



Community Update - 5/6/06

Photo of the Month



Sheila Klein's sculpture is an homage to classic Chicago architectural styles. Visit our web site for more information.

Upcoming Events

Showcase River North

Wednesday, May 17th-4:00 to 8:00 PM

The Merchandise Mart, 8th Floor

Explore the products and services of over 100 innovative River North businesses. Enjoy cocktails, tastes of our finest restaurants, special offers and entertainment! Entrance is free for residents, but reservations are required.

Call the River North Association at (312) 645-1047 to RSVP

New Police Commander

Please join us in welcoming veteran Officer Robert Evans as our new 18th District Commander.

The RNRA thanks Commander William O'Donnell for his 2.5 years of service in the 18th District and wishes him continued success in his new assignment as Commander of the Vice Control Section of the Organized Crime Division.

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Erie Park Update

Alderman Burton Natarus has advised us that all of the remaining EPA issues have been successfully resolved and completion of the landscaping of the south section of the new park is expected to commence soon. This will be followed by the installation of lighting, benches and trash receptacles.

Parking

To improve traffic flow, a 15-minute loading zone has been designated along the west side of Kingsbury, south of Erie.

Playground

Parents and kids will be pleased to know that a safe and well-equipped children's play area will be installed near the park entrance south of Erie and west of Kingsbury. Lennar Communities of Chicago, L.L.C. and the Blommer Chocolate Company will provide funding for this long-awaited amenity.

Dog Park

The decision has been made to create a second designated off-leash area for dogs in the as-yet undeveloped section of the park north of Erie Street. Pet owners are encouraged to do their part to help maintain this new area, as well as the existing Ohio Park, in a safe and sanitary condition. Dogs will also be welcome in the main south section of the park, subject to the typical city requirements regarding leashes and waste removal that apply to any public space.

Details about the design, features and construction timing of these projects have yet to be confirmed. We will provide updates as new information becomes available. Please join us in expressing appreciation to Alderman Natarus for his efforts to enhance the quality of life in River North.

Clean & Green on May 13

This year, Mayor Daley's annual neighborhood clean-up program will focus on street and parkway cleaning in River North.

Volunteers: come to 411 West Ontario between 8:00 and 11:00 AM on Saturday May 13. Bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothes. Rakes, brooms, shovels and trash bags will be provided by the City. Please call 787-0448 or email info@rivernorthresidents.com to confirm your participation. Thanks to Barb Sapstein for coordinating this year's activities.

The River North Residents Association was established in 1997 to serve the area bordered by Chicago Avenue, Wells Street and the Chicago River. We work together with local businesses, city officials and other community organizations to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood.