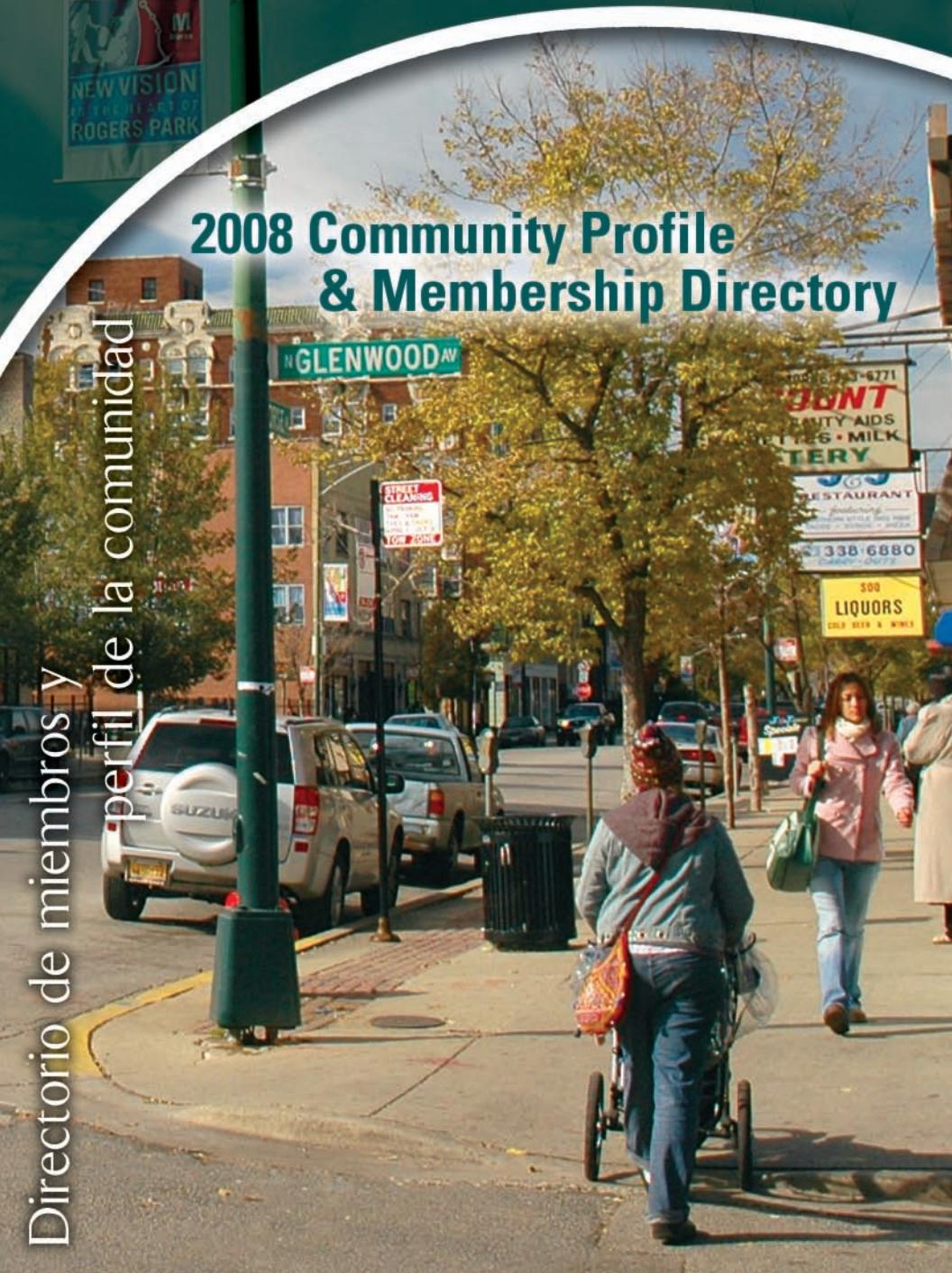




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Excelente combinación

Rogers Park es único en todos sentidos: Es una verdadera aldea global, con una vibrante escena artística y musical en un lugar donde los vecindarios poblados de árboles están a pocas cuadras de las playas más hermosas que se puedan encontrar.

