

Business Events & Resources 2015



NETWORKING EVENTS

Annual Meeting (January)

Each January the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce brings in the New Year with the Annual Meeting. During this special event the Chamber votes the new Board Members into office and celebrates the successes of the previous year. Networking occurs throughout the evening.

Spring Mixer (April)

As the weather gets warmer join your fellow Chamber members at the Spring Mixer Networking event. Take this opportunity to meet other local business owners and promote your own business. The Chamber will discuss up-coming Summer initiatives that can help market your business to the local community.

Summer BBQ (July)

Mingle in the summer warmth with your fellow Chamber members during the Summer Barbeque Networking event. This is a great time of year to share what your business has been doing for the first half of the year and what's in store for the rest.

State of the Neighborhood (October)

Spend the evening networking with fellow business owners and local politicians at the annual State of the Neighborhood. The night begins with networking, food and drinks, followed by presentations from local officials on items affecting the business community. The evening ends with a Q&A session with attendees.

CITY SUPPORT

Permits

If your business has a sign, canopy, awning, bench, or anything that extends over, under or is in the public way, it requires a Public Way Use Permit issued by the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. The Chamber can assist your business with determining which permit is right for you and can connect you to the correct departments at City Hall.

Licenses

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection issues business licenses in the City of Chicago and regulates industries as diverse as retail, food establishments, day care centers, manufacturing facilities and motor vehicle repair shops. BACP also regulates the sale of retail liquor in Chicago. The Chamber can assist your business in the first initial steps in applying for a license and connect you with a consultant to get your business moving in the appropriate direction.

Outreach & Education

The Chamber works with the Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection to promote and support the growth of the local business community by hosting local events and promoting citywide events that help entrepreneurs respond to the needs of a changing world. Programs include free business workshops, small business expos, and connecting businesses with important business resources.

*** The Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce works as a delegate agency of the City of Chicago and has a working relationship with both the Department of Planning & Development (DPD) and the Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (DBACP). The Chamber keeps the local business community up-to-date on all communication from these departments.*

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MEMBERSHIP THAT WORKS FOR YOU

CHAMBER OFFICE RESOURCES

Conference Space

Work from home and need to get away? Need space to hold a meeting? The Chamber office has a conference area just for you. The conference area is equipped with wifi, computers, laptop hook-ups, printing & faxing services, and a projector. Reservations are required.

Faxing & Printing Services

Tired of paying for your fax machine or tired of looking for one? The Chamber office has a fax machine that's free of charge for all members to use. In addition, if you need to print a few things the Chamber can help you with that as well!

Presentation Equipment

Want to show a PowerPoint at your next meeting but don't have the right equipment? Contact the Chamber office and reserve the projector and screen for your next meeting! It's easy to hook up and use with any PC or laptop.

OTHER RESOURCES

Demographics

Updating your business plan? Are you curious about the changes and trends of the community? The Chamber of Commerce researches demographic data for the Lincoln Square and Ravenswood community via the U.S. Census and can send you detailed information.

Real Estate Vacancies

Chamber staff keeps track of vacancies within the community on a quarterly basis that includes contact information, square footage, and dollar per square foot. In addition, the Chamber can list your open space free of charge.

Job Listings

Have a job opening and want to hire someone from the local community? The Chamber offers free job postings on the LSRCC website and will help spread the word via Newsletters and Social Media.

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