

FALL 2007

Dates to remember:

- **November 7, 2007**
General Meeting
- **November 14-15,**
IMS Annual Conference
- **November 17, 2007**
Board Meeting
- **December 5, 2007**
Something for Seniors
- **December 17, 2007**
Food Basket Delivery

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Chicago/Midway Clearing received its Official Designation as an **Illinois Main Street Community** September 19, 2007. Leading the Walking Tour that followed the ceremony in UBAM park are (from left to right) Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, UBAM Executive Director, Anita M. Cummings and 13th Ward Alderman, Frank Olivo. More than 75 business owners were in attendance. Pictured above is a special "Turn Back Time" clock specially designed and created for the event by Dianne Johnson owner of **Midway Jewelers**.

From Anita's Desk

Dear Fellow Business Owner:



Please join with our Board, Officers and Illinois Main Street Committees in celebrating this milestone in the successful completion of Step 2—DESIGNATED ILLINOIS MAIN STREET. Our ambitious plan will lead us to an economically restructured Main Street in the midst of our Midway Community—appropriately designated: **Chicago/Midway Clearing**. September 19th saw **UBAM**, Lieutenant Governor **Pat Quinn**, Alderman **Frank Olivo** (13th) and more than seventy-five participants present in UBAM Park to witness the official *Dedication* and *Presentation* of the Illinois Main Street Plaque and official sign. Special thanks to Illinois' Main Street Coordinator **Wendy Bell** and Program Associate, **Les Cavada** for coming to Chicago for this “historical” event.

As you peruse this newsletter, take special note of some great pictures! **Rich Kaczmarek's** generous and professional efforts have allowed us to archive an event that will spearhead a strong, economic future for this 63rd Street corridor, west of Midway Airport. Thanks to each and every sponsor mentioned in this issue for their donations and support of our first “Walking Tour”. Many thanks to the businesses along the corridor who welcomed the walkers with MAIN STREET specials for the day.

In conclusion, remember what someone said at the start of this project: “This will never happen. It’s impossible!” Our response, “DIFFICULT is doable, IMPOSSIBLE takes a little longer!!”

Sincerely yours,

Anita M. Cummings, Executive Director



UPDATES, ETC. . . .

TAX INCREASES, CAN WE **EVER** AFFORD THEM ?

Mayor Richard Daley has proposed a \$293 million dollar increase in taxes, fees and fines (as of October 10), including a 15 percent increase in Chicago’s property tax levy. Adding insult to injury, other units of government are likewise considering tax-increase proposals. The State is weighing a regional sales-tax increase, the Cook County Board is considering its own sales-tax increase and the Board of Education already has approved a \$74.2 million jump in its property-tax levy!

Our concern as a business organization is the cumulative effect of higher taxes. As noted in a recent editorial in the Chicago Tribune, “... With each new tax hike private employers in Chicago and Cook County are more likely to look to other Illinois counties, to southeast Wisconsin and to northwest Indiana as attractive places to relocate”.



WALKING TOUR PARTICIPANTS

ALLSTATE INSURANCE
5611 W. 63rd Street
GIVE-A-WAYS

ASM AUTO PARTS
5617 W. 63rd Street
\$5.00 DISCOUNT TOWARD ANY \$10.00
PURCHASE

CENTRAL CLEARING DRUGS
5600 W. 63rd Street
**RUNWAY REFRESHMENTS SODA AND BOTTLED
WATER**

GRAMMA LUCIA'S SWEET TREATS
5711 W. 63rd Street
**MIDWAY FUNNEL CAKE, MIDWAY CONE,
MAIN STREET ITALIAN ICE**

LA PETITE PASTRY SHOP
5610 W. 63rd Street
MAIN STREET MUFFINS

MEDINA-OSZUST REALTORS
5649 W. 63rd Street
OPEN HOUSE & GIVE-AWAYS

JACK ROBBINS
5755 W. 63rd Street
**MAIN STREET DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER/FRIES
AND
MEDIUM SODA**

MIDWAY JEWELERS
5635 W. 63rd Street
"TURN BACK TIME"
EARLY CLEARING MAIN STREET PHOTO CLOCKS

RE/MAX 10
5658 W. 63rd Street
OPEN HOUSE & GIVE-A-WAYS

SOUTHWEST SIGNS INC.
5641 W. 63rd Street





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- Calligraphy by Arlene
- Central Clearing Drug, Inc
- Citibank
- Dan Schumacher Photography
- First Data Merchant Services
- Harlem & Archer Center for Wellness and Pain Management
- Marianna's Place
- Mom & Dad's Deli
- New West Realty
- Shaklee Food Supplements



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