Enclaves de residentes hindúes, caribeños, latinoamericanos y africanos enriquecen la vida en Rogers Park, que hace gala de una gran diversidad cultural con habitantes oriundos de 82 países y que hablan más de 38 idiomas diferentes. Su floreciente economía se basa en una oferta internacional de restaurantes y tiendas minoristas, organizaciones y negocios exitosos. Más de 53% de la población está dentro del grupo con mayor

poder adquisitivo, entre los 19 y 44 años de edad. Con una densidad poblacional tres veces mayor que la de todo Chicago, Rogers Park es un vecindario vibrante que se puede recorrer a pie.

Los artistas encuentran inspiración en las calles y vecindarios, a través de proyectos artísticos públicos, música en vivo y representaciones teatrales.

Situada en la zona norte de Chicago, Rogers Park es una comunidad en constante progreso. Se han invertido millones de dólares en mejorar el transporte, la infraestructura vial, y se ofrecen incentivos fiscales para fomentar el desarrollo de propiedades locales y nuevas urbanizaciones.

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Mixing it up

Rogers Park is unique in every way: It's a true global village, boasting a vibrant arts and music scene in a place where tree-lined streets are mere blocks from the most beautiful beaches found anywhere.

Enclaves of Indian, Caribbean, Latin American and African residents infuse a rich flavor to life in Rogers Park, where the diverse population hails from 82 countries and speaks more than 38 different languages. The burgeoning economy is supported by an international blend of eateries and retail shops, successful organizations and businesses. More than 53 percent of

the population is within the prime spending bracket of 19 to 44 years old. And the neighborhood is three times as dense as Chicago overall, meaning it's a lively, walkable community.

Artists find inspiration along the streets and neighborhoods, through public art projects, live music and theatrical performances.

On Chicago's far north side, Rogers Park is a community that keeps getting better. Millions are being spent on transportation and streetscape improvements, while tax incentives are encouraging new development and improvements to local properties. ●





Al ritmo de la renovación

Su comodidad, diversidad y bajos costos han hecho de Rogers Park un lugar donde la gente desea vivir. Algunas personas lo han comparado con Venice Beach en California, debido a su ubicación a orillas del lago Michigan y su colección de personajes pintorescos, gran diversidad de restaurantes y bares, grupos de teatro, transporte público y asombrosa arquitectura.

Incluso el *Chicago Sun-Times* declaró en 2007, "se están produciendo cambios...en Rogers Park."

A sólo 20 minutos en auto desde el centro de Chicago, Rogers Park está en plena renovación. Hay desarrollos en casi cada calle. Las casas más antiguas atraen a habitantes de todas las edades que aprecian la combinación de restaurantes étnicos, tiendas y diferentes idiomas.

Durante los últimos 75 años, la población de la comunidad nacida en el extranjero se ha mantenido en 20 y 30%. El censo del año 2000, que desglosó étnicamente a los 62,000 residentes, estableció que 32% eran de raza blanca, 30% afroestadounidenses, 28% latinos y 6% de origen asiático.

Los residentes ocupan una gran variedad de inmuebles, desde grandes casas familiares victorianas hasta edificios de apartamentos y condominios cuidadosamente restaurados. Cerca de 70% de las viviendas de la comunidad se arriendan, con un alquiler medio que sigue siendo uno de los más económicos de la zona norte de Chicago. Además, la creciente cantidad de propietarios en Rogers Park está generando una mayor demanda de nuevos negocios.

La gran variedad de opciones de vivienda en Rogers Park es ideal para los empleados y estudiantes de la Universidad de Loyola, situada en la zona sudeste de la comunidad, y de la Universidad Northwestern en Evanston, justo al norte de Rogers Park.

Tres líneas de tren elevado, incluyendo la segunda estación más activa de la ciudad en Howard Street, la estación ferroviaria Metra y una decena de rutas de autobuses brindan a los residentes y empresarios fácil acceso a toda la zona de Chicago.

Rogers Park se mueve a su propio ritmo y muchas personas se están contagiando con el compás de renovación que resuena por toda la comunidad.



Rhythm of renewal

Convenience, diversity and affordability have made Rogers Park a place where people want to live. Some have likened it to Venice Beach in California because of Rogers Park's location on Lake Michigan and its collection of eccentric personalities, a wide range of restaurants and bars, theater groups, public transportation and amazing architecture.

Even the *Chicago Sun-Times* declared in 2007, "change is under way...in Rogers Park."

