



## Logan Square Chamber of Commerce

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### Upcoming Chamber Events

Save two dates for Chamber events!

#### First...

Our **Annual Luncheon**

**Monday, May 19, 12:30pm**  
**@ Hachi's Kitchen, 2521 N. California Ave**

**Miguel del Valle**, Chicago City Clerk will be keynote speaker

Award presentation to Logan Square's New Business of the Year  
and Established Business of the Year

#### and then...

**After Work Meet & Greet!**

**Tuesday, June 10, 5:00pm**  
**@ Liberty Bank, 2392 N. Milwaukee Ave**

Drinks, snacks and insight into what effects changes in the  
mortgage market have really been having in Logan Square.

**More details on both events to follow!**

### New Members

The following businesses and community organizations have joined the  
chamber:

American Family Insurance, Wilson Georges, 2706 W. Armitage

Anne Sheetz, MDSC, 2417 W. Mediil, Physician

Banco Popular - Commerical Lending Division

Busy Beaver Button Company, 3102 W. Palmer; button manufacturer

Cafeteria Marianao, 2246 N. Milwaukee; restaurant

Challengers Comics, 1845 N. Western

Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee  
 Credit Union One, 2359 N. Washtenaw; financial institution  
 Fifth Third Bank, 2627 N Elston; located inside Strack & Van Til  
 Fonda del Mar Inc., 3749 W. Fullerton; Mexican eatery  
 Ken Carl Photography LLC., 3100 W. Logan Blvd  
 Michael Remi Designs Inc., 2642 W. Fullerton; kitchen design  
 Nancy McClelland, CPA, 3041 W. Logan Blvd  
 New Wave Coffee, 3107 W. Logan Blvd  
 Salem Christian School, 2845 W. McLean; elementary school  
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2649 N. Francisco  
 St. Sylvester School, 3027 W. Palmer; elementary school  
 Strack & Van Til, 2627 N. Elston; grocery store  
 WholeLife Chiropractic, 2569 W. Fullerton; chiropractor

To learn more about our new members go to the Members Business section of our website [www.loganchamber.org](http://www.loganchamber.org)

## Banner Program Update

We are starting to work on the second wave of Chamber banners and there is still time to order yours!

Colorful sturdy canvas banners liven up the commercial corridor and are a great way to advertise your business and highlight your support for the Chamber.



Pole reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

Banners are \$325 each including installation and one year of maintenance.

The ongoing maintenance fee is \$50 per banner per year.

10% off orders of 3 or more banners!

To participate in the Lightpole Banner Program, call the Chamber office at (773) 489-3222

or [click here to send email](#)

*The Lightpole Banner Program is offered to members of the Logan Square Chamber of Commerce ONLY.*

## Free Business Workshops

Here are the May Free Business workshops offered by the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs.

**Wednesday, May 7**

**3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Prepare Your Business for City Inspections**

Did you know that most businesses need to pass inspections before obtaining a City business licenses? Inspectors from various city departments will share important information you need to know to help you prepare for your business inspection. Know the do's and don'ts, ask questions and get answers pertaining to your next inspection.

**City of Chicago Inspecting Departments** - Representatives from various City inspecting departments share their expertise and experience dealing with business inspections.

**Friday, May 9**

**9:30 am to 11:00 am**

**Child Care Business Workshop**

Learn the elements, applications and contents of a good business plan. Use these instructions to develop a business plan for your child care business. **Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)** - Deborah Minor-Harvey is a consultant to the WBDC's Child Care Business Initiative.

**Wednesday, May 14**

**3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Financial Incentives/Loans for Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations**

Learn about City's financial assistance programs and incentives available to businesses, which help stimulate economic development and create jobs. The programs are structured for industrial and commercial business and not-for-profit organizations in the City.

**Department of Planning and Development (DPD)** - DPD promotes economic development in Chicago by helping companies meet their goals for growth and create jobs to improving the quality of life for residents.

**Friday, May 16**

**9:30 am to 11:00 am**

**Taking Your Business On-Line**

This workshop will introduce you to everything you need to know to take your business online. Learn all the tools to market your business on the internet, including building a website, managing an email newsletter or mailing list, blogging, social networking, and e-commerce.

**SCORE** - Mr. Van Hecke is a volunteer consultant with Counselors to America's Small Business/SCORE, a nonprofit organization focused on supporting small business growth.

**Wednesday, May 21**

**3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Guide to Starting A Business in Chicago**

You have a business idea but don't know where to start? Learn the basic steps to starting a business in Chicago. This workshop will cover the required steps of starting your business from choosing your legal business entity to understanding the City business license process.

**Department of Business Affairs and Licensing (DBA)** - DBA is the City's business licensing authority and provides business development programs.

**Friday, May 23**

**9:30 am to 11:00 am**

**Starting a Not for Profit**

Interested in starting a not-for-profit? Want to learn about creating a charity? Attend this workshop to learn how to create a not-for-profit corporation and obtain federal tax exemption.

**Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP)** - CEDLP staff working in partnership with law firms and not for profit agencies provides legal assistance and advises people on starting their own businesses.

**Wednesday, May 28**

**1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**1:00 to 3:00 pm - How to Get Certified**

**3:15 to 4:30 pm - Doing Business with The City of Chicago**

Are you interested in doing business with or being a certified vendor with the City of Chicago? If you are, you don't want to miss this workshop. Come learn about the different types of procurement opportunities as well as the City's contract monitoring and compliance standards.

**Department of Procurement Services (DPS)** - The City's DPS provides

vendor support to 44 City Departments. Over \$2 billion of quality goods and services are procured annually.

Thursday, May 29  
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
at  
Malcolm X College  
1900 W. VanBuren

**Business Works Seminar For Entrepreneurs and New Business Owners**  
Thinking about starting or growing your business? Attend this seminar and learn what it takes to start and grow your business. Connect with nearly 30 essential government agencies and network with business leaders, stakeholders and other business owners in your area.  
Department of Business Affairs and Licensing (DBA) in Partnership with the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC)

**All FREE workshops are held at the DBA Office: 121 N. LaSalle St., City Hall - Room 805. Space is limited, Please reserve your attendance by calling (312) 744-5344. To learn more about DBA's workshops, visit our website at [cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)**

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