

THE LAKEVIEW
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



THE VIEW

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2007

September
05

**Wired Wednesday,
Artifex Builders**

6:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m.

2708 N. Ashland Ave.
Complimentary for
members, \$10 for
non-members

September
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**WOW (Women
Out Working)
Networking Group**

8:00 a.m. –9:30 a.m.

Founders Hall
Saint Luke Church
1500 W. Belmont Ave.
\$15 for members, \$20
for non-members

October
03

**Wired Wednesday,
Central Federal
Savings**

6:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m.

1601 W. Belmont Ave.
Home Based
Business Expo
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NEWS FROM BELMONT

Streetscape Update

There's a saying: how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. This has long been the City of Chicago's philosophy to approaching the Lincoln Belmont Ashland Streetscape Project. The quandary is that the City is apparently too full to finish the elephant. In other words, the first phase is 99% complete and funding for the remaining two phases is not available. It needs to be noted that all of our local elected officials are 100% behind funding the remainder of the project. The challenge is finding the money in the 2008 budget and beyond. How is this accomplished? The Budget Of-

rice, the Department of Transportation, and the Mayor's Office need to know that this project cannot be left incomplete. Lincoln Avenue is fully streetscaped (portions have received capital improvements) from Lawrence Avenue to Wrightwood with the exception of Belmont to Diversey. Why are we continually passed over for funding? This is the question that needs to be asked of the aforementioned parties. We need answers and action. We need your help. We spent nearly 10 years working to get the funding for the first phase of the project, which was scaled down from

the original designs. We aren't waiting 10 more years to see further improvements and the project finished. Please visit onlincolnave.com or contact Heather Way in the Chamber office to find out how you can help.

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LAKEVIEW LOCAL

Lakeview SSA #27 Meeting

Meeting TBA
Church of St. Luke
1500 W. Belmont Ave., 6:30 p.m.

Sheil Park Neighbors

Tuesday, September 11th
Mystic Celt
3443 N. Southport Ave., 7:00 p.m.

South Lakeview Neighbors

Tuesday, September 11th
St. Alphonsus Church Basement
1429 W. Wellington Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Southport Neighbors Association

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

West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Wednesday, September 19th
Lincoln/Belmont Public Library,
1659 W. Melrose Ave., 7:00 p.m.

32nd Ward

Alderman Scott Waguespack
(773) 248-1330, 32ndWard@gmail.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.–1 p.m. on the following dates: September 8th and October 13th. For more information please visit www.southportneighbors.com.

The 2007–2008 Lakeview Chamber Directory

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. Thank you!

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

1. Heather Way, Executive Director of the Lakeview Chamber, Mary Markarian, Executive Director of the Roscoe Village Chamber, Carrie McCormick of Centrum Properties and Kimberly Martorano of Chicago Mortgage Group enjoy the Open House at The Lofts at Lakeview Collection sales office. 2. Andrea Geller of Sudler Sotheby's International Realty, Noreen Keeney and Myron Erickson of Advocate Illinois Masonic check out the full sized model at the Lofts at Lakeview Collection sales office.



4. Executive Director, Heather Way introduces brothers and business partners Jeff and Jon Seymour of Fave Media at the July Wired Wednesday. 5. A Fave Media staffer introduces Norb Francis of NFC Beverage Company to their local search engine software.

Fave Media bowls over networkers with the "Favetini" at their July Wired Wednesday. (3)

NEW MEMBERS

1. Antique Resources

Maribel Weisz
1741 W. Belmont Ave.
(773) 871-5671

2. Centrum Properties

Nicholas W. Stocking
225 W. Hubbard St.
(312) 832-2500

3. Conscious Designs

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1733 W. Irving Park Rd.,
#410
(773) 220-2028

4. Converging Networks Group, Inc.

Heather Alejous
2636 W. Belmont Ave.
(773) 539-7900

5. Cook and Kocher Insurance Group, Inc.

Karl Kocher
300 S. Northwest Hwy.,
Suite 208
(847) 692-9200

6. Corner Care Clinic.

3330 N. Lincoln Ave
Suite 208
(866) 605-4222

7. DeVry University

Carol Ingmanson
3300 N. Campbell Rd.
(773) 697-2044

8. Globalcom, Inc.

Ken Purcell
200 E. Randolph St.,
23rd Floor
(312) 893-1185

9. Mint Julep

Sarah Eshaghy
3709 N. Southport Ave.
(312) 472-6717

10. Moe's Cantina

3518 N. Clark St.
(773) 248-0002

11. Stinson Brand Innovation

Mark Stinson
3304 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 537-4612

12. West Wrigley Animal Hospital

Eileen Murphy
3416 N. Ashland Ave.
(773) 528-8387

13. WineStyles

Denise Cody
1433 W. Belmont Ave.
(847) 687-3317

Welcome new Chairman's Club member! The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the addition of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center to the Chairman's Club. We look forward to a successful relationship.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

SSA 27 Recap

SSA 27 has been busy this summer. SHOP Lakeview wraps up after Labor Day. The primary purpose of this ever popular shoppers rebate program is to stimulate the local economy. Consumers from Lakeview and points beyond have again proven that this is a worthwhile program. Nearly 100 businesses participated in the summer round of SHOP Lakeview and dozens of shoppers have already redeemed their receipts. For more details about SHOP Lakeview, visit shoplakeview.net. Be on the lookout for SHOP Lakeview this holiday

season. Another successful SSA initiative is the Façade Rebate Program. To date, the SSA has awarded or approved nearly \$70,000 towards façade improvement programs. This year's recipients include, SuVan's Café, Armanetti's Liquors, Detalles Jewelers, Monarch's Heaven and Mid-West Stereo. Façade Rebate funding is awarded on a first come first served basis and based on Commission approval. Façade Rebate funding for 2007 is exhausted. If you are interested in applying for 2008 funding, please contact Heather

Way in the Chamber Office. The SSA recently placed 10 trash receptacles on the public way throughout the service area and ordered four informational kiosks for Southport and Lincoln Avenue. Of course, on going programs such as street sweeping and landscaping continue to make a difference in our neighborhood. For any other inquiries about SSA 27 or if you are interested in becoming a commissioner, please contact the Chamber office.

Chamber Night at Wrigley Field sponsor Eva Ayala of Lakeside Bank and other Chamber members hitch a ride on the trolley en route to the Chicago Cubs game August 1st. (6)

7. Charo Ayala and her team from LaSalle Bank also came out to support the Chicago Cubs!. 8. Executive Director Heather Way, Michelle Joseph of the Local Connection Chicago, David Finnerty of National City Mortgage and Heather's son Jack gear up to watch the Cubs take the Phillies in the 9th inning!



FROM THE DIRECTORS

No Parking!

Sometimes it seems as though it gets tougher and tougher to do business. The recent addition of 383 parking around Southport coupled with the closing of the El Stop, makes it pretty difficult to get to Southport to work or shop. In response to this, the Chamber's Executive Committee and other concerned directors met with the Alderman and members of his staff to discuss relief for the businesses and their employees, at least while the El is closed. Alderman Tunney was very receptive to our concerns.

All parties agreed on the following solution: business owners may purchase a 383 sticker as long as they have a city sticker and are not subscribed to other residential permit parking. Business owners with more than 10 employees may purchase temporary passes for their employees. The previous measure supports service based industries open later in the evening whose employees may not come to work until the permit parking is in effect. We are addressing other issues as well: the continual shift

of the property tax burden; constant increases in existing fees and the introduction of new fees and lastly attracting more consumers to our area to support your business. The latter is likely the easiest to address and all are of equal importance. If you are interested in learning more about any of our current initiatives in support of your business, please contact the Chamber office.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Artifex Builders

Artifex is the Latin word for skilled craftsman or master of an art. The name describes not only Artifex's talents and abilities but the firm's attitude as well. Founded in Chicago in 1994, Artifex Builders has a solid background in structure and design and has built many multi-unit, single family and commercial spaces throughout Chicago land. Artifex is also particularly known for mixing funkiness and designer details with affordability in the installation of beautiful stones and mosaics, finish trim and cabinetry. Artifex President, Dan Zolkowski has degrees in both business and carpentry and almost 20 years of building experience. VP Ed Niznik also holds a business degree and has 12 years of management experience. CFO Jim Kostrewa is a CPA with an MBA.

Central Federal Savings

Established in 1893 Central Federal Savings is a neighborhood institution boasting three locations in the Lakeview–Lincoln Park area. Next year Central Federal Savings will celebrate its 115th anniversary, which reminds us of the many friends, customers, and employees who have contributed to its growth and stability. We look forward to continuing to serve your financial needs in the challenging years ahead.

Halloween is coming to Lakeview!

Break out the sewing machines because fall is just around the corner! Halloween is a very popular time in the Lakeview neighborhood and once again, Standard Bank & Trust co and the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Trick or Treat on Southport Ave. This year the event will take place on Sunday, October 28th from noon–3 p.m. Participating merchants will be passing out treats on Southport from Belmont Ave. to Byron Ave. The Paulina Merchants Association also likes to get in the Halloween spirit with a Pet Costume contest and trick or treating along Lincoln Avenue. Trick or treating along Lincoln Avenue will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, in the early evening.



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