Weekly News Stories

Lake Breezes, Fun Cocktails and...Networking!

Don't miss GNMAA's popular summertime networking event, the **Annual Cruise** sponsored by **Chicago's First Lady Cruises** on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 5:30pm. Themed "A Night on the Spanish Riviera," guests are encouraged to flaunt their best Flamenco wear and strut their sombreros while enjoying a fun evening filled with after-work cocktails from **Wein-Bauer, Inc.**, delicious Spanish fare from **Wolfgang Puck Catering**, delectable desserts from **The Eli's Cheesecake Company**, a chance at luck with a **magnificent raffle** featuring a trip to Washington D.C. and a post-party at **Aria** to top off the evening.

For more details and to RSVP, **click here**.

Data Shows 'Clear Evidence' of Accelerating Recovery

From the U.S. Travel Association, July 21, 2010: The top three hospitality data research firms have changed their tune in the past six months, each now predicting positive year-over-year growth for revenue per available room by the end of 2010. Smith Travel Research, PKF-HR and Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels each presented updated forecasts during the ALIS Summer Update at the J.W. Marriott L.A. Live on Tuesday. The overall sentiment was that a real recovery is underway, with demand leading the charge. **Read More.**

Neighborhood News

From Alderman Reilly's 42nd Ward Update:

Electronics Collection Day - Saturday, August 7
Alderman Reilly invites you to participate in an important recycling initiative that will take place on Saturday, August 7 between 8:00am and 12:00pm. PC Rebuilders and Recycling, a private company partnering with the City of Chicago, will provide trucks to pick-up unwanted electronic equipment in the first-ever "Electronic Collection Day." The electronics will then be re-furbished for re-use or recycled. **Read More**.

Pedestrian Safety Prevails in Illinois: New Law Requires Drivers to Stop for All Pedestrians: Earlier this week, Governor Pat Quinn signed into law HB 43, offering further protection of pedestrians' rights and safety in Illinois. HB 43 requires drivers to come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks - even those that don't have a stop sign or traffic light. The law, which takes effect immediately, clarifies the law that until now required drivers to yield and stop "only when necessary." This measure will save lives and help prevent thousands of serious injuries suffered each year. Please spread the word! Drivers in Illinois must stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. For more information, please visit the **Active Transportation Alliance website**, Chicagoland's voice for better biking, walking and transit.

Department of Revenue Tips for Avoiding Parking Tickets: Most restricted parking areas are clearly marked by signs or curb markings, like tow zones, residential permit parking and fire hydrants. However, there are other restrictions not necessarily indicated by signs that motorists are required to know. **Discover tips to avoid parking tickets.**

Neighborhood Construction and Street Closure Updates

Weekend Closures of Superior Street for Pedestrian Bridge
July 24 – 25 and July 31 – August 1: Superior Street will be closed between St Clair and Fairbanks all day on Saturday and Sunday for the next two weekends for construction of a pedestrian bridge over the street connecting the new Lurie Children's Hospital and the parking garage on the south side of the street.

Walton Street Closure for New Ogden Construction
July 26 – July 30: Walton Street between State Street and Dearborn Street will be closed for sewer construction for the new Ogden School.

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New to The Mile

Recently Opened

Benny's Chophouse, 444 N. Wabash Avenue (Opened April 1, 2010)
Hotel Palomar Chicago - A Kimpton Hotel, 505 N. State Street (Opened April, 2010)
Sable Kitchen and Bar, Hotel Palomar, 505 N. State Street (Opened April, 2010)
Sofia, 72 E. Oak Street (Opened April, 2010)
The Art of Shaving, The Shops at North Bridge, 520 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened April, 2010)
Teavana, The Shops at North Bridge, 520 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened April 29, 2010)
Deca Restaurant + Bar, The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, 160 E. Pearson (Opened May, 2010)
LittleMissMatched, Water Tower Place on Level 5, 835 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened May 6, 2010)
Space 519, The 900 Shops on Level 5, 900 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened May 6, 2010)
Karen Millen London, The 900 Shops on Level 3, 900 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened May, 2010)
Reopened as: **Wolfhome by Silk Trading** (formerly The Silk Trading Company), The 900 Shops at 900 N. Michigan
1969 Jeans, 939 N. Rush Street (Opened May, 2010)
*__Hearing Health Center__, 142 E Ontario, Suite 1100 (Opened May 24, 2010)
FreshBerry, 211 E. Ontario Street (Opened May 26, 2010)
THE OPRAH STORE, Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened May 27, 2010)
Hermes, 25 E. Oak Street (Opening June 10, 2010)
Eatt, 6 W. Hubbard Street (Opening June, 2010)
AVA BLACK (replaced SKINSTINCT), Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened July 5)
Sprinkles, 50 E. Walton Street (Opening mid July, 2010)
Frankie's on The Park, Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Avenue (Pop-up Opening July 15 – August 31)
Qdoba Mexican Grill, 20 E. Chicago Avenue (Opening July 19, 2010)
Francesca's Collections, Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Avenue (Opening late July, 2010)
*__Three Dog Bakery__, The Shops at North Bridge, Level 3, 520 N. Michigan Avenue (Opened July, 2010)

Coming Soon

Chicago Cut Steakhouse, 300 N. LaSalle Street (Opening Summer 2010)
*__Nick's Fishmarket__, The Merchandise Mart, north entrance on Franklin (Opening September, 2010)
Nordstrom Rack, 101 E. Chicago Avenue (Opening September 30, 2010)
Mastro's, 520 N. Dearborn Street (Opening Fall, 2010)
AllSaints, 700 N. Michigan Avenue (Opening Fall, 2010)
Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue (Opening Fall, 2010)
*__Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ__, 210 E. Ohio Street, (Opening Fall 2010)
*__Vince__, 106 E. Oak Street (Opening October, 2010)
Radisson Blu Hotel in Aqua, 225 N. Columbus (Opening Fall 2011)
Anthropologie, 111 E. Chicago Avenue (Opening TBA)
Fox and Obel, 402 N. Clark Street (Opening TBA)

**New listing*

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Member News

Congratulations to The 900 Shops who were named to the list of the "Top 10 Tweeting Centers" in the United States. The research, conducted by Alexander Babbage and published by Social Center, ranked the shopping centers on number of followers; The 900 Shops made the list with 1,545.

American Street Mortgage Company will be hosting their third annual American StreetBall Classic on October 16, 2010. Last year, the event raised $20,000 for United Way and this year they hope to make $50,000 for the organization. To see how you can get involved, **click here**.

Trip Advisor has named Eli's Cheesecake World one of America's "Top 10 Sweetest Attractions", commenting that the company's decadent desserts "are sure to inject some sugary fun into summer getaways." Congratulations on this accolade!

John Hancock Observatory is proud to be the first U.S. host of the World Federation of Great Towers (WFGT) Annual Conference being held in Chicago from September 6-10, 2010. The conference brings together more than 60 distinctive leaders that represent the 35 prestigious and world-renowned observation towers from around the world. **Read More**.

James R. Loewenberg, Co-CEO of Magellan Development Group LLC, has been elevated as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the highest recognition by the leading professional membership association for architects. Congratulations on this honor! **Read more here**.

Congratulations to NoMI at the Park Hyatt Chicago for their recent four-star dining review from Pat Bruno, Chicago's Sun-Times Food Critic. "Every way I measured it, NoMI in the Park Hyatt hotel is extraordinary. What does a restaurant need to do to get a top rating from me? Blend the expected with the unexpected. Weave the seamless experience from start to finish, so that when I push back from the table I am in awe of what just took place... " -Pat Bruno. **Read the full article here**.

Shoreline Sightseeing will honor recently injured Chicago-area veterans and their families on the 2010 Wounded Warrior Project Benefit Cruise. The cruise will take place on Wednesday, August 11 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. For more details, **click here**.

The Westin Chicago River North has been sold for $165 million to Host Hotels & Resorts Inc. an East Coast hotel real estate investment trust. The price is 37% more than the $120 million paid for the riverfront property 10 years ago. The transaction is hailed as a rare sign of life in the local hotel investment market, which has been better known for distressed transactions than sales of stable properties. Congratulations to our Chairman of the Board, Peter Simoncelli, and his team members on this incredible and positive growth. **Read More**.

GNMAA and The Magnificent Mile in the news: TACA Airlines, ABC 7 Chicago, CBS 2 Chicago, Crain's Chicago, Chicago Tribune - Entertainment, Chicago Tribune - Leisure Blogs, Chicago Sun-Times, Daily Herald, GoodLifeReview.com, AustraliaAdvice.com, San Joaquin Herald, The San Diego Union Tribune, Tampa Tribune

*Special accolades or member news to share? Email Melanie Mapes a **mmapes@gnmaa.com** for inclusion in an upcoming Bi-Weekly News.*

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GNMAA Calendar

Don't miss these upcoming events! Register now!

