



# News from Belmont

## Lakeview Chamber Champions!

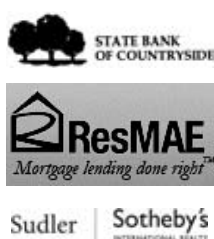
**O**n a recent dreary Saturday morning, the Lakeview Chamber Champions ran The Race to Wrigley, benefiting CUBS Care. The team totaling 22 chamber members, sponsored by FAVE Media and lead by Captain David Finnerty, took great pride representing the Chamber in the race which included over 3000 runners. The race started at the inter-

section of Clark and Addison. The first person to cross onto the course was Illinois Governor and North Side native, the Honorable Rod Blagojevich. The race headed west on Addison, North on Ravenswood, East on Irving Park Road eventually ending with a sprint through the concourse in Wrigley Field. Terry Powell of Chase Bank was the first Lakeview

Chamber Champion to cross the finish line followed by Jim Pompeselli of FAVE Media Group. Rick Cummings was the first member of the Chamber staff to cross the finish line followed by Katie Meier Wilson and Heather Way. The Lakeview Chamber would like to thank the sponsors: FAVE Media, Lakeview/Lincoln Park Athletic Clubs, and Finley Dunne's.

## Member Spotlight

### State Bank of Countryside



Looking for personal attention, outstanding customer service and a full convenience banking package? Look no further than State Bank of Countryside, your local community bank with big bank products. Located in the heart of Lakeview at 3323 N. Clark Street, we are waiting to tend to your banking needs.

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Visit our website at [www.statebankof-countryside.com](http://www.statebankof-countryside.com), call us at 773-755-2500 or stop by 3323 N. Clark Street; we'd love to see you!

State Bank of Countryside, your local community bank dedicated to Lakeview!

### ResMAE Mortgage

ResMAE Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of ResMAE Financial Corporation, is a specialty finance company engaged in the business of originating, selling, and servicing sub prime residential mortgage loans. Established in 2003 by industry leaders M. Jack Mayesh, Ed Resendez, and Bill Komperda – the former executive management team of Long Beach Mortgage Company (Long Beach Financial Corporation), ResMAE serves the needs of borrowers who do not conform to traditional "A" credit lending criteria due to credit history, debt to income ratios, or other factors.

To put it simply, experience and leadership – these are the two traits that have secured ResMAE a place as an industry leader and will ensure its continued success in the future. From this foundation comes an understanding of the needs of mortgage brokers and a commitment to providing outstanding customer service. That's mortgage lending done right.

For more information please contact Carmen Buffington at 312-519-6651 or [cbuffington@resmae.com](mailto:cbuffington@resmae.com).

### Sudler Sotheby's International Realty

Sudler Sotheby's International Realty is nationally recognized for its leadership and expertise in residential brokerage. Our Residential Brokerage division has been proudly serving Chicago since 1927 with a tradition of integrity and quality. Our associates, many of whom have banking, marketing, legal and corporate experience, meet our clients' expectations for professionalism. They are distinguished by their thorough understanding of marketing and financing, as well as their solid experience with facilitating negotiations with other brokers, attorneys and mortgage companies.

In March of 2007, Andrea Geller, joined the Lakeview office located at 3341 North Southport. As well as marketing and selling properties, she oversees an experienced sales team representing buyers and seller, individuals, investors and developers. For the last several years, Andrea has been in the top 5% of all Realtors® in Chicago.

## Events Calendar

**May 02**

**Wired Wednesday  
Sudler Sotheby's  
International Realty**  
3341 N. Southport Ave.  
6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.  
\$10 for non-members

**May 18**

**Women Out Working  
Networking Group at  
Chase Bank**  
3335 N. Ashland Ave.  
\$15 per member, \$20 per non-member, 8:00 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

**May 05–06**

**Southport Spring Fling  
A Shoptacular Spectacular**  
Enjoy 10% off at participating merchants  
11:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.  
[www.onsouthport.com](http://www.onsouthport.com)

**June 06**

**Wired Wednesday  
Sugar Fix (A Dental Loft)**  
3346 N. Paulina Ave.  
6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.  
\$10 for non-members

**May 05**

**Mayor Daley's Spring Clean  
& Green Day @ Space Park**  
815-817 W. Roscoe Ave.  
11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

**June 12**

**Lakeview – Lincoln Park  
Joint Networking Event**  
Seven Ten Lounge  
2747 N. Lincoln Ave.  
5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
\$20 per member, \$25 for non-member if paid by June 10th

**May 08**

**11th Annual Cubs Luncheon  
with General Manger Jim  
Hendry, Stadium Club at  
Wrigley Field**  
11:30 a.m. Reception  
Lunch at Noon  
\$40/Cash Bar

