

Triangle Tales Newsletter

- February 1st (Thur)

LVCC Board Meeting

LVCC, representing all of Lake View, meets to discuss proposed concerts at Wrigley Field and other Lake View wide events. Join us at 7PM at the LVCC Offices at 867 W Buckingham.

- February 27th (Tues)

City of Chicago Elections

Triangle Neighbor residents vote at one of two main polling locations, depending on your address:

Hattie Calner Apts
855 W Aldine (1st Floor)
(if Roscoe or south)

OR

Lake View Lutheran Church
835 W Addison (1st Floor)
(if Newport or north)

- March 14th (Wed)

Triangle Neighbors' Meeting

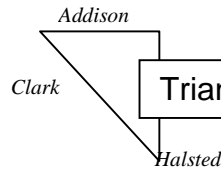
We'll be in the building phase of the Park – reviewing architectural drawings & plans. Join us at 7PM at the LVCC Offices, at 867 W Buckingham, lower level. Meetings typically last one hour.

Important Phone Numbers:

LVCC Office (M 1-7; Tu-F 9AM-3PM)
(773) 880 LVCC
www.lakeviewcitizens.org

44th Ward Alderman Tom Tunney
(773) 525 6034
www.44thward.org

CUBS Neighborhood Protection
(866) 4 CPD TOW
www.cubs.com/neighbors



CTA Service Reductions - April 2007

The \$530 Million Brown Line expansion project will hit home for Triangle Residents this upcoming April 2007 when new service reductions take effect. The goal of the Brown Line project is to lengthen the platforms to accommodate longer (8-car) trains, to make the stations handicap accessible, and to modernize the stations with more conveniences for everyone. However, the impact for the next two years will be a dramatic increase in rush hour commuting times. Some say commuting times could double coming home from the loop.

All Northbound trains (Brown, Purple, and Red) will share one set of tracks and one side of the platform at both Fullerton and Belmont stations during the next construction phase. Eventually, the Southbound customers will also have a platform change. As such, the CTA announced they will be reducing the number of trains in service during peak, evening hours. Two new stations will also be closed - Diversey and Southport.

We met with the CTA last week and they are not ready to announce details about what new or increased frequency, alternative routes would be made available. They indicated those details would be ready in upcoming weeks so stay tuned to Triangle Tales. Spokesperson Mark Payne was hesitant to say they would add any additional routes but did acknowledge residents have been asking for "Express Routes", like the buses that run along Lake Shore Drive. We're asking for additional frequency on the Halsted buses that run parallel to the "el".

As more details become available, LVCC has committed to hold a community-wide forum. For additional details, visit the CTA website at www.ctabrownline.com.

Upcoming City Elections - February 27th

You must register by Tuesday (1/30) to vote in the upcoming City Elections

- In person from 9AM to 5PM at the Chicago Board of Elections (69 W Washington),
- At any Chicago Public Library,
- At any Illinois Secretary of State drivers' license facilities, or
- By downloading a voter-registration application at chicagoelections.com and mailing the completed form to the election board with a postmark no later than January 30th.
- State law allows a grace period until Tuesday, February 13th to register if you do so, in person, at the Chicago Board of Elections. However, if you register late, you will not be able to vote at your polling place and must cast an absentee ballot.

Thanks to Everyone— it's a Park!

Thanks to so many generous donors, including Tom Gramatis whose \$25,000 check helped us go into escrow last week to close on the second lot of our park. The new community garden park, at 815-817 W Roscoe, will be open in late 2007. Over the upcoming months, we will both be raising funds for the actual build and working with landscape architects and community residents on the design of the park. To get more involved or to purchase a brick on the memorial wall, please contact triangle@lakeviewcitizens.org.

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events!

5K RUN/WALK

Race to Wrigley

Chicago Cubs Charities

March 31 — Race to Wrigley 5K Run/Walk

Kick off the 2007 Chicago Cubs season with the second annual Race to Wrigley, proceeds benefiting the Chicago Cubs Charities. The event is limited to 5,000 participants so sign up early if you're interested. The race goes through the streets of Wrigleyville and ends up under the famed marquee at Wrigley Field. For more information, contact chicagoevents.com today.

April 28 - Keep Lake View Healthy

LVCC, Illinois Masonic Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital are planning a joint forum to keep Lake View Healthy. Free cholesterol, blood glucose, and blood pressure screenings will be offered. Details to follow. Tentatively at St. Luke's from 9AM to 12N.

July 7—8, 2007 - 6th Annual LVCC Music Fest

This two day tradition combines the finest in Lake View merchants and rising musical talent. Your \$5 donation at the door supports the ongoing programming LVCC offers - including helping out with the Bird Sanctuary, purchasing bikes and other equipment for the Chicago Police Department, and organizing the Tax Reform Action Coalition (TRAC).



July 8, 2007 - Lakeview Garden Walk

Join friends and neighbors on a tour of some of the best front parkways, back yards, and other public spaces dedicated to bringing some color and pride to the neighborhood. A complimentary shuttle bus will take you through the various LVCC participating branches to highlight the best each has to offer. Prizes awarded in multiple categories. Free advance registration for all gardens to be included on the map.

October 2, 2007 - Evening on the Lake

Come see Chicago from a whole new vantage aboard a luxury sailing vessel from



Kanan Cruises. This second annual, 3-hour dinner cruise includes an open bar, music, dancing, and raffle/door prizes.

October 31, 2007 - 11th Triangle Neighbors' Costume Halloween Parade

The premier event Halloween evening in the city, the 11th Annual Triangle Neighbor's Costume Parade on Halsted Street is sure to bring thousands of ghouls, celebrities, and ordinary people expressing their alter egos. Free registration—categories for kids, pets, adults, groups, and drag—with thousands of dollars in prizes awarded.



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The **LAKE VIEW CITIZENS' COUNCIL (LVCC)** is a non-profit civic organization serving the **Lake View** community on the north side of Chicago, Illinois. **Triangle Neighbors Association**, one of the twelve branches of LVCC, represents the residents and businesses in the triangle formed by Halsted Street (on the East), Clark Street (on the West) and Addison Street (on the North) in the 44th Ward of Chicago. **Triangle Neighbors** and LVCC are grassroots membership organizations trying to improve the "quality of life" in Lake View. We encourage you to "Get Involved!" and share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors.