



Albany Park Chamber of Commerce

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SUMMER 2009

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The Chamber

Welcomes

New Members:

*AFLAC, Linda Tomkova
linda_tomkova@us.aflac.com
(773) 814-3104

*Cricket Communications
4445 N Pulaski Rd
(847) 316-9751

*Goode Plumbing LLC
3310 W Foster Ave
(773) 407-1884

*Jill Kuczumarski Designs
3128 W Carmen Ave
(773) 573-9465

*New Compass Solutions
4352 N. Elston Ave
(773) 202-9595

*Option Energy, LLC
5021 N. Tripp Ave
(312) 753-9338

*St. Andrew Parish
3546 N. Paulina
(773) 525-3016

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Luncheon with U.S.
Congressman
Mike Quigley
Thurs, Aug 20, 2009
La Villa Restaurant
11:30am—1:00pm

*5th Annual "Ultimate
Networking Event"
Thurs, Sept 17, 2009
Irish American Heritage Center
5:30pm-9:00pm

*North Park University
Fall Homecoming
Block Party
Saturday October 3, 2009
NPU Campus

Study Concludes: Albany Park and Mayfair Among Strongest Markets in Chicagoland

Despite the turbulent economy, the time is ripe for business expansion in Albany Park and Mayfair, concluded a study presented by nationally-renowned retail analyst LISC MetroEdge to nearly 100 neighborhood groups, business owners and community leaders at a March 25, 2009 Lawrence Avenue Development Corporation (LADCOR) meeting at Albany Bank & Trust. MetroEdge's Helen Dunlap explained the community's buying power far exceeds local retail supply. Nearly half of households in the diverse and densely populated community are middle to upper class. "This is not an area where



spend more than \$300 million per square mile annually on retail. That's triple the spending per square mile of Wilmette. In fact, only nine of Chicago's 77 communities boast more buying-power per square mile.

MetroEdge advised LADCOR and community leaders to expand their award-winning commercial corridor enhancements while re-marketing the area to new and existing audiences. The Albany Park Chamber and

"[Albany Park and Mayfair] residents spend \$300 million annually—triple the spending of Wilmette."

-LISC MetroEdge Study

you're seeing major foreclosures or unemployment," she said. "This is a very powerful market."

The density of the neighborhoods is the secret to the economic power. Residents—from Foster south to Montrose and Cicero east to the Chicago River—

LADCOR will continue sprucing up the commercial district and its businesses, adding to the retail mix, working to develop the unused CTA land at the Lawrence & Kimball station, and producing brochures, tours, banners and events.

—Elizabeth Duffrin, LISC/Chicago

Mayor's Office, City Sponsors Tours of Albany Park



Left: Tours visit the Cambodian Association of Illinois at 2831 W. Lawrence Ave. **Right:** Liz Griffiths, NRC, leads tourists through North Park University's historic campus.

North River Commission (NRC), the Albany Park Chamber's parent non-profit, is hosting tours of Albany Park and its surrounding neighborhoods this year. Tours are sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOSE) and the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism. This spring, NRC lead an Albany Park tour for MOSE and Burnham Plan Centennial's "Great Spaces, Great Places" tour, supported by Boeing and the Local Initiative Support Corporation. NRC is also the official tour host for the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism's three Neighborhood Tours of Albany Park.

Additionally, the Albany Park Chamber connected several Albany Park eateries and Chamber members to the Office of Tourism's monthly "Ethnic Eating Tours," including Noon O Kabab Persian Restaurant, Jaafer Sweets, and Restaurant Bulgaria. Over 100 tourists have visited the Greater Albany Park area on tours since January 2009. NRC is hosting and organizing tours as part of its "Albany Park Retail Marketing Campaign" launched last year to make our community a shopping, dining and entertainment destination on Chicago's north-west side. The next tour is planned for August 15, 2009.



The Albany Park Chamber of Commerce is a division of the North River Commission working in partnership to strengthen the Albany Park & Mayfair commercial areas.

Chamber Member Spotlight: Bourdage Chiropractic, 6015 N. Cicero

Dr. Steven Bourdage (right) opened Bourdage Chiropractic at 6015 N. Cicero Avenue (below) in 2008 because he wanted to provide a place for people to “feel comfortable with their healthcare decisions,” says Dr. Bourdage.

Bourdage Chiropractic offers chiropractic care, acupuncture, traditional Chinese medicine, physical therapy, massage therapy, food allergy evaluation, hormone balancing, foot orthotics and more.

One of the clinic’s featured programs is the “Stress Recess Program” where “specialists visit [local] business owners, give them mini massages and educate them on how having a healthy lifestyle can improve work performance,” Dr. Bourdage says.

The clinic provides healthcare for the entire family and accepts most major insurance plans including compensation, Medicare, all PPO plans and more.

Hours of operation: Mon & Wed: 9am–7pm; Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9am – 1pm; Sat: 8am–2pm. Sun: Closed.



Save Money With Energy Efficient Installations

Save money on your electricity bill! The Albany Park Chamber and North River Commission are partnering with Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity’s (DCEO) Bureau of Energy and Recycling to promote the “Smart Ideas” Energy Efficiency Rebate Program to local small businesses. The program offers businesses that are ComEd customers rebates of up to \$300,000 or 50% the cost of removing old fixtures and/or installing energy efficient measures such as lighting, motors, HVAC &



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refrigeration between June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. ComEd suggests using a “Trade Ally,” a contractor fluent in energy efficient installations, to work on your business. The Albany Park Chamber is training local contractors to become “Trade Allies.” For an application and more information, please call Liz at the Chamber at (773) 478-0202 ext. 12.

Join us at a luncheon featuring newly elected U.S. Representative Mike Quigley!



**Thursday, Aug 20th
11:30am-1:00pm
La Villa Restaurant
3632 N. Pulaski Rd
\$20 members/
\$25 non-members**

Co-hosts include: Belmont-Central Chamber, Gladstone Park Chamber, Greater Avondale Chamber, Jefferson Park Chamber, Kedzie-Elston Business & Industrial Council, Lakeview Chamber, North-Pulaski-Armitage Chamber, North River Commission/Lawrence Ave Development Corp & Portage Park Chambers of Commerce

**Call Liz to reserve your seat today!
(773) 478-0202 x 12**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Meet Our Summer Intern!

Danielle Pickens is a senior at North Park University majoring in Political Science. She will graduate in December 2009.



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