

LPCC June E-Newsletter

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LPCC NEWS

LPCC Responds to DePaul University's Strategic Plan

On May 27, DePaul University held a community-wide meeting to unveil the Strategic Plan that will carry them into the next ten years. The LPCC shared their support with local press after participating in planning discussions.

"We are excited to see DePaul University's final Master Plan after their diligent and strategic approach to the site," said Kim Schilf, President and CEO of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce. The LPCC's complete response is [available here](#).

Lincoln Park Arts & Music Festival News



Be a part of the fun as a [Lincoln Park Arts & Music Festival volunteer](#). Shifts include helping at the gates, beverage booths, children's area and more. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt and tickets for food and beverages at the end of their shift. The event is being held on August 8 and 9 on Racine, between Fullerton and Webster. Interested? [Email us today!](#)

June "Part of It, Proud of It"

Congratulations to Camelot Children's Kingdom (854 W. Armitage) on being selected as the LPCC's June "Part of It, Proud of It" recipient! [Read more about Camelot Children's Kingdom](#).

LPCC EVENTS

Marketing Success for Any Budget – Small Business Forum

Have your marketing and advertising questions answered by our "member experts" and improve sales with a strategic advertising campaign, no matter what your budget.

Wednesday, June 10, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
LPCC, 1925 N. Clybourn

[Register now!](#)

Lincoln Park/Lakeview Joint Chamber Networking Event

Anchor's Away! The Lincoln Park and Lakeview Chambers of Commerce invite you to climb aboard the Anita Dee II for a one-of-a-kind networking event.

Tuesday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Anita Dee II Yacht at Navy Pier

[Register online](#) by June 19.

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Hot Deals

[Highlight your business](#) through special discounts and promotions with this online feature available only to LPCC members. Or, [check out the recent Hot Deals](#) added by fellow members and save yourself some money today!

Member Mailing Labels Available Now!

Purchase [LPCC membership mailing labels](#) and easily send out invitations to upcoming events, coupons for sales or important business information to our approximately 550

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Food and drinks graciously provided by Anita Dee Yacht Charters, J and L Catering and Catered by Design.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Final Children's Memorial Hospital Meeting Scheduled

The final meeting of the first phase of the Children's Memorial Hospital Site Re-Use study will take place on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Vincent dePaul Center, 2145 N. Halsted. The document developed from previous meetings will be presented for use as the basis for future discussions on the redevelopment. Visit the [CMH Planning Blog](#) for more information.

Trader Joe's Selects Lincoln Park Location

Earlier this year, [Crain's Chicago Business](#) reported that Trader Joe's, known for affordable food and a unique selection of grocery items, has selected a Lincoln Park location for their fourth store. The new 14,500 sq. ft. store, planned for 671 W. Diversey, will be adjacent to two existing structures recently vacated by Pier 1 and Barnes and Noble and is expected to open in late 2010.

A community meeting on the new Trader Joe's location will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17 at Alcott School, 2625 N. Orchard.

Lakefront Sculpture Exhibit

Come meet the artists and sponsors, including the LPCC, of this year's Lakefront Sculpture Exhibit - formerly the Lincoln Park Lakeview Arts Initiative - on Thursday, June 18 at Sedgwick Studios, 1540 N. Sedgwick. Refreshments will be served. The event will run from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Summer Safety Fest

Alderman Vi Daley and Children's Memorial Hospital team up to bring you the 9th Annual 43rd Ward Summer Safety Festival. Have fun learning how to stay safe this summer. Bring your kids to this exciting event featuring: live entertainment; games to teach kids about bike safety; car seat installation demonstrations by Safety Squad; FREE bike raffle and refreshments. Come on by on your bike, inline skates or scooters. The first 150 kids to arrive get a free bike helmet!

Saturday, June 27

9:00 a.m. - noon

Lincoln Park High School

2001 N. Orchard (Next to the Farmer's Market)

Blue Carts Coming to Lincoln Park

Blue recycling carts will be delivered to many Lincoln Park residents between Diversey and North and as far west as California starting on June 22. Areas south of North Avenue in the 43rd Ward are expected to receive the carts later this summer.

Community meetings are being scheduled to inform the neighborhood on what can and cannot be placed in the carts. Continue to [check our website](#) for more information.

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Lincoln Park Map Advertising Still Available!

The advertising deadline for the *Lincoln Park Map* - distributed throughout Lincoln Park to 40,000 people - has been extended! Don't miss your chance to reach thousands of residents, tourists and business owners throughout the summer and into 2010. Contact Kurt Kuras at the Pioneer Press at (847) 486-7453 or kkuras@pioneerlocal.com.

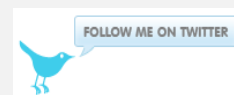
Welcome to May's New Members

Auer Design Associates, Bank of America Home Loans, Gits Graphics, Harris Bank - Elston, Heartland Human Care Services, North Bank, Peterson General Contracting, Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service, TransNational, Waste Management.

Contact information for these members is [available here](#).

Stay Connected

Be sure to check out the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce on the following social networking sites:



County Sales Tax Stays

On June 2, and for the second time, the Cook County Board of Commissioners failed to overturn Board President Todd Stroger's veto on a bill that would have rolled-back a 1% increase in the county sales tax approved last February. The Board of Commissioners also failed to get the necessary 14 votes to overturn the veto on May 19. As a result, consumers shopping in Cook County are still subject to the highest sales tax in the United States.

State Income Tax Fails

An increase of almost 50% on Illinois residents' income tax failed to make it out of the House of Representatives on its first attempt as part of a last minute effort by state legislators to fill an enormous budget deficit and meet the June 1, 2009 deadline for a balanced state budget.

Information on the FY 2009 State of Illinois Budget that goes into effect on June 30 is [available here](#).

Minimum Wage Increase

On July 1, 2009 the minimum wage for people 18 years of age and older will rise 25 cents, from \$7.75 to \$8.00 an hour. Tipped employees will increase from \$4.65 up to \$4.80. Employers may still deduct 50 cents off of the minimum wage for employees in the first 90 days with the employer, or for minors under the age of 18 (\$7.50).

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