Just a 20 minute drive from downtown Chicago, Rogers Park is in the midst of a renewal. Developments are taking place on nearly every street. Older homes are attracting urbanites of all ages who find the different languages spoken in Rogers Park and the mix of ethnic restaurants and retailers a bonus.

Annual festivals like the Celebrate Clark Street Festival and the Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival continue to spotlight the special groups in our community.

Over the past 75 years, the community's foreign-born population has remained between 20 and 30 percent, with the 2000 census reporting an ethnic breakdown of its 62,000 residents as about 32 percent

white, 30 percent African-American, 28 percent Latino and six percent Asian.

Those residents live in an assortment of housing, from large Victorian family homes to diligently restored apartments and condos. Approximately 70 percent of the community's housing is rented, with median rents that are still one of the most affordable on the north side of Chicago. At the same time, home ownership is increasing in Rogers Park, bringing with them a demand for new businesses.

Rogers Park's range of housing options is especially convenient for employees and students of Loyola University, in the southeast corner of the community, and Northwestern University in Evanston, Rogers Park's northern neighbor.

Three elevated train lines, including the second busiest station in the city on Howard Street, a Metra commuter rail station and a dozen bus routes provide residents and business owners with easy access to the entire Chicago area.

Rogers Park dances to its own beat, and many are catching onto the rhythm of renewal echoing communitywide. •





Sectores llenos de vida y excelente música

Los restaurantes y bares de Rogers Park le dan vida al vecindario en las noches. Ya sea que prefiera música alternativa, elegancia clásica, teatro en vivo o fiestas con música rock, en Rogers Park lo encontrará.

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Lecciones de baile flamenco
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www.cafesuron.com

Gruppo di Amici
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Duke's Bar
6920 N. Glenwood
Música en vivo
(773) 764-2826

Heartland Café & Buffalo Bar
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Red Line Tap
7006 N. Glenwood
No Exit Café
6970 N. Glenwood
Heartland Studio
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www.heartlandcafe.com

Lifeline Theater
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Teatro en vivo
(773) 761-4477
www.lifelinetheatre.com

the side project theater
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(773) 973-2150
www.thesideproject.net

Kathleen Mullady Theater
1125 W. Loyola
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ESTADÍSTICAS VITALES

Perfil demográfico (según el Censo de EE.UU. de 2000)	
Niños (menores de 15 años)	12,919
Adultos mayores (65 años o más)	4,458
Familias	12,295
Personas que viven solas	10,089
Viviendas: en propiedad	4,688
Viviendas: en alquiler	20,849
Población en el grupo de 18 a 44 años	53%
Población por milla cuadrada	34,502

Fuente: *Censo de EE.UU.*, DevCorp North

Población total (en comparación con censos anteriores)

Año 2000	63,484
(cambio de 5.14% respecto del censo de 1990)	
Año 1990	60,378
(cambio de 8.74% respecto del censo de 1980)	

Fuente: *Censo de EE.UU.*

Comparación promedio de alquiler comercial/pie² de Rogers Park

Comparado con Bucktown/Wicker Park	\$7/pie ²
Comparado con Lincoln Square	\$3/pie ²

Fuente: DevCorp North, 2005

Bienes raíces (2005)

Precio de venta promedio de condominios, Rogers Park	\$208,458
(Aumento de 3% desde 2004, aumento de 56% desde 2000)	
Precio de venta promedio de casas para un solo núcleo familiar, Rogers Park	\$502,005
(Aumento de 9% desde 2004, aumento de 74% desde 2000)	
Número de condominios y casas adosadas vendidos en 2005	1,121
(Aumento de 27% desde 2004, aumento de 135% desde 2000)	

Fuente: *Chicago Home Buyers Utopia*, www.buyersutopia.com

Gasto

Los residentes locales gastaron más de \$727 millones fuera del vecindario el 2005, lo que indica una importante oportunidad para nuevos negocios en Rogers Park.

Fuente: DevCorp North



Transporte

Hasta 38% de los habitantes de Rogers Park usan transporte público (12% más que el promedio de la ciudad), debido a la abundancia de opciones, incluyendo las líneas ferroviarias CTA roja, violeta y amarilla, la estación ferroviaria Metra y diversas líneas de autobuses.

Fuente: DevCorp North

Acogedor desde el principio

Desde el asentamiento de los Potawatomi y otras tribus nativas americanas, el hermoso entorno y recursos naturales de Rogers Park han atraído a residentes del mundo entero.

Philip M. Rogers, a quien debe su nombre la comunidad, compró 1,600 acres al gobierno estadounidense y se estableció en el lugar en 1834. La zona mantuvo su carácter principalmente rural hasta el incendio de Chicago en 1871. El siniestro redujo la cantidad de viviendas del centro, precipitando la migración hacia las zonas periféricas de la ciudad. Rogers Park se incorporó como comunidad de Illinois en 1878.

La extensión de la línea de ferrocarril significó un gran aporte al crecimiento de la zona. La construcción de cómodas casas de gran tamaño contribuyó mucho a darle al pueblo su reputación de ser un excelente lugar para vivir. Las nuevas líneas de ferrocarril y la mayor adquisición de terrenos en

la década de 1880 atrajeron todavía a más personas a la zona. Las calles bien planificadas del pueblo, las amplias aceras y las avenidas llenas de árboles continúan dándole a Rogers Park su sello residencial característico.

En 1893, Rogers Park comenzó a formar parte oficialmente de la ciudad de Chicago, y con dicha incorporación llegaron los servicios públicos, escuelas, policía y bomberos. Posteriormente, los trenes elevados y las líneas de tranvías favorecieron otro gran impulso. Esta vez se trataba de la construcción de restaurantes, apartamentos y teatros, durante las décadas de 1920 y 1930.

Actualmente, Rogers Park es un lugar donde conviven personas de todos los confines del mundo y de los estilos de vida más diversos. Y sigue siendo una comunidad acogedora y diversa que brinda un fácil acceso a las oportunidades y a la emoción del agitado centro de Chicago.

Welcoming from the start

Since its settlement by the Potawatomi and other Native American tribes, Rogers Park's beautiful setting and natural resources have attracted residents from around the world.

The community's namesake, Philip M. Rogers, purchased 1,600 acres from the U.S. government and settled here in 1834. The area remained mostly rural until the Chicago Fire of 1871. The blaze created a housing shortage downtown, precipitating a migration from the city's center into outlying areas. Rogers Park was incorporated as an Illinois village in 1878.

The extension of a rail line contributed to the area's growth. Construction of large, gracious homes gave rise to the village's reputation as a great place to live. Additional rail

lines and a land boom in the 1880s enticed even more people to the area. The village's well-planned roads, wide sidewalks and tree-lined boulevards continue to give Rogers Park its unique residential character.

In 1893, Rogers Park officially became a part of the City of Chicago, and with annexation came public utilities, schools, police and fire protection. Later, elevated trains and streetcar lines led to another boom—this time in the construction of restaurants, apartments and theaters during the 1920s and 1930s.

Today, Rogers Park is home to people from all corners of the world and all walks of life. It continues to be a welcoming, diverse community with easy access to the opportunities and excitement of downtown Chicago. ●

VITAL STATS

Demographic Profile (From 2000 U.S. Census)

Children (Under 15)	12,919
Seniors (65+)	4,458
Families	12,295
Persons Living Alone	10,089
Housing Units - Owned	4,688
Housing Units - Rented	20,849
Population within 18-44 age bracket	53%
Population per square mile	34,502

Source: U.S. Census, DevCorp North

Total Population (Comparisons to previous Census)

Year 2000	63,484 <i>(5.14% change from 1990 Census)</i>
Year 1990	60,378 <i>(8.74% change from 1980 Census)</i>

Source: U.S. Census

Average Rogers Park Commercial Rent/ft² Comparison

Compared to Bucktown/Wicker Park	\$7/ft ²
Compared to Lincoln Square	\$3/ft ²

Source: DevCorp North, 2005

Real Estate (2005)

Average sale price of condo, Rogers Park	\$208,458 <i>Up 3 percent from 2004, up 56 percent from 2000</i>
Average sale price of single family house, Rogers Park	\$502,005 <i>Up 9 percent from 2004, up 74 percent from 2000</i>
Number of condos and townhouses sold in 2005	1,121 <i>Up 27 percent from 2004, up 135 percent from 2000</i>

Source: Chicago Home Buyers Utopia,
www.buyersutopia.com

Spending

Over \$727 million was spent by local residents outside of the neighborhood in 2005, indicating significant opportunity for new businesses in Rogers Park.

