



Lakeview East Annual Meeting

April 2 | 6 - 8 PM | 1914 Club | 1060 W Addison St

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WELCOME

Marc Engel

Board President

Cram Fashion





STATE OF LAKE VIEW EAST

Maureen Martino

Executive Director



The Reality for Small Businesses Right Now

- Customer spending is down
- Cost of doing business is increasing
- Ongoing labor shortages and rising wages
- Immigration
- Tariffs and supply chain pressures
- Rising utilities, insurance, property taxes, licenses, permits



How Businesses Are Adapting

- Cutting back hours to manage demand
- Leaner teams and more efficient staffing
- Renegotiating vendor and supplier costs
- Taking a more cautious approach to spending



Government Affairs



**Working
alongside SBAC,
the Illinois
Restaurant
Association, and
local elected
officials**

Chicago Small Business Bill of Rights

- Reduce barriers to doing business
- Promote efficiency and transparency
- No excessive fines or penalties
- No increased fees
- Timely inspections and permitting
- Transparent budgeting
- No New Mandates on Small Businesses without adequate time and resources for compliance



**CUT THE
RED TAPE!**

Reforming the City's Debt Check

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Applicant-Focused

Checks: Limiting debt checks to the applicant so it ensures no one is forced to pay someone else's debt



Reasonable Look-Back Timeframe: Limit to 5 years



Transparent Dispute

Process: Establish a transparent and expedited appeal process



Annual Debt

Checks: Extend debt check clearance to one year



Minimum Debt

Threshold: Set a \$5K minimum debt threshold before any delays and ensure method to collect debt below this threshold doesn't hold up the new project or business opening

Tipped Credit Freeze: Status

Mayor Vetoed City Council Vote

IRA seeking state-level solution

Ongoing uncertainty for businesses

Rising labor costs

Uncertainty in planning

Need for statewide consistency

44th and 46th Ward Collaborati ons

- Zoning – Live/Work
- RPM Timeline for Redevelopment
- Long term vacancies/Landlord issues
- Streetscape for Clark Street
- Regulations for placemaking
- Events
- Packaged goods/smoke shops moratorium
- Video Gaming roll out
- New CTA station south entrance at Addison
- Pedestrian zones and accessibility
- Electricity in poles/outlets
- Sheridan El station

Moving Forward

Trends for 2026

Margins are tight - run leaner

Experience drives foot traffic

Digital + physical experiences are fully connected

Ownership turnover = opportunity

Local + authentic wins

Integration of AI





749 W. Briar

Status

Approved



3233 N. Sheffield

Status

Approved



3440 N. Broadway - Rebel Ho...

Status

Approved



3160 N. Broadway

Status

Under Construction



1138 W. Belmont

Status

New Development



2800 N. Sheridan



925 W. Belmont



1040 W. Belmont



3627-3633 N. Sheffield

Status

Under Construction

Legacy Businesses

Ann Sather | Best Western | Bittersweet | Byron's Hot Dogs | Cesars
Killer Margaritas | Chicago Comics | Coffee and Tea Exchange |
Cubby Bear | El Jardin | El Mariachi | El Nuevo Mexicano | Friar Tuck |
GMAN | Gold Crown Liquors | Half Shell | Intelligentsia | Jake's Pub |
JC Licht Company | L&L | Merkles | Metro | Milios Hair Studio |
Modern Grill | Monsignor Murphy's | Murphy's Bleachers | Nisei
Lounge | Nuts on Clark | Paramount/Crest | Reckless Records | Robert
Jeffrey Salon | Rocks | Royal Home Entertainment | Sheffield's |
Sluggers | Stellas | The Bagel | Clark Street Dog | The Sports Corner
| The Vic | Trader Todds | Unabridged Bookstore | Underground
Lounge | Vaughan's | Wilde Restaurant | Windy City Sweets

**Lakeview is
home to 135+
businesses
with 30+
years in the
community!**



**LEGACY FAMILY
BUSINESS**

Loukas Family

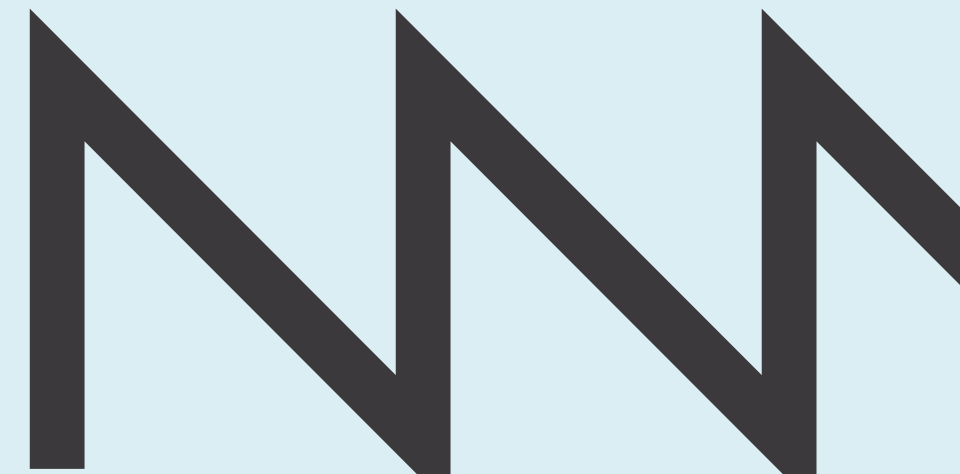
Cubby Bear | Vines on Clark | Sports Corner

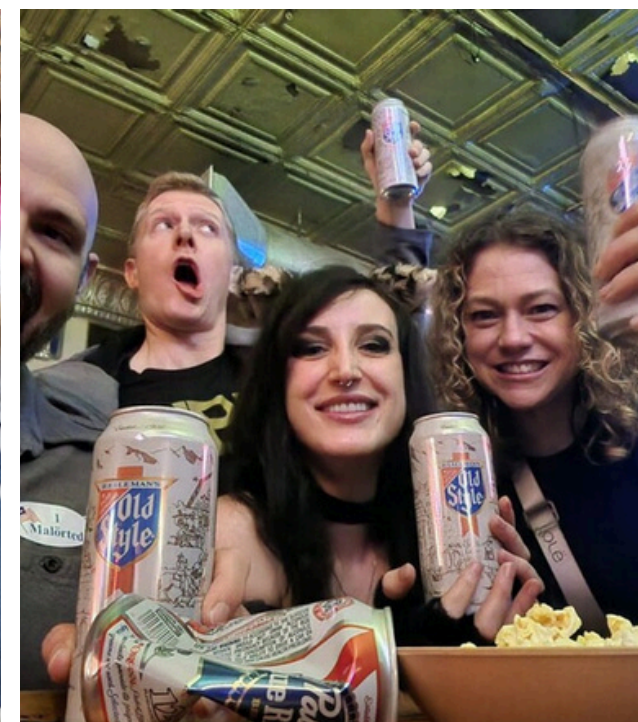


SPECIAL RECOGNITION David Smykowski

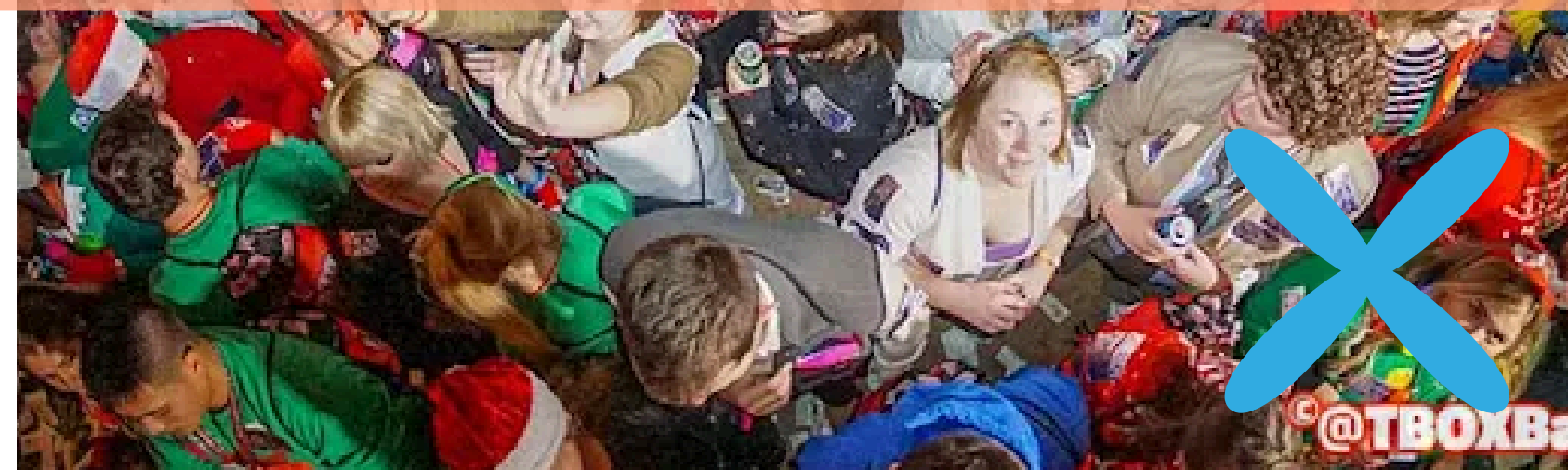


CHICAGO EVENT GRAPHICS





Year In Review



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A Neighborhood on the Move

- 57 New Businesses
 - Majority of new openings are independently owned
- 14 business closures
- 32% Decrease in Vacancies from 2023 to 2026
- 7% Vacancy Rate District Wide





The first year of the Lakeview East Dive Bar Classic brought in over \$100,000 into our local bars in 2 weeks.



