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**Office of
Civic Engagement**

**Neighborhood Conversation
Woodlawn**

May 8, 2014

Goals for today

- Recap of the Fall meeting
- Updates on University initiatives
- Introduce UChicago Local
- Discussion



August 19th Woodlawn Neighborhood Conversation

- What we heard from you
- Feedback:
 - Support for lifelong learning for seniors
 - Coordination on community planning and programming
 - Need for local business support
 - Promoting healthcare access and services in Woodlawn
 - Desire to hear about local policing strategies
 - University's engagement of the Woodlawn community in development plans and economic development



Questions

- What ways can we engage Woodlawn businesses in UChicago Local?
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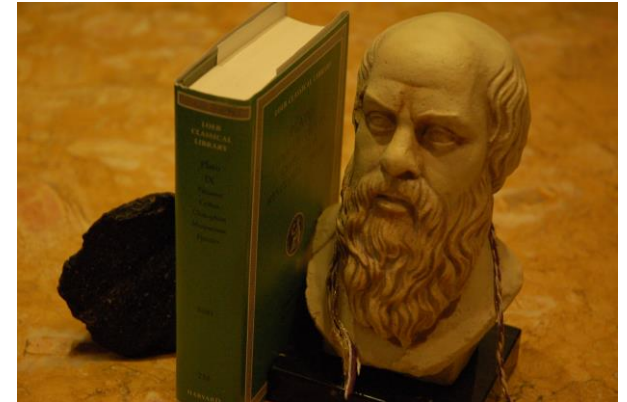
Civic Knowledge Project



- The Mission of the CKP is to develop and strengthen community connections, helping to overcome the social, economic, and racial divisions among the various knowledge communities on the South Side of Chicago.
- Courses and other educational opportunities are low cost (sometimes free) and financial assistance is available.



Civic Knowledge Project



- Examples

- Poverty, Promise, and Possibility – A curricular package of courses, lectures, and activities in local communities aimed at continuing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- The Odyssey Project – Yearlong college credit courses in five humanities subjects – literature, U.S. History, critical thinking and writing, philosophy, and art history.

- For more information visit:

<http://civicknowledge.uchicago.edu>



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Education and Community Programs

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Community Programs

- Office of Civic Engagement's Community Programs Team focuses on:
 - Education Outreach / UChicago Promise
 - Creating connections between
 - Community-focused programs at the University
 - Community-focused programs at the University and their community counterparts
 - Systematizing efforts to support local non-profits and community-based organizations
 - Creating and publicizing events of community Interest – UChicago Engages



UChicago Promise

- University of Chicago's pledge to help increase college access and readiness for Chicago high school students.
- Chicago Consortium on School Research shows Chicago area students are frequently “under-matched” in their selection of a college.



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UChicago Promise

- Brings together several new initiatives
 - Debt-Free pledge,
 - No application fee for Chicago students,
 - Admissions Academy for high schools counselors –with strong existing programs –Neighborhood Schools Program, Collegiate Scholars, College Bridge, etc.



<http://promise.uchicago.edu/>



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UCHICAGO**LOCAL**

- UChicago Local is a University of Chicago initiative designed to support local businesses and job seekers in Mid-South Side neighborhoods. It consists of an array of programs and tools to help connect businesses and residents to opportunities at the University and at UChicago Medicine.
- UChicago Local's Overarching Strategies:
 - Local Purchasing and Business Support
 - Employment and Employability

