

Spring 2005

Dates to remember:

- **May 4, 2005**
Dedication of
UBAM Park
- **June 1, 2005**
State of the
Neighborhood
- **June 15, 2005**
After Hours
- **June 30, 2005**
20th Anniversary
UBAM Newsletter

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UBAM PARK DEDICATION

On May 4, 2005 UBAM Park was dedicated to the memory of DONALD J. FEELEY.

Almost 100 family members, friends and business associates participated in the dedication. United Business Association has labored long and hard to acquire the once abandoned gas station to turn it into the greenspace it is today. Thanks to the intervention of NeighborSpace (a partnership of the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District and Cook County Forest Preserve District) the wheels were set in motion. An environmental clean-up and purchase by NeighborSpace enabled UBAM to enter into a management agreement and to assume the responsibility of developing the park (from black dirt to plantings!) and to manage the piece. Benches have been ordered, a sprinkling system researched and park lighting placed on our radar screen.

Spring has arrived. Stroll through the winding brick path, sit a moment to enjoy your lunch and watch the planes take off!

Pictured: **Top:** Regina Feeley with Alderman Olivo,
Middle: Anita M. Cummings, Alderman Frank
Olivo, Regina Feeley, Fr. Mark Paciak, Members
of the Argo Summit American Legion Honor Guard
Bottom: Memorial at UBAM Park



We Remember...

It is with pride and deep affection that we dedicate UBAM Park to the memory of our dear friend, **DONALD J. FEELEY**. Don was a business owner who believed in the legacy of the small



DONALD J. FEELEY

1928-2004

independent businessman. He was a community leader who believed in the kind of partnership that resulted in the development of the beautiful greenspace at 62nd and Central Avenues. Don worked continuously for the stability and growth of our community. He was able to see the beauty of a 727 taking off across from his home and recognized the economic strength this airport has brought to each of us. He believed not only in preventing the decay and neglect of a community but worked to enhance it. He believed in the **UNITED BUSINESS ASSOCIATION of MIDWAY** and tirelessly served as an Officer and Board Member for many years. We thank you Don, and will miss you very, very much!

From Anita's Desk...

Dear Fellow Business Owner,

As we approach our brief summer hiatus, join us as we recap 2004-2005 "Business Year". Our members have participated in a Business networking event, an Economic Summit, as well as our traditional monthly breakfast meetings.

Our guest speakers have included, House Speaker **Michael Madigan**, Freshman Congressman **Dan Lipinski**, and Aviation Commissioner, **John Roberson**. Meetings of special interest have featured Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce representative, **Patrick Moore**, U.S. Small Business Administration, Finance Division Chief, **Robert Esquivel**, and Chicago's Police Superintendent, **Phil Cline**.

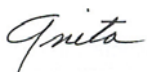
Of special notice, is our recent dedication of UBAM Park—a success story for UBAM, for our neighborhood, and for our partners. (See accompanying article for complete details.) While we break for the summer, your Officers, Board and I will be planning a strong fall agenda. Continue to check our web site for updates. If you have not taken advantage of establishing your Web page, please do so—at our expense— for the remainder of the year. Hundreds of hits to the site have been tracked to date!

Finally, we have reached out to 100 additional businesses, inviting them to join UBAM and take advantage of a business membership that ensures strong networking opportunities, a history of informative meetings, and a progressive plan for future business successes.

Two significant reminders: UBAM is beginning work on a companion piece to our UBAM map. All details will be forthcoming. Additionally, the new directory is scheduled for September distribution. Recruit your own business associates for membership and inclusion in this updated UBAM directory.

Again, thank you for your continued support of all UBAM's endeavors!

Sincerely yours,



Anita M. Cummings, Executive Director

NEW TO THE BOARD...

We would like to welcome the newest members of UBAM's Board of Directors: **KEN PANNARALLA**, Interim Executive Director of the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program. and **JOHN KAPUSCIARZ**, Owner of the European Chalet.

Neighborhood Update

Work is set to begin to build a buses-only bridge over Cicero Avenue north of Midway Airport. The overpass will connect to a new parking garage now under construction. Lane reductions on north-bound and south-bound Cicero will be in place between roughly Archer Avenue and 55th Street through early July (Source: Chicago Department of Aviation)

According to Alderman Zalewski's Office we will be experiencing some changes in the 23rd Ward. There will be six more diagonal parking locations which will improve parking along business stretches. Kostner will be widened from 55th to Archer Avenue to improve safety. Left turn arrows will be installed at Archer & Kolin, 63rd & Narragansett and 63rd & Oak Park. There will be approximately twenty blocks of resurfacing of our streets. Also a "Planned Manufacturing District" will be implemented from 63rd to the tracks to the north from Harlem to Oak Park to preserve industrial area and control the spread of condos or town homes in Clearing.

YOU SHOULD GO...

An After Hours Networking event hosted by Autumn Green at Midway Village and co-sponsored by West Lawn Chamber of Commerce, United Business Association of Midway, Bedford Park Clearing Industrial Association and Greater Southwest Development Corporation will take place on June 15, 2005 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Watch the mail for your invitation!

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and West Suburban Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring an all-day seminar for managers and supervisors to teach them the basics of maintaining a drug free workplace and how to handle suspected substance use on the job. "DRUG FREE WORKPLACE—TRAIN THE TRAINER" will be held Friday, May 20, 8:00am to 2:30pm at the Community Bank of Western Springs, 1000 Hillgrove Ave., Western Springs, Illinois. The cost is \$25.00 A continental breakfast and box lunch will be served. You can register online at www.chicagolandchamber.com no later than May 17, 2005.

Of Note... The Southwest News Herald is again producing the highly successful piece, MEET YOUR MERCHANT. If you would like to be included in this advertising supplement, please contact Renee Lawrence at (773) 476-4800, A.S.A.P.!

Welcome to our newest members...

- Village of Bridgeview
John Faro
- The Egg Store
Rod Kuehne
- Farmer's Insurance
(64th & Archer)
Christopher Krezel
- Farmer's Insurance
(6219 W. 63rd St.)
Sandra Cavoto

Did You Know?...

\$10,280

Midwestern employers' average annual health insurance premium for family coverage

Recommended Summer Reading:

- The One Minute Manager
by Ken Blanchard
- Why Employees Don't Do What They're Supposed To Do and What To Do About It
by Ferdinand Fournies
- The Manager's Book of Questions
by John Kador



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Survey Says...

Thank you to those members who took the time to fill out and return our survey on the topic of seminars/workshops you would like to see UBAM host. The following is a summary of the results:

Workshops on Networking	70%
Targeting Your Customers	50%
Airport Development/Planning/Operations	50%
The Search for Affordable Health Care	40%
Workshops on Marketing	45%
Political Issues Facing the Community	45%