Belmont Sheffield Music Fest celebrated 40 years with 21.7K Attendees



The Lakeview East Festival of the Arts celebrated 20 Years with 18.9K attendees

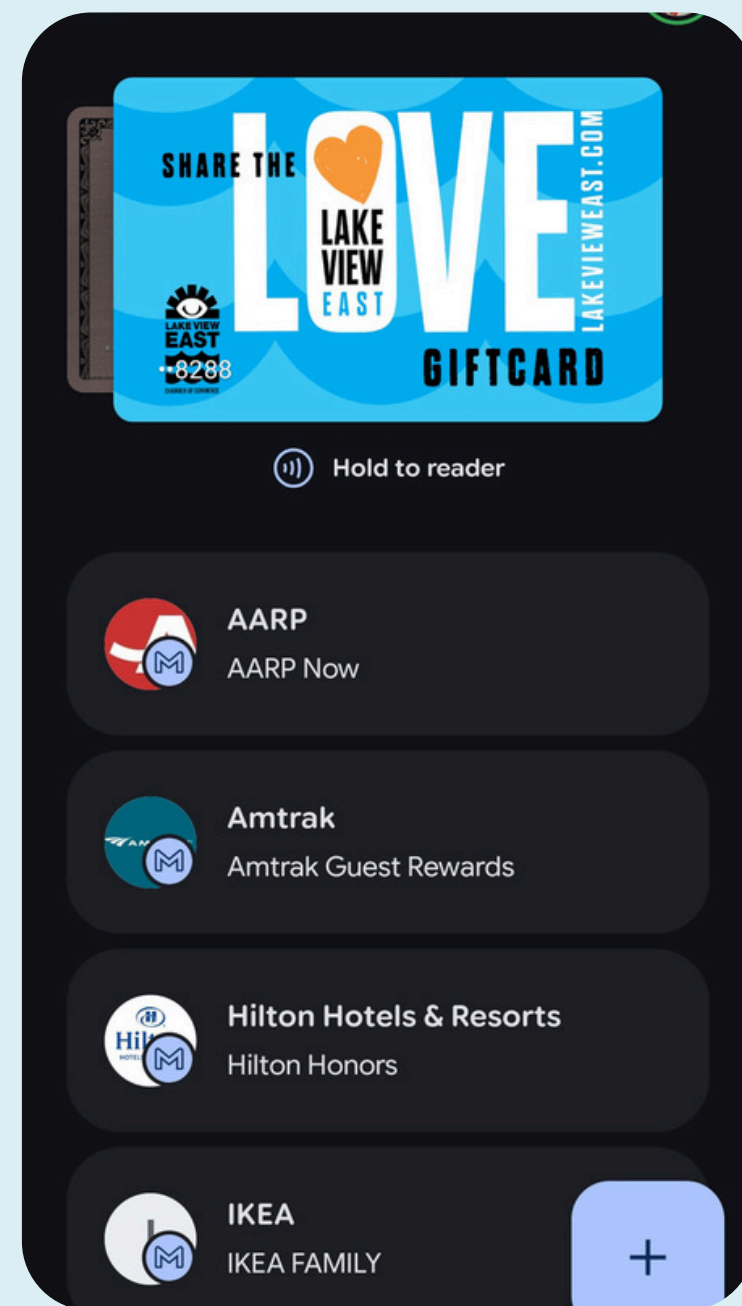


Dine Out on Broadway returned for an estimated 1.3 M in Economic Impact

**Local
Event
Impact**



Wrigleyville Wonderland brought in 1.5M Visits between Nov 15 - Jan 1



BIG NEWS

**THE LAKEVIEW EAST
GIFT CARD IS NOW
DIGITAL**

More access. More convenience.

More dollars staying local.

Upcoming Events

NEW FESTIVAL CLARK STREET LIVE

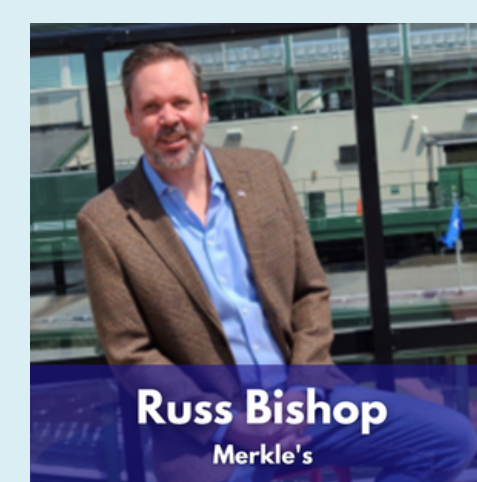
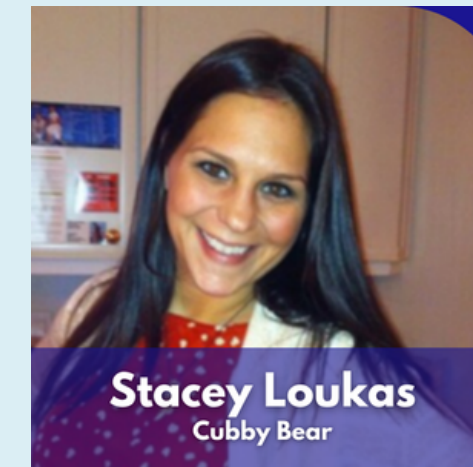
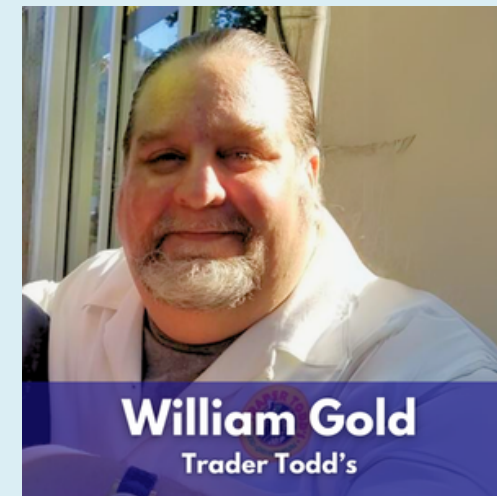


**September
26 and 27th**
on Clark from
Addison to Newport

2027 MLB All Star Game

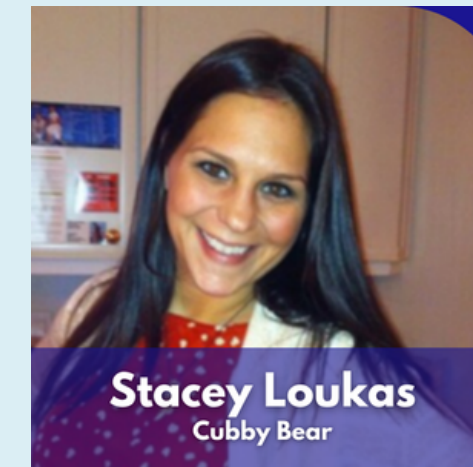
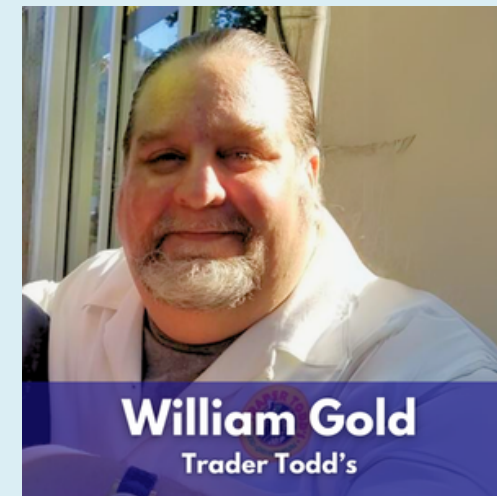
Begins July 13, 2027

2025 BOARD MEMBERS



THANK YOU!

2026 BOARD MEMBERS



NEW



BE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR BALLOTS!

Thank You 2025 Commissioners

SSA #17 Commissioners



John Bucksbaum
Bucksbaum Retail Properties



David Blitz
Blitzlake Partners



Andrew Rizzo
Rizzo's Bar and Inn



Jeanne Saliture
Resident



Julianna Montebello Roman
PR Italian Bistro



Eric Kirsammer
Chicago Comics



Todd Hyatt
Trader Todd's



David Gassman
DLG Development



Sam Giarratano - Co Chair
Flub a Dub Chub



Robert Smith - Treasurer
Neighbor



Paul Loaiza - Co-Chair
Monsignor Murphy's



Jake Elkins-Ryan
@properties



William Shepard
Byline Bank



Tony Klok
Rebel Hospitality



Diane Tanios
Tanios Family Limited Partnership



Angelo Velliotis
Clark Street Dog

NEW!

SSA #17



Jennifer Dedes Nowak
Cubs Charities



Ivy Speck
Ivy's Secure Parking

SSA #8



Tiago Pappas
Chicago Apartments

Meet the LVECC Team

small but mighty



Joseph Patterson
(Seasonal Marketing Assistant)

Isabelle Jimenez
(Marketing Manager)

Maureen Martino
(Executive Director)

Nata Wier
(Associate Director)

Mary Nedbalski
(Marketing and Membership Director)

Sanja Kesic
(Accountant)

Meet the LVECC Maintenance



Diedrick Roberts

Edmund Cross

Reggie Stiff

Chrishun Ard

Danny Walters

Laurent Sutherlin

Lorenzo Brown

AWARDS

The neighborhood's favorites





LOCAL FAVORITE ROCKS Lakeview

3463 N Broadway





**LOCAL RETAIL
LEGEND**

Chicago Comics

3244 N Clark





BEST ARTISAN BOUTIQUE

Dream Creeks

2936 N Clark St



DREAM CREEKS

Chicago • est. 2019



TIMELESS TAVERN

Friar Tuck



3010 N Broadway



BEST NEW RESTAURANT

Coup De Thai
2932 N Broadway

Coup de Thai
Restaurant



BEST BRUNCH Felix

Felix

3301 N Clark St



DAILY GRIND AWARD Cafe Deko

800 W Diversey Pkwy





BEST HOSPITALITY

Best Western Plus Hawthorne Terrace

3434 N Broadway



COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Family Room Chicago

3229 N Broadway & 3217 N Broadway

FAMILY
ROOM

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB
& PLAY SPACE



JACK OF ALL TRADES

Chris Johnston

958 W Belmont Ave
3472 N Clark St
3477 N Clark St





BEST GLOBAL CUISINE

Rendang Republic

3355 N Clark St





EMERGING SWEET SHOP OF THE YEAR

Dat Donut

947 W Wellington Ave





MILIOS
HAIR STUDIO

**FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR** **Erin Hubbard**
959 W Belmont



**COMMUNITY
STRENGTH**

Quad's Gym



3727 N Broadway



INDIE VENUE OF THE YEAR Gman Tavern

GMAN TAVERN

3740 N Clark St



Thank You!

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