Source: DevCorp North

Transportation

38% of Rogers Park use public transportation (12% more than the city average) due to an abundance of options, including the Red, Purple and Yellow CTA Train lines, Metra Train stop and numerous bus lines.

Source: DevCorp North



ENFOCOS



A la vanguardia de la revitalización

En cada arteria comercial de Rogers Park se están produciendo cambios. La creciente comunidad de minoristas reconocidos local y nacionalmente, junto con la amplia variedad de proveedores de servicios profesionales, restaurantes y tiendas, está generando gran circulación peatonal.

Han llegado nuevos inquilinos al edificio ArtSpace Building en Morse y Glenwood, incluyendo Noon Hour Grill, Evil Squirrel Comics y Mess Hall, un centro cultural experimental.

Howard Street, el portal entre Evanston y Chicago, está bullendo de actividad con establecidos puntos de referencia como la panadería Caribbean-American Bakery, y nuevos destinos favoritos, como el Lake Side Café, recientemente elegido como el mejor restaurante vegetariano de Chicago por citysearch.com. Pronto, nuevas urbanizaciones complementarán su arquitectura histórica. En Howard Street, Morse Avenue y Sheridan Road hay diversos sectores comerciales. Clark Street sigue siendo el distrito comercial más vibrante de Rogers Park con restaurantes como Taste of Peru y eclécticas tiendas especializadas, como Jessica's Western Wear.

La diversidad de negocios está contribuyendo a una revitalización general y creando un ambiente de esperanza.

"Una de las funciones de DevCorp North y

mi oficina es ayudar con los trámites municipales a las empresas, para que obtengan sus licencias a la brevedad posible", comenta Alderman Joe Moore, que representa ante el gobierno de la Ciudad de Chicago al Distrito 49, incluyendo Rogers Park.

Moore destacó al nuevo café Common Cup, de Morse Avenue en Greenviiew, como un ejemplo de éxito, en el que los líderes empresariales y municipales trabajaron juntos, con una excelente actitud de cooperación.

"En Rogers Park se ha generado un clima que favorece el comercio", dijo Moore, y agregó que las mejoras a la infraestructura vial, incluyendo, alumbrado público y cámaras de seguridad han contribuido al atractivo de la comunidad.

La demanda de consumo ya es alta en una zona de comercio regional de tres mil-las que incluye a 337,000 personas, lo que equivale a la población de St. Louis, a ape-nas á 12 minutos en auto del centro de Rogers Park. Se calcula que los residentes de la zona comercial gastaron \$5.7 mil mil-lones de dólares el año 2005 en bienes de consumo, y se prevé que la cifra aumente 14.6% para el año 2010.

A medida que se establezcan más nego-cios en Rogers Park, los consumidores deseosos de hacer sus compras en la zona impulsarán aún más la economía local. ●

Leading the revitalization

Along every commercial corridor in Rogers Park, change is underway. Locally and nationally known retailers are opening their doors and a range of professional service providers, restaurants and shops are commanding consistent foot traffic.

New tenants have moved into the ArtSpace Building at Morse and Glenwood, including the Noon Hour Grill, Evil Squirrel Comics and Mess Hall, an experimental cultural center.

Howard Street, the gateway between Evanston and Chicago, is burgeoning with established landmarks like the Caribbean-American Bakery and new favorites like Lake Side Café, recently voted the number one vegetarian restaurant in Chicago by citysearch.com. New developments will soon complement the historic architecture. Howard Street, Morse Avenue and Sheridan Road are very mixed commercial strips. Clark Street remains Rogers Park's most vibrant commercial district with restaurants like Taste of Peru and eclectic specialty stores like Jessica's Western Wear.

The diversity of businesses is contributing to an overall revitalization and sense of anticipation.

"One of the roles of DevCorp North and

my office is to help companies navigate the city bureaucracy and make sure they are able to get their licensing done as quickly as possible," said Alderman Joe Moore, who represents the 49th Ward, including Rogers Park, with the city of Chicago.

Moore cited the new Common Cup coffee shop on Morse Avenue at Greenview as a success story, where business and city leaders worked together with an attitude of cooperation.

"Rogers Park has developed a friendly business climate," said Moore, who added that streetscape improvements including planters, streetlights and security cameras have contributed to overall attractiveness.

