

Spring 2007

Dates to remember:

- **May 2, 2007**
General Meeting
- **May 23, 2007**
Board Meeting
- **May 2-3 2007**
Semi Annual IMS
Director's Workshop
- **June 2, 2007**
Main Street Day
- **July / August**
Summer Hiatus

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UBAM IN REVIEW



UBAM members, special guests, activities enjoyed throughout our business year. Pictured above. Clockwise, top: Nuria Fernandez, Anita Cummings, Forrest Claypool, Mike Zalewski, Erin O'Donnell, Board Members (on a Main Street Fact-finding mission!) Illinois Main Street Day at the Capitol, Wally Machala, Beata Babel, and John Cummings, Toyota Park's, John Guppy .

From Anita's Desk

Dear Fellow Business Owner:



This issue finds us well into Spring with our last regular meeting on May 2. Like many of you, we at UBAM have always considered the September to May time frame as our "business year"--with work activities beginning to move at a slower pace in anticipation of the summer months. As you can see from our cover page it has been an exciting nine months! We have heard from leaders in City and County government, economic and financial specialists. Off-site events have taken us to Springfield and neighboring Toyota Park. Fact finding missions have led us to outlying communities involved in Main Street or towns simply undergoing economic redevelopment.

All of the above has kept the Officers and Board involved, informed and continuously working toward a successful business climate. Join us on our ongoing "pub walks" highlighting the food establishments along our own Main Street corridor. Begin your own walks along Central—from UBAM Park to 63rd and West to Austin and enjoy the positive changes. Take note of some new lighting and wrought iron trash containers. Watch for anticipated renovated facades as well as some new construction along the way.

Join us on this incredible journey that leads to a designated, economically restructured ILLINOIS MAIN STREET!!!

Sincerely yours,

Anita M. Cummings, Executive Director



UPDATE ETC. . . .

MIDWAY AIRPORT'S PRIVATIZATION PLAN:

Southwest Airlines and other carriers are expressing concern regarding the city's plan to lease Midway to a private operator. (The idea is similar to the agreement to lease the Chicago Skyway in 2004, which resulted in \$1.8 billion dollars for Chicago.) Under federal law, a supermajority of airlines—three of the seven current can block it—at Midway must approve the airport's privatization. Concerns raised have pushed back the timetable for requests for bidders. The City hoped to begin the process in March.

Privately run airports are found in other countries. Midway would be the first major airport in the United States to be leased to a private entity.

OLYMPICS:

The Good News....

The city of Chicago has won the U.S. bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

The Bad News....

The city of Chicago will have to wait until 2009 to find out if it will host the games!

We know who SHOULD host this world event. But nine years from now!!! And how old will you be?

90 Years of Networks

The most telling devices and theories linking us all started with tracks, telephone wires and transistors; they took us from the immune system into the farthest reaches of the solar system.

1917

U.S. trolley industry reaches a peak with 1,000 companies running 26,000 miles of track. Interurban trolleys (as opposed to railroads) are so extensive that a passenger could use them to get from Portland, Me. To Sheboygan, Wis.

1920

Associated Press (founded in 1846) sends news over 103,000 miles of wire in North America and 9,700 miles of ocean cable.

1923

Interpol created under the name International Criminal Police Commission, as a network of crime fighters from 14 countries.

1925

Photos of Calvin Coolidge's inauguration sent by telephotography (faxed as we say now) from Washington to other cities.

1927

National Broadcasting Co's coverage of Rose Bowl marks first ever coast-to-coast network radio broadcast.

1933

Radio Corp. of America tests first television relay system; signal travels 86 miles from the Empire State Building to Camden, N.J.

1941

AT&T installs first coaxial cable for telecommunications.

1947

Transistor ushers in the digital age.



1948 Microwave radio relay system connects Boston and New York. Mathematician Norbert Wiener explains the human organism as a network of feedback circuits, laying the groundwork for artificial intelligence.

1956 First Transatlantic telephone cable laid.

1958

First commercial modem developed by AT&T.

1962 Signing of the Communications Satellite Act establishes Comsat.

1969 First message sent and received over Arpanet, forerunner of internet.

1967 Social Psychologist Stanley Milgram asks random individuals in the Midwest to connect up to a target in Boston, using friends as intermediaries. On average it takes five steps to reach the target. Experiment becomes the pop science "six degrees of separation" theory.

1974 Danish researcher Niels Kaj Jerne posits a network theory for the immune system: Cells communicate with each other in response to invaders.

1976 First Commercial fiber-optic cable installed for telephone signal, in Chicago.

1977 Jeanie, the first shared-ATM network developed.

1978 AT&T tests cellular concept for Mobile phones, also in Chicago.

1985

The Well, available via dial-up phone line, provides chat-and a template for modern social networking sites like Friendster and MySpace.

1988

User Friendly Eudora e-mail program released.

1991 Finnish programmer

Linus Torvalds kicks off open-source movement, a sort of wiki of computer code, with a plea for contributions to the Linux operating system.

1995

Netscape goes public less than one year after its flagship Navigator browser launches on the internet.

2002

Vonage launches cheap phone service over the internet.

2005

News Corp. pays \$630 million for MySpace; a year later Google pays \$1.65 billion for YouTube.



2007 Sprint Nextel, Intel, Motorola and Samsung undertake to deliver "last mile" wireless broadband to 100 million people by 2009.





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- **Harris N.A.**
- **John F. Kennedy High School**
- **International Investigative Service, Inc**
- **Midwest Bank**
- **Richard Building Supply Company**
- **International Architects PC**



Recommended Spring Reading

“Sculpting Air: The Executive’s Guide to
Shaping Strategy,”

By Rich Horwath

“Streetwise Small Business Book of Lists,”

Edited by Gene Marks, Adams Media

“From the Sandbox to the Corner Office: Les-
sons Learned on the Journey to the Top,”

By Eve Tahmincioglu