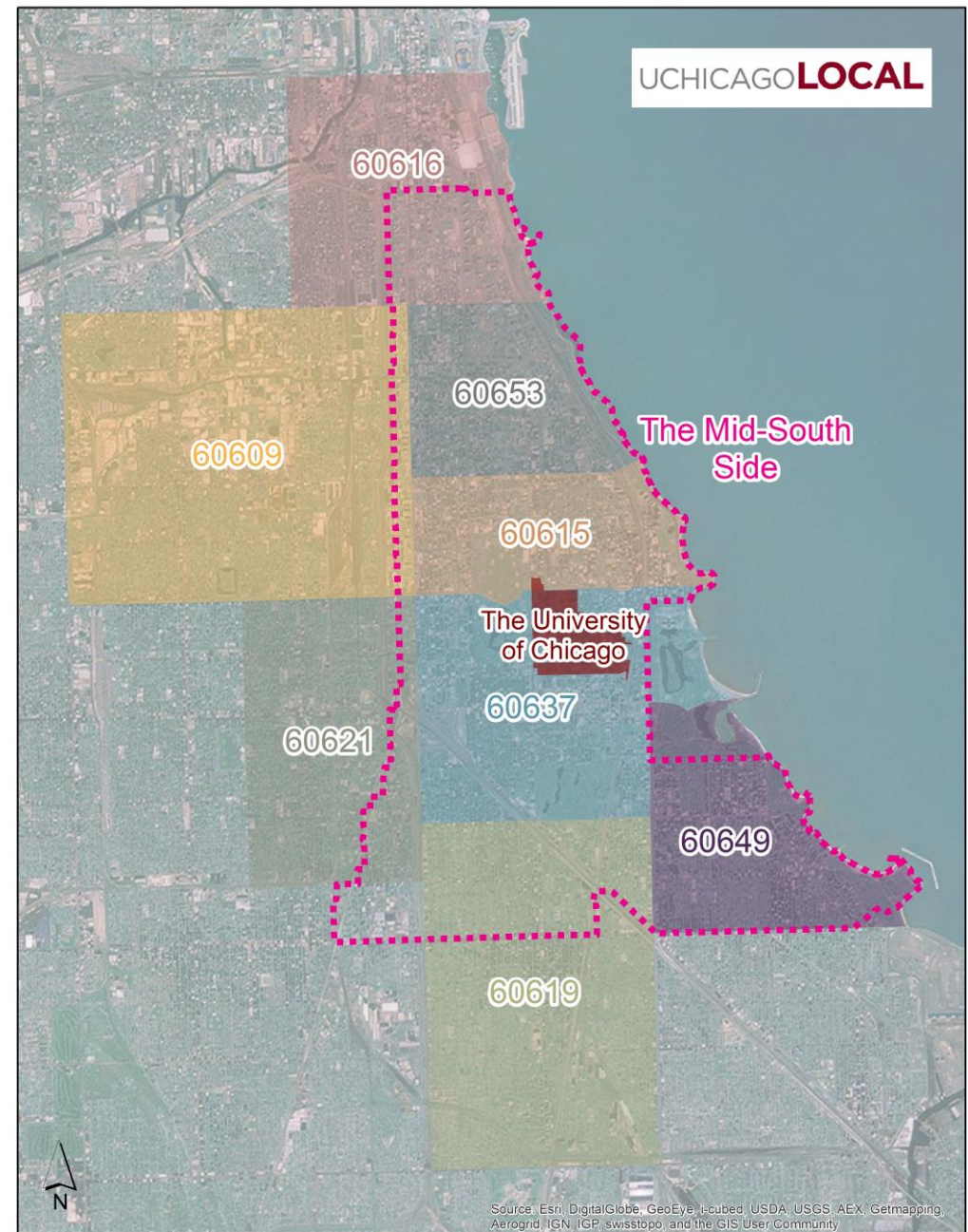


Mid-South Side

UChicago Local focuses its efforts in the areas surrounding the University of Chicago as part of a broader effort to support the health and vitality of the neighborhoods near campus.

UChicago Local aims to create opportunities for businesses and individuals within the following Chicago zip codes:

- 60609 • 60615 • 60616 • 60619
- 60621 • 60637 • 60649 • 60653



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Local Purchasing & Business Support

Efforts to support local businesses and inform faculty, staff, and students about all the opportunities to eat, play, buy, and stay local.

- Local Business Showcases
 - B2B and B2C Forums
- Buy Local Connection
 - New Hire Welcome Packets
 - Buy Local Directory
- Local Taskforce
 - Identifying Opportunities for Business and Assessing Effectiveness
- CASE Capacity Building
 - World Business Chicago partnership



Employment & Employability

- Teaching and Connections
 - Train, link and connect community-based organizations and local residents to opportunities on and around the University's campus
- Employment Chats
 - Host quarterly employment chats bringing together 25 community-based organizations to discuss opportunities and various workforce development topics



Follow UChicago Local

- Website: http://www.uchicago.edu/community/uchicago_local/
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uchicagolocal> 
- Twitter: @UChicagoLocal 



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Thank you

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<http://news.uchicago.edu/behind-the-news>
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