

## LPCC December 2009 E-Newsletter

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### LPCC NEWS

#### "Winter Wonderland" Draws 140

The LPCC's annual Holiday Party - "A Winter Wonderland" - drew more than 140 LPCC members and other business and community leaders to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum on Wednesday, December 2. Dozens of toys were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Center in the spirit of the holiday season.

A complete recap, including photos and more, [is available here](#).

#### Don't Miss Start Up! Chicago

The early-bird registration period for Start Up! Chicago - the Lincoln Park Business Development Institute's entrepreneurial launchpad - is set to end on December 30. Start Up! Chicago helps budding Chicago businesspeople in all stages of starting a new venture - from developing a business plan to marketing.

Start Up! Chicago classes begin January 11 and run for 10 weeks. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit [www.startupchicago.org](http://www.startupchicago.org).

#### December Part of it, Proud of It

Congratulations to Kingston Mines (2548 N. Halsted) on being selected as the December "Part of It, Proud of It" recipient. [Read more about Kingston Mines here](#).

#### Happy Holidays from the LPCC!

The LPCC would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and profitable holiday season. We hope to see you all in 2010!

Please note: The LPCC's offices will be closed on December 24, 25 and 31, 2009 as well as January 1, 2010.

### LPCC EVENTS

#### Save the Date: State of the Ward Luncheon and Annual Meeting

Join 32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack and 43rd Ward Alderman Vi Daley as they discuss current projects in Lincoln Park and their outlook on the neighborhood for 2010 at the LPCC's State of the Ward Luncheon and Annual Meeting.

Tuesday, January 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
DePaul University Student Center  
2250 N. Sheffield

For more information on pricing, registration and other event details, be sure to check the [LPCC's Events page](#) on our website.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Clark Street SSA Organizes Tree Lighting

The Clark Street SSA #23 helped kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony and holiday sing-a-long on December 3. With more than 200 people in attendance, residents and families enjoyed free refreshments and entertainment, as well as prizes from Clark Street businesses and free photos with Santa.

[Photos of the event are available here.](#)

### LPCC Concerned Over Lost Convention Business

With so much of Chicago's business traffic associated with trade shows and similar events at our hotels and convention centers, the LPCC is concerned that the current model for conventions is hurting the city's businesses. Three conventions have already moved amid rising costs and the LPCC believes the future of hundreds of businesses hinges on future convention-goers.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### LPCC Continues Business Advocacy Efforts

Over the past few months, the LPCC has been vocal on many issues that have the potential to affect member businesses. Some recent advocacy work:

- The Post Office at Sheffield and Fullerton is no longer being considered for consolidation
- The LPCC sent letters to local aldermen and the Office of Tourism highlighting our opposition to a proposed ordinance
- The LPCC helped limit the fine - by 50% - against a local business that was recently harassed by City of Chicago officials
- Submitted testimony at the City of Chicago's Zoning Board on behalf of member

### Cook County Sales Tax Increase Rolled Back - Again

For the third time in 2009, Cook County Commissioners voted to roll back a sales tax increase first approved in 2008. However, this time, Cook County Commissioners were also able to overturn President Todd Stroger's veto of the rollback. The 0.5% rollback brings the area's sales tax to 9.75% effective July 1, 2010.



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