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

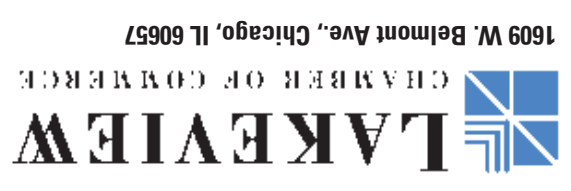
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- 06/06 **Wired Wednesday Sugar Fix (A Dental Loft)**  
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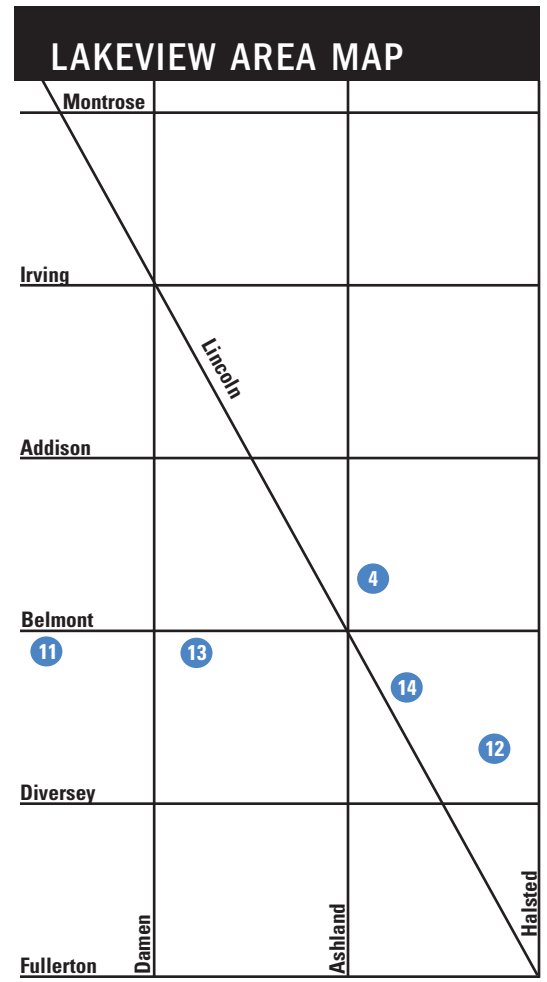
**2007 Board of Directors and Officers**

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## New Members

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- \* 2. Baird & Warner**  
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(773) 529-4100
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- 14. Subway**  
Nimesh Shah  
3167 N. Lincoln Ave.  
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Tony Maruska  
3843 N. Broadway  
(312) 265-6135
- \* 16. Wolin-Levin Inc.**  
Randy Grimes  
325 W. Hudson, Ste 600  
(312) 335-5668
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# Voices of the View

## Streetscape Report

**D**o construction projects ever seem to make any sense? No. And the Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland Streetscape Project is no exception. As with anything, no pain means no gain. Our streetscape project began in March and as anticipated has encountered some bumps in the road. It may seem that work has come to a screeching halt on Lincoln Avenue which was the starting point of the project. For those you

who don't know, Lincoln Avenue is lined with vaulted sidewalks. These vaults were installed as many as 100 years ago. When the contractor began taking out the old sidewalks, they found vaults that no one knew about and vaults that were in much worse repair than anticipated. As a result other city agencies are now working together to resolve these unexpected issues which includes a new traffic signal at the intersection of Lincoln/ Marshfield/

School. In the mean time, the contractor has begun working on Belmont Avenue. Despite these obstacles, the contractor is only off schedule by a few days and Phase One is scheduled to be completed during the summer season. For more information regarding this project and other happenings at Lincoln, Belmont and Ashland, visit [OnLincolnAve.com](http://OnLincolnAve.com).

## SSA 27 Sponsors Eggstravaganza

**T**here were no fools this year at Sheil Park on April Fool's Day. For the second year, SSA 27 has funded a Spring Egg Hunt, EGGstravaganza, at Sheil Park on Southport. The event kicked off with an egg hunt. Nearly 200 children searched for 2000 hidden eggs. The fun didn't stop there. Hundreds of kids lined up to see Smarty Pants and Miss Deana both producing premier balloon design and

face painting, respectively. Lakeview native Noah Lawrence, age 6, had this to say about his experience, "Mom said it was too windy and rain was coming. I whined enough to get us there. It was awesome. My little brother Nick had a great time too, but I found more eggs." As the afternoon progressed, the rain did come, but that didn't hinder the crowd from enjoying the activities inside which

included a 55 foot long caterpillar, caricatures, give-aways and much more. Local businesses were invited to participate in the day's event. They included, Sugar Fix (A Dental Loft); Ethel's Chocolate; Gymboree; Lilaguide.com and Chicago Kids Bookstore. Overall, the 2nd Annual EGGstravaganza was a huge success. Thank you to SSA 27 for sponsoring this fun community event.