Consumer demand is already high in a three mile regional trade area that includes 337,000 people, which represents a population the size of St. Louis within a 12-minute drive of the center of Rogers Park. An estimated \$5.7 billion was spent in 2005 on consumer goods by residents in the trade area, and that number is expected to increase 14.6 percent by 2010.

As more businesses locate in Rogers Park, consumers craving nearby shopping opportunities will further boost the local economy. ●





Potenciar los recursos

La Compañía DevCorp North está comprometida con Rogers Park y su meta es incrementar los muchos recursos de la comunidad: diversidad de personas, ubicación geográfica, negocios exitosos y oportunidades económicas. DevCorp North, una organización multifacética sin fines de lucro, representa las fortalezas de Rogers Park tanto fuera como dentro de la comunidad.

El proyecto más reciente de DevCorp North es un plan para revitalizar una amplia arteria comercial en Howard y Morse, donde existen dos distritos comerciales principales poco desarrollados. Las estrategias de renovación comenzaron con el análisis de 14 estudios realizados en los últimos 20 años. Luego se diseñó un plan para la revitalización de la arteria con la colaboración de un comité directivo compuesto por 20 personas y la contribución de información proveniente de toda la comunidad.

Se ha logrado un claro compromiso por crear una amplia combinación de oportunidades de compra, mejorar la seguridad pública, perfeccionar el diseño y el aspecto de los espacios comerciales, promover el desarrollo comunitario mediante proyectos culturales y educativos, y aumentar la disponibilidad de transporte. Cuando en los años venideros aumente el dinamismo para cumplir las metas del plan, DevCorp North continuará supervisando el desarrollo de este sector comercial integral. Algunos de los proyectos específicos que surgieron de este proceso son crear un mural en el viaducto CTA en Morse; ofrecer a los consumidores más estacionamiento público durante las

noches mediante el estacionamiento compartido, y desarrollar actividades nocturnas más positivas en Howard y Morse para atraer a más personas. El plan y los informes del avance pueden consultarse en línea en www.rogers-park.com

DevCorp North participa en muchos aspectos de la comunidad, pero su objetivo es directo: Rogers Park, hoy y para siempre.

Desarrollo comercial

DevCorp North es un organismo delegado del gobierno de la Ciudad de Chicago cuyo objetivo es crear oportunidades para pequeñas empresas y fomentar el desarrollo económico. El poder adquisitivo en Rogers Park lo hace ideal para empresas que buscan ampliarse o reubicarse. El ingreso bruto de los residentes es de más del doble del promedio de la Ciudad de Chicago. Aún más significativo, los consumidores locales gastan en general más del doble que los consumidores en Lincoln Square y Bucktown/ Wicker Park por milla cuadrada en los bienes de consumo principales.

DevCorp North también apoya a empresas locales con servicios directos y remisiones a otros organismos, incluyendo respaldo técnico, planificación, estructuración de préstamos, capacitación empresarial, talleres y seminarios. Dos veces al mes se realizan eventos del grupo comercial y artístico de Rogers Park denominado "BizArts": También se lleva a cabo un evento vespertino y uno matinal en los cafés, restaurantes y sitios interesantes de la comunidad. Estos eventos de contacto se realizan en colaboración con rogerspark.com. Un boletín trimestral, una guía anual para los estudiantes de la

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Building on assets

DevCorp North is committed to Rogers Park and building upon the community's many assets—diversity of people, geographic location, successful businesses and economic opportunity. A nonprofit, multifaceted organization, DevCorp North represents Rogers Park's strengths outside and inside the community.

DevCorp North's most recent venture is the extensive Commercial Corridor Plan for Howard Street and Morse Avenue, where two primary shopping districts remain underdeveloped. Renewal strategies began with analyzing 14 studies conducted in the past 20 years. A plan was then devised for the corridor's rebirth, with the help of a 20-person steering committee and broad community input.

What has evolved is a clear commitment to creating a broad mix of shopping opportunities, enhancing public safety, improving the design and appearance of commercial spaces, furthering community development along the lines of culture and education and increasing transportation availability. As the years to come bring increased momentum to meet plan goals, DevCorp North will keep its hand on the wheel regarding this integral commercial sector. Some of the specific projects that came out of this process include creating the mural on the CTA viaduct on Morse Avenue; offering more public parking at night, through shared parking, for shoppers; tours and information sessions to recruit new businesses to the neighborhood; and developing more positive evening activities on Howard Street and Morse Avenue to bring more people out at night. The plan and progress reports can be

found online at www.rogers-park.com

DevCorp North's reach into the community is broad, but its focus is direct: Rogers Park, today and into the future.

