fortney of Cascade Communications sample the goodies at Schuba's. 5 Standard Bank & Trust Co. celebrated their 3rd branch opening in Lakeview on November 8, 2006 at their Sheridan location (3920 N. Sheridan Ave). 6 Porchlight Music

Theatre celebrated their new rehearsal space at 2814 N. Lincoln Ave with a Ribbon Cutting and open house on November 16, 2006. 7 Mia makes her first debut with Santa at the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Breakfast with Santa at Saint Luke Church. 8 All he wants for Christmas is his Breakfast with Santa good bag and his two stuffed animals!



What's the Buzz?

Santa Takes Lakeview by Storm



Not only did Santa Claus stop by Saint Luke Church and School on December 2nd for the 11th Annual Breakfast with Santa, he made a guest appearance the following weekend at the 1st Annual Lincoln Avenue Holiday Line Up. He was overheard telling one child the reason for multiple visits to our community, "the children of Lakeview have been particularly good this year and I want to make sure that all of their wishes are ful-

filled." He also noted that he is not particular about the kind of cookies that are left out for him.

As mentioned, December 2nd marked the 11th annual Breakfast with Santa at Saint Luke Church and School. This year garnered record attendance and collections for the Lakeview Pantry. Food donations are the only admittance fee to the event which consists of pancake breakfast, activities and visits for every child with Santa. Children also receive a good bag as they say good-bye to Santa. This event is a much anticipated event in our community and would never be able to occur without the generosity of our members. Whether you sponsored a classroom, donated your time, or donated goody bag items, we thank you for continued support of this time honored tradition.

Santa's second trip was the following weekend to the Lincoln Avenue Holiday Line Up. This afternoon shopping event, sponsored by Lakeview SSA #27 and the Chamber was designed to promote shopping on Lincoln Avenue while tying in the SHOP Lakeview program. SHOP Lakeview is fully funded by Lakeview SSA #27 and details can be found at shoplakeview.net. The event featured Victorian Era Carolers, a horse drawn carriage and a trolley for transporting folks up and down Lincoln Avenue. Of course the man in the red suit made appearances in the shops and businesses up and down Lincoln Avenue while talking to "fans" he encountered on the street.

We look forward to another successful holiday season in 2007!

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Lakeview Local

Lakeview SSA #27 Meeting

No meeting dates have been scheduled for 2007

Sheil Park Neighbors

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Mystic Celt
3443 N. Southport Ave., 7:00 p.m.

South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
St. Alphonsus Church Basement
1429 W. Wellington Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Southport Neighbors Association Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2007
The Mercury Theater
3745 N. Southport Ave, 7:00 p.m.

West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2007
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
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