## Southport Station Closed

**I**f you are a rider of the Brown Line, you know that the Southport station closed one month ago. As a business owner on Southport, you may be particularly aware of this as noted by a drop in sales. CTA President, Frank Kreusi, retired from his post this past week after many years and many accomplishments. The CTA has been scrutinized in recent years as a result of consumer and local government discontent. The Brown Line Expansion Project, in particular, received much criti-

cism during the planning process. It is our understanding that the retirement of President Kreusi will in no way impact the progress of the project. At this point, the contractor is running on time with the Southport station. While the CTA has offered limited relief to businesses impacted by the station closures, the Chamber is taking this many steps further. OnSouthport.com is a web site dedicated to businesses on Southport. We are encouraging business owners to utilize

the "coupon page" of the website by posting sales, special offerings or events taking place in their business.

OnSouthport.com also serves as a clearing house of information for everything related to the Southport Corridor. If you interested in posting something about your business on this website, please contact the Chamber office. This service is complimentary to members; non-members are subject to a nominal fee.

## Caught in the Act



1 Ciao Bella Chicago plays host to Lakeview Chamber members and shoppers alike at their Ribbon Cutting in March. 2 Greg Wahl and Kevin Reilly of Allstate open their doors to host March's Wired Wednesday. 3 After a stop off at Allstate Matt Clark of Standard Bank & Trust Co. and Matt Gold of Fave Media join the rest of the Wired Wednesday attendees at Chicago's Pizza. 4 Michele Kehrer celebrates her new business venture, Lifestyle Physical Therapy & Balance Center on

Lincoln Ave with a Ribbon Cutting! 5 The Fave Media crew and Programs Co-Chair Neal Heitz gear up for The Race to Wrigley with some carbs at a pre-race party held at Finley Dunne's. 6 Rick Cummings of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, Jill O'Neill of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association and Cary Zartman of Z Factory prepare for the Race to Wrigley. 7 April's Wired Wednesday co-hosted by State Bank of Countryside and ResMAE Mortgage played host

to a number of networking members including: Norb Francis of NFC Beverage Co., Tony Thornton of Standard Bank & Trust Co., Pamela Washington of State Bank of Countryside and Niki Zohrab of E Pro Integration. 8 Nick Lind of Standard Bank & Trust Co, Joel Kessler of Law Offices of Joel Kessler and Michelle Zavatsky of Amme Promotions pose for a photo during April's Wired Wednesday hosted by State Bank of Countryside and ResMAE Mortgage.



# What's the Buzz?

## Federation Partnership

**T**he Lakeview Chamber of Commerce recently formed an alliance with the U.S. Chamber through the Federation Partnership.

The Federation Partnership program provides your small business with a U.S. Chamber membership, while growing the pro-business voice. This partnership grows value for your small business by giving you two memberships for the price of one. There is no additional cost as

long as you maintain your membership with the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, and we maintain our U.S. Chamber membership.

This initiative helps develop a larger, unified network of small business advocates, giving the business community more leverage to influence policies and policy-makers on the issues that matter most.

You can now take advantage of new benefits available through U.S. Chamber membership, from solutions to help run

your business more efficiently to grassroots tools and information.

Whether you're looking for details on how to get started or you're a current partner seeking promotional resources, the Federation Partnership is sure to benefit your business. For more information, please visit [www.uschamber.com/federation/partners/default.htm](http://www.uschamber.com/federation/partners/default.htm).



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## Lakeview Local

### Lakeview SSA #27 Meeting

Next meeting date TBA  
Saint Luke Church  
1500 W. Belmont Ave., 6:30 p.m.

### Sheil Park Neighbors

Tuesday, May 8, 2007  
Mystic Celt Bar & Grill  
3443 N. Southport Ave., 7:00 p.m.

### South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2007  
St. Alphonsus Church Basement  
1429 W. Wellington Ave., 7:00 p.m.

### Southport Neighbors Association Meeting

Monday, July 23, 2007  
The Mercury Theater  
3745 N. Southport Ave, 7:00 p.m.

### West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2007  
Lincoln/Belmont Public Library  
1659 W. Melrose Ave., 7:00 p.m.

### 32nd Ward

Alderman Ted Matlak  
(773) 384-3011  
[www.tedmatlak.com](http://www.tedmatlak.com)

### 44th Ward

Alderman Tom Tunney  
(773) 525-6034  
[www.44thward.org](http://www.44thward.org)

### 47th Ward

Alderman Gene Schulter  
(773) 384-8400  
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### City of Chicago

[www.cityofchicago.com](http://www.cityofchicago.com)

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### Farmers Market News:

The Southport Neighbors Association is pleased to announce the Southport Green Market. The SGM will be located at Blaine School (corner of Grace & Southport) from 8 a.m.–1p.m. on the following dates:  
June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th and October 13th.  
For more information please visit [www.southportneighbors.com](http://www.southportneighbors.com).

The new Lakeview Area street map and resource guide has hit the street. If you would like copies for your office or business, please contact the Chamber at (773) 472-7171 or via email at [info@lakeviewchamber.com](mailto:info@lakeviewchamber.com). Thank you!

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