Business Development

As a delegate agency of the City of Chicago, DevCorp North is committed to creating opportunities for small businesses and supporting economic development. The buying power in Rogers Park makes it standout to businesses that are looking to expand or relocate. The amount of residents' gross income is more than twice the average for the City of Chicago. Even more significant is that local consumers actually spent more than twice as much as consumers in Lincoln Square and Bucktown/Wicker Park per square mile overall on the top consumer goods.

DevCorp North also supports Rogers Park businesses with direct services and referrals, including technical support, planning, loan structuring, entrepreneurial training, workshops and seminars. Rogers Park BizArts networking events, in partnership with rogerspark.com, are held twice monthly: one evening event and one breakfast event are hosted at local cafes, restaurants and interesting venues. A quarterly newsletter, annual guide for Loyola University Chicago students, annual business directory, daily email blasts, special events and annual awards to outstanding local businesses are other tools DevCorp North uses to promote local business.

Rogers Park "One Stop Shop" partnership

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Universidad de Loyola, una guía comercial anual, campañas diarias de correo electrónico masivo, eventos especiales y premios anuales a los comerciantes locales más destacados son otros recursos que DevCorp North utiliza para promover el comercio local.

Desarrollo comunitario

DevCorp North saca provecho de la diversidad, su belleza histórica, el acceso al lago y la revitalización de Rogers Park. El grupo se ha asociado con otras organizaciones ciudadanas, como el consejo comunitario "Rogers Park Community Council", el grupo inmobiliario "Rogers Park Builders Group" y la Sociedad Histórica de West Ridge/Rogers Park, para mejorar la calidad de vida.

Ejemplo de ello es el servicio integral "One Stop Shop" de Rogers Park, que colabora con la Cámara de Comercio Latinoamericana (Latin American Chamber of Commerce, LACC), un organismo que opera en toda la ciudad y que se especializa en brindar servicios a empresarios. LACC ayuda a individuos y a grupos una vez al mes, tanto en la oficina de DevCorp North como en terreno.

El laboratorio informático y centro tecnológico en Rogers Park brinda a empresarios y residentes capacitación en informática y en uso de Internet y planificación comercial. Imparte los cursos un instructor bilingüe, tanto en español como en inglés, en la oficina de DevCorp North.

Con la ayuda de la comunidad, DevCorp North también organiza el afamado festival de Clark y diversos minifestivales en Howard. DevCorp North también apoya al festival artístico de Glenwood.

DevCorp North permite a las empresas, residentes y visitantes experimentar el crecimiento y el valor de la comunidad más

diversa de Chicago: Rogers Park.

Desarrollo económico

Fortalecer el ambiente empresarial es fundamental para crear zonas comerciales vibrantes. DevCorp North está utilizando el plan de la arteria comercial de Morse y Howard como una guía para fomentar y dirigir la reconstrucción en Rogers Park. El plan, disponible en el sitio www.rogers-park.com de DevCorp North, contiene iniciativas específicas que ya están teniendo un impacto visible en Morse y Howard.

Para crear un mejor ambiente comercial se requiere una estrategia multifacética. Las iniciativas del año 2007 incluyeron campañas de captación de empresas, desarrollo y promoción de un programa de mejoramiento de fachadas, y la organización de un grupo de trabajo para tratar con los propietarios de edificios que requieren reparaciones, entre otras cosas.

DevCorp North promueve el desarrollo económico dentro del distrito de financiamiento tributario incremental (Tax Increment Financing, TIF) en Sheridan-Devon mediante el apoyo al fondo de mejoramiento para empresas pequeñas. Además, DevCorp North administra las áreas de servicios especiales (Special Services Areas, SSA) de la calle Howard y Clark-Morse-Glenwood, que ofrecen 11 millas de avenidas comerciales con servicios que van desde el mercadeo y la promoción, hasta el barrido de aceras y el retiro de nieve. Las SSA también proporcionan recursos sostenidos para continuar el desarrollo económico.

Cuando se trata de negocios, comunidad y desarrollo económico, DevCorp North brinda respuestas, influencia e incentivos.



with the Latin American Chamber of Commerce (LACC), a citywide chamber specializing in services to business owners, is one example of partnership. LACC assists individuals and groups once a month at the DevCorp North office, as well as on site.