Gardens of The Magnificent Mile®
June 21 – September 6, 2010
The Magnificent Mile District

GNMAA Cruise
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Chicago's First Lady Cruises, south side of Chicago River at Wacker Drive & Michigan Avenue

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Save the Date!

Summer Concert Series presented by Walgreens - Guster: Friday, August 27, 2010 at the John Hancock Center Plaza
Quarterly Membership Meeting (Breakfast): Thursday, September 16 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza
Ladies' Night Out: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, Avenue Crowne Plaza Hotel Chicago

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Member Special Offers

Make sure to take advantage of these special offers from fellow GNMAA members!

***Le Colonial**
Industry Discounts
937 N. Rush Street
Now - October, 2010; Sunday - Friday

Present this newsletter listing at the Le Colonial bar to receive Industry Discounts including $6 bubbly and half-priced appetizers*. Valid Sunday – Friday. Expires October, 2010. *Must present newsletter listing upon arrival. Valid at bar only.

Chicago Gray Line
100 Year Anniversary Celebration
Summer 2010

Chicago Gray Line is proud to be celebrating 100 years in business this summer, having been in operation since summer of 1910. GNMAA members and guests are being offered a special 2 for 1 ticket about Chicago Gray Line Upperdecker and/or Trolley Tours. Retail rate is $30 per person for the all day hop on/hop off tour program. Come celebrate with Chicago Gray Line and see Chicago! For any questions, please contact (312) 251-3107 or **chicagograyline@aol.com**.

The 900 Shops
Special Hotel Packages
900 N. Michigan Avenue
Ongoing

Plan your weekend getaway in style by booking your stay with one of our exclusive hotel partners. The 900 Shops' shopping packages include a $50 gift card to The 900 Shops, a bag full of goodies from several of our fabulous retailers and much more! **Click here for more information**.

Seneca Hotel and Suites
$99 GNMAA Members Rate
200 E. Chestnut Street
NOW through August 31, 2010

The Seneca Hotel and Suites is offering a special rate for GNMAA members only! Mention your membership to book a suite for $99/night between NOW and August 31, 2010. To make reservations, please call Dee Dee in the Sales Department directly at (312) 988-4408.

Member Events

Check out what is happening at member businesses this month!

***The 900 Shops**
Party with the Princess
900 N. Michigan Avenue
Thursday, July 29 from 11am – 12pm

"Party with the Princess," when Princess Fiona, Gingy, and Mama Bear from Shrek The Musical come to The 900 Shops for photos and fun on Thursday, July 29 from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

***The Newberry Library**
Book Fair
60 W. Walton Street
July 29 - August 1

Join us for Chicago's most popular book binge. Browse through more than 120,000 used books in 70 categories. Scour the sale for amazing deals on cookbooks, music, fiction, art books, children's literature, collectibles and much, much more. Most books are under $2.

***The Shops at North Bridge**
Great Denim Days - Denim Drive
520 N. Michigan Ave
July 26 - August 31

Donate gently used or new denim at the Great Denim Days display located near the Concierge desk July 26 - August 31. In return for your kindness, you will receive special offers from The Shops at North Bridge retailers (while supplies last).

Nordstrom Michigan Avenue
Nordstrom Anniversary Sale

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55 E. Grand Avenue
July 16 - August 1
The Nordstrom Anniversary Sale starts Friday, July 16 at 8:00am! Join us for incredible savings on the best fall fashions before the season even begins. You'll also receive Twice the Rewards on Nordstrom credit or MOD card purchases made at Nordstrom the first five days of our sale, July 16 – 20.* So shop in store, by phone, and at nordstrom.com. But hurry—prices go up August 2.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater
The Emperor's New Clothes
800 E. Grand Avenue, Navy Pier
June 30 - August 29

Don't miss this world premiere Chicago Shakespeare Theater musical for the whole family! The frivolously fashionable Emperor and his opinionated daughter Sam just can't get along. But with the help of some colorful characters and not-so-colorful threads, the two come to see themselves - and appreciate each other - for the first time. Based on the classic Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, The Emperor's New Clothes promises to warm the hearts of children and adults alike! Use promo code "GARDEN" when checking out online to save $5 on each ticket! *(Limit 4 discounted tickets. Cannot be used in combination with any other offer or on previously purchased tickets.)*

