

LINCOLN SQUARE RAVENSWOOD

Chamber of Commerce

Greetings from the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce!

Community Newsletter - January 24, 2013

Chamber News

We're moving!

After years and years in our home above the Brauhaus, the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce office will be moving to a new home. The new LSRCC offices will be located at 2611 W. Lawrence Ave. We hope you'll come visit us soon to check out some of our new member benefits in the new space!



We will keep you updated as to when the move is complete.

Volunteers Needed for Winter Brew!

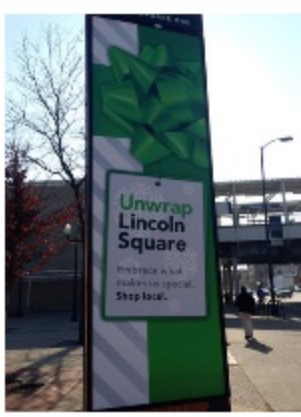
We're still looking for some folks to help volunteer for the sold-out Winter Brew 2013! Please click [here](#) to sign up on Volunteer Spot today!



Winter Brew is on February 9 and we're looking for volunteers throughout the day. Shifts vary in tasks and times throughout the two sessions ranging in times between 1:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Unwrap Lincoln Square initiative brings \$45,000 to local economy

The chamber's new holiday shop local initiative - Unwrap Lincoln Square Ravenswood - brought business to more than 100 stores and restaurants in the area!



The chamber rewarded people for keeping their dollars in the neighborhood with 107 participants in its first year. With a total of more than \$45,000 spent in the community, we couldn't be more excited!

Thanks to everyone who made the shop local initiative a huge success in its inaugural year. We will expand the program next year, so stay tuned. [Read the full story here>>](#)

Community News

Lawrence Avenue Streetscape Update

Alderman Pawar's office sent out an update this week regarding the Lawrence Avenue Streetscape project.



The latest update says that the project will be moving forward this April. CDOT will complete the section from Western Avenue east to Damen Avenue. In 2014 the remaining segment from Damen Avenue to Clark Street will be reconstructed and finished.

To get the latest updates on the project [click here](#).

New Restaurant on Lawrence Ave.: Johnnie Blue

[Johnnie Blue](#), a new restaurant at 2619 W. Lawrence Ave., is mixing Mediterranean tapas with a bar atmosphere. The restaurant opened in early January and is kid-friendly during the day and turns into a bar with a DJ at night.



The menu is full of Mediterranean tapas-style dishes. Plates range from \$4-\$18 in what owner Michael Younan describes as "gourmet bar food." Read the full story [here](#) and be sure to check out their [menu](#)!

Contemporary Mexican Restaurant opens in Ravenswood: El Maya

Guests can taste all regions of Mexico with a contemporary twist at a new restaurant in Ravenswood, [El Maya](#). The chef, Javier Cruz, hails from Mexico and makes the sauces, salsas and guacamole from scratch every day.



The B.Y.O.B. restaurant at 1522 W. Montrose Ave. used to be home to Chilapan, another Mexican restaurant. El Maya has a different look and, kitcher Mexican restaurant. El Maya has a different menu and B.Y.O.B. options. For example, if you bring in a bottle of tequila the restaurant will supply the mix for margaritas! [Read the full story here>>](#)

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 24 - Mar. 31 [Passport to LM](#)
- Jan. 24 [Thursday Wine Tastings at Provenance Food & Wine](#)
- Jan. 26 [Breakfast Club Fun Runs](#)
- Jan. 28 [Monday Night Fun Runs](#)
- Jan. 29 [Weight Loss Chicago Presentation](#)
- Jan. 30 [Chick's Night Fun Runs](#)
- Jan. 31 [Thursday Wine Tastings at Provenance Food & Wine](#)
- Feb. 1 - Feb. 3 [Copper House Grand Opening Weekend](#)
- Feb. 2 [Breakfast Club Fun Runs](#)
- Feb. 2 [From The Space to your Space](#)
- Feb. 2 [An die Musik a Schubertiade](#)
- Feb. 4 [Monday Night Fun Runs](#)
- Feb. 6 [Chick's Night Fun Runs](#)
- Feb. 7 [Thursday Wine Tastings at Provenance Food & Wine](#)
- Feb. 7 [Wine Tasting to Benefit Red Door Animal Shelter](#)

For more [events](#) and [deals](#), please visit our website at [lincolnsquareravenswood.org](#).

Sincerely,

Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce

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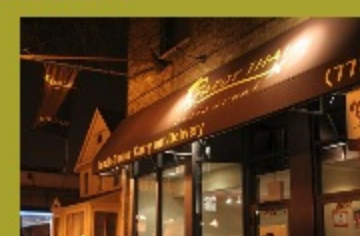
Cafe Selmarie's Chef Bryant appeared on WCIU's [You & Me This Morning](#) and revealed the secret to their Cinnamon Roll Griddlecakes! Watch the web video from yesterday, Jan. 23, [here](#).

Himmel's featured on WGN



Himmel's was also on the news this week! [WGN's Lunchbreak](#) featured the newly updated restaurant's rahm schnitzel prepared by the restaurant's very own Carol Himmel yesterday, Jan. 23. Watch the video and get the recipe [here](#).

Ravenswood's Aroy Thai featured on ABC



ABC 7's [Hungry Hound](#) traveled to Damen Avenue's [Aroy Thai](#) for a lesson on curry. All the curries are made from scratch at this authentic Ravenswood restaurant.

Read the story and watch the exclusive video [here](#).