Community Development

DevCorp North capitalizes on Rogers Park's diversity, historic beauty, lake access and revitalization. The group partners with other community organizations, such as the Rogers Park Community Council, the Rogers Park Builders Group and the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society to improve quality of life.

The Rogers Park Computer Lab and Technology Center provides business owners and residents with training in computer and Internet skills and business planning. Classes at the DevCorp North office are taught by a bilingual instructor in Spanish and English. Over 120 people participated in 2006.

The Celebrate Clark Street Festival and various Howard Street mini-festivals are also both organized by DevCorp North with the assistance of the community. DevCorp North also supports the Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival and annual Artist of the Well Festival.

DevCorp North is helping businesses, residents and visitors experience the growth and value of Chicago's most diverse community—Rogers Park.

Economic Development

Developing a stronger business environment is an important part of creating vibrant commercial areas. DevCorp North is using the Morse and Howard Commercial Corridor Plan as a blueprint to foster and direct redevelopment in Rogers Park. The plan, which can be found on the DevCorp North website, www.rogers-park.com, contains specific initiatives that are already having a noticeable impact on Morse and Howard.

Creating a better atmosphere for business requires a multi-faceted approach. Initiatives in 2007 included business recruitment campaigns, developing and promoting a facade improvement program and assembling a task force to address owners of buildings in need of improvements, among many others.

DevCorp North promotes economic development within the Sheridan-Devon Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District by supporting the Small Business Improvement Fund. DevCorp North also administers the Howard Street and Clark-Morse-Glenwood Special Services Areas (SSA), providing 11 miles of commercial streets with services ranging from marketing and promotion to sidewalk sweeping and snow removal. The SSA also provides the ongoing resources to continue economic development.

When it comes to business, community and economic development, DevCorp North provides answers, influence and incentive. ●

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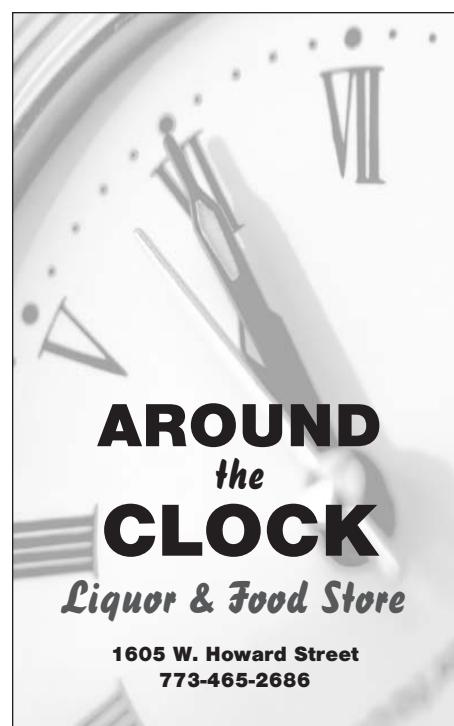
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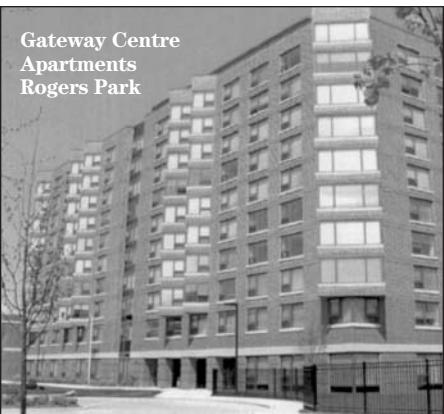
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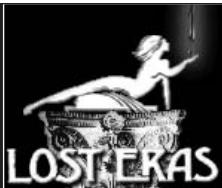
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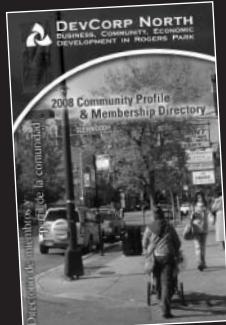
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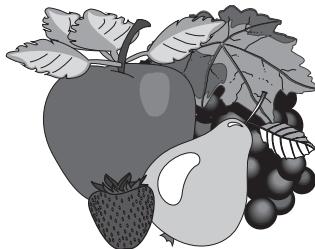
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