Mercury Chicago's Skyline Cruiselines
Wacky Pirate Cruise
Chicago River at Michigan Avenue & Wacker Drive
June 21 – August 21, Fridays at 10:30am, Saturdays at 10:30am and 12:30pm

Welcome aboard, mateys! Join Buccaneer Bob as the host for this 60-minute river and lakefront voyage. Children are greeted with a Pirate Bandana as they come aboard. Kids learn how to tie a nautical knot, recite the Wacky Pirate Oath and are issued a temporary tattoo. For more information and online reservations, please visit **www.WackyPirateCruise.com**.

Seneca Park
Storytime at Seneca Park
Chicago Avenue and N. Seneca Street
Mondays starting June 28 - August 16, 1 - 3pm

Bring your little one to Storytime at Seneca Park starting June 28 from 1 - 3pm for eight weeks. Storytellers come from the Harold Washington Library Center.

Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise
Date Night
Southeast corner of the Michigan Avenue Bridge at Wacker Drive
Thursdays and Fridays, June - September

The Chicago Architecture Foundation is offering special sunset cruises. The 90-minute 'date night' architecture river cruises are Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 PM. The architecture river cruise is offered aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises luxury cruising yachts, with open-air decks as well as air conditioned interior seating and a full bar. Architecture River Cruise tours are $32 per person.

Terrace at the Conrad
Movies on The Terrace
521 N. Rush Street
Sundays, May 30 - September 26

Blend amongst trend-setting urbanites nestled in the skyline Chicago during "Movies on the Terrace," presenting new and classic Chicago-centric features each Sunday evening at dusk. This season, the screening experience has been elevated with the installation of a new state-of-the-art, 110-inch Stewart Film Screen and surround-sound system. **Click here** to view the complete movie line-up.

**Denotes new offer/event*

July New Members

The Riverwalk Grill
Robert C. Dolehide
167 W. Riverwalk South
(773) 238-9277
Dining

Hearing Health Center
Dr. Ronna Fisher, President & Founder
142 E. Ontario Street, #1100
(312) 263-7171
www.hearinghealthcenter.com
Physician

Disney's Doorway To Dreams
Jill Habart, Field Sales and Event Manager
5 Woodfield Mall Drive
(847) 969-4150
Retail

Bin Donated
Judson Kinnucan, Founder & CEO
720 N. Larrabee, #1408
(312) 307-5079
www.bindonated.org
Non-profit

Metropolitan Limousine, Inc.
Ron Marasso, Sales
1836 South Wabash Avenue
(312) 808-8000
www.metropolitanlimo.com
Transportation Service

City Views Chicago- Keller Williams
Jack Quill, Realtor
676 N. Michigan Avenue Ste 3010
(312) 296-3151
www.cityviewschicago.com
Real Estate Firm

July Anniversaries

Celebrating 54 years!
Fourth Presbyterian Church
30 years
Jerome H. Meyer & Co.

28 years
Wirtz Realty Corporation

21 years
AlphaGraphics on Michigan Avenue

18 years
Service Web Offset Corporation
The Tremont Hotel
Jam Entertainment and Creative Services
Truefitt & Hill
CHIAROSCURO

17 years
Stonebridge Advisors LLC
City Scents Flowers & Gifts
Charles Schwab & Co.
Giorgio Armani

16 years
Ralph Lauren

12 years
Hazelden Foundation
Citybuzz
10 years
Water Tower Dental Care, P.C.
Hidden Treasures

Nine years
Corporate Concierge Services

Seven years
Clarence Davids & Company

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Jeremiah F. Bransfield Computer Consultant
Madden Media
Gibsons Restaurant Group

Four years
Enhance Foundation
Tails in the City
SeniorBridge

Three years
First American Bank

Two years
In the Loop-Chicago
515 N. State Street Building U.S. Equities Realty, Inc.
ABC 7 Chicago/WLS-TV

One year
Renew Spa LLC
Paychex, Inc.
Indigo International
Notre Dame Bookstore Chicago
TheWit Hotel
Law Office of Bradley R. Trowbridge
Masters Transportation, Inc.