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e- **CITIZEN** NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

The Lake View Citizens' Council and its twelve neighborhood branches have been quite active throughout spring and into early summer! From our recent Membership Drive Event at Uncommon Ground, to our successful Annual Meeting, and our upcoming branch events, we encourage everyone to **GET INVOLVED** and find out what's going on in the neighborhood! Please visit our website at www.lakeviewcitizens.org for a list of upcoming events, news, and branch information.

Thank you and we hope to see you at many of our community events! Happy Summer!

Volunteers Needed!

With a number of summer festivals and special events coming up, LVCC needs your help!! We are in search of volunteers who may help distribute brochures and postcards as well as help get the word out of who we are and what we do. We encourage all of our members to GET INVOLVED! Please contact Brent at the office: info@lakeviewcitizens.org or 773.880.5822

Property Tax Reassessment Outreach Meeting

Hosted by State Rep. John Fritchey and Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan
June 20, 7PM

Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital, Olson Auditorium

Staff from the assessors office will be on hand to answer questions regarding the appeal process.

Please join us in this very important community meeting. Materials will be distributed by the Tax Reform Action Coalition (TRAC) for the Rolling Revolt of '06. Come and make sure your voices are heard!!!

Upcoming Events and Meetings

• LOOK UP! Memorial Canvas

Event Details:

June 10, 2006

9:15AM-11:00AM Memorial and Canvas

Parking lot just South of Belmont on Greenview next to RAXTRAX Studio 3126 N. Greenview Ave.

11:00AM Post Event Gathering

High Tops Chicago, 3551 N. Sheffield

Lunch buffet and cash bar featuring music entertainment by Heather Horton (scheduled to sing National Anthem at June 13 CUBS Game and opening act for Clint Black and Martina McBride)

• Halsted Tastes Better

Fabulous Food, Live Music, Beer & Wine Tasting

Monday, June 12, 6PM-9PM

\$25 in advance; \$30 at door

• Chicago LGBT Pride Weekend

PrideFest on Halsted

June 24th (Saturday) 11AM-9PM

(Addison to Waveland)

Parade

Kick-off at Belmont and Halsted

Sunday June 25, 12PM

• 5th Annual Lake View Music Fest

Benefiting the Lake View Citizens Council

Saturday, July 8, 12PM-10PM and Sunday, July 9, 12PM-9PM

Sheffield Ave. between Addison and Waveland

• Lake View Garden Walk

Sunday, July 9 beginning at 12PM

• GAY GAMES

Over 8,000 participants from 30 countries have already signed up to participate in the 30 different events!

July 15-July 22

Opening Ceremonies, Soldier Field

Closing Ceremonies, Wrigley Field

• Summer on Southport/ Southport Children's Festival

Saturday, July 22, 10AM-10PM and Sunday, July 23, 10AM-9PM

Southport between Waveland and Grace
Kid's Bike Parade at 9AM Sunday-Line up beginning at 1420 W Grace

BRANCH MEETINGS

For dates, times and locations, please visit www.lakeviewcitizens.org

TRAC

The Rolling Revolt of '06: We Need You!

Help TRAC keep the issue of unfair property increases on the front burner from now through the fall. Let our elected officials hear you!

TRAC has launched the "Rolling (Property Tax) Revolt of '06" As the reassessment notices are "rolling" through the mail and our neighborhood, TRAC wants to share the pain and keep these frightening increases out in the open. TRAC wants our elected officials at every level to "see" these increases. TRAC wants the media to grasp the level of concern from the people in this city.

You will soon receive your assessment notice. TRAC asks that you send TRAC copies of your reassessment notices with the increases and the names of your state representative and alderman clearly printed on these copies. You can mail them to us or fax them (See instructions below.)

TRAC will be faxing these assessment notices to all the media outlets from now until the last township is finished! Elected city and state officials will be getting the same notices- and the following message: Pass the 7% and deliver reform within the next year or we will send YOU a message at the polls! TRAC needs a commitment from all of you. We can defeat money and influence if we stand together and demand reform.

Here's what we need.....

- Make a copy of your assessment notice
- Figure out your assessment increase and write it on you assessment notice (Subtract the old assessed value from the new figure. Divide the difference by the old assessed value=% of increase)
- Include the name of your state representative and alderman
- Send the copy to TRAC by mail or fax. Or turn it into your community group and TRAC will pick them up.

TRAC's address and fax are:

TRAC
867 West Buckingham Place
Chicago, Illinois 60657
Fax: 773.472.2507

- You can take your name off but you do need to leave the pin and the address on the notice

LVCC Annual Meeting

Over 100 guests joined President David Winner at the Lake View Citizens' Council's 2006 Annual Meeting. The meeting was held Tuesday, May 23rd at POPS for Champagne. Guests enjoyed appetizers and cocktails while presentations were made by: President David Winner, 23rd Police Steering Committee, CAPS, and Beth Murphy owner of Murphy's Bleachers and Mrs. Murphy's and Son's Irish Bistro. The LVCC Citizen of the Year Award was given to Bonnie Leracz and the LVCC Civic Award was given to Pastor George Rice.

Uncommon Ground Membership Drive

Special thanks to Helen Cameron and the entire staff of Uncommon Ground for hosting a Lake View Citizens' Council membership drive! Representatives from both LVCC and Southport Neighbors Association were on hand to answer questions about the neighborhood as well as recruit new members. Please stay tuned for another future Membership Drive!

Thank You!

If you have an upcoming event or notice and would like to be included in our next *e-CITIZEN* news blast, or would like to be removed from this mailing, please email your information to info@lakeviewcitizens.org. Please feel free to forward this email to friends and neighbors who may not be on the LVCC email list!

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