

COMMUTER NEWS

Chicago Bike Lanes: Downtown Gets First In Citywide Network Of New Protected Paths

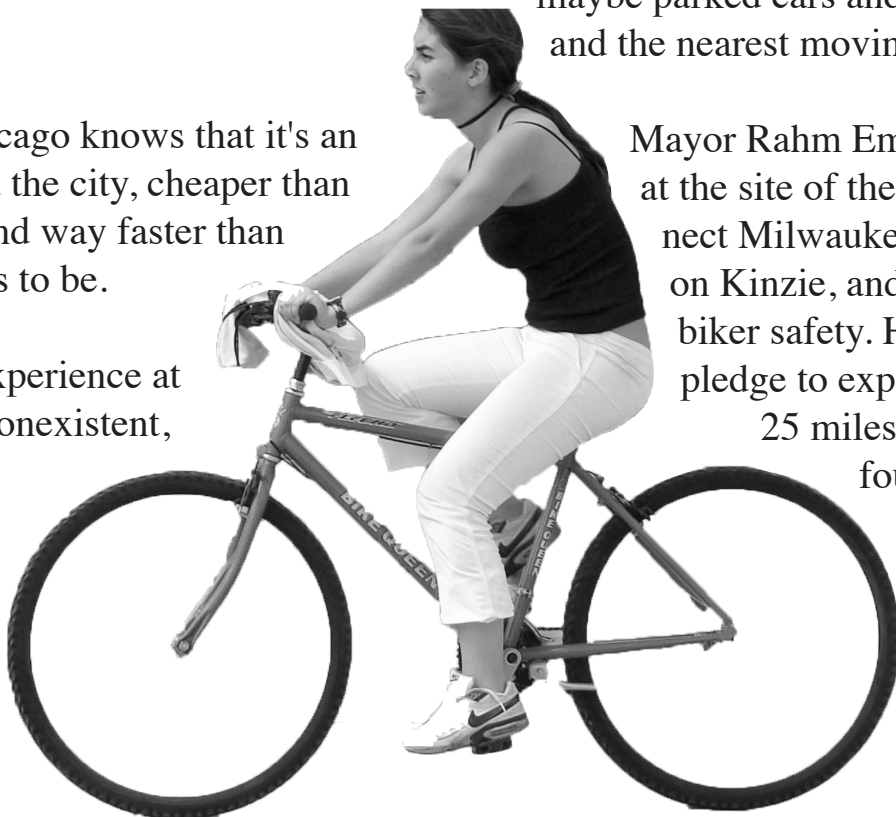
Anyone who's biked around Chicago knows that it's an easy and convenient way around the city, cheaper than our nation's-highest gas prices and way faster than waiting for the bus always seems to be.

But it can also be a harrowing experience at times, with bike lanes at worst nonexistent, and at best narrowly wedged between lunatic traffic and parked cars whose doors might open at any moment.

A half-mile stretch of Kinzie Street downtown is the first in the city where bikers' minds can be put at rest, as the city rolled out the beginning of a proposed 100-mile stretch of protected bike lanes.

As the city-planning blog Steven Can Plan reports, the lanes will be the closest thing to the curb: to a rider's left, there's a three-foot "buffer lane," likely to be filled with soft posts or bollards; parked cars are on the left of the buffer; then moving traffic is in the middle of the street.

In short, there will be at least twelve feet of space (and maybe parked cars and white posts) between bikers and the nearest moving vehicles.



Mayor Rahm Emanuel held a press event at the site of the new lane, which will connect Milwaukee Avenue and Wells Street on Kinzie, and reaffirmed his support for biker safety. He also repeated his campaign pledge to expand protected bike lanes by 25 miles a year for each year of his four-year term. And Department of Transportation Commissioner Gabe Klein said his department was up to the challenge.

Chicago Commuter

A CENTRAL NEWSPAPER publication

EDITOR
Laura Christianson

DESIGN

Laura Christianson
Tanya

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Michael Haddad

Webmaster

NAPERVILLE OFFICE
One Energy Center
40 Shuman Blvd. Suite 105
Naperville, IL 60563
phone: 630-416-4191
Fax: 630-416-4241

CHICAGO OFFICE
29 East Madison, Suite 806
Chicago, IL 60602
phone: 312-263-5388
Fax: 312-263-6095

Chicago Commuter welcomes editorial contributions from professionals. To submit an article, please query Laurie@midlandpublications.com

Skokie Art Guild 50TH ANNUAL ART FAIR

Saturday, July 9th and Sunday, July 10th
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

5211 W. Oakton, Skokie, IL. (Next to the Library)

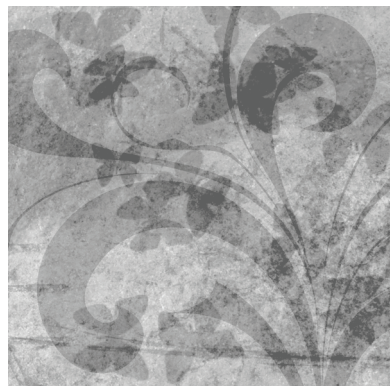
ORIGINAL ART

Live Music Featuring Singer/Guitarist Steve Justman

Bring your friends and check it out!

Free admission

Free parking



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Directed by Sisters of Most High Trinity

Open Daily year round. Outdoor mass 1st week in May thru last Sun in Oct. Outdoor mass Sun 9:30 a.m. Daily Masses in Chapel — Gift shop open daily.

216-481-0900

21281 Chardon Rd.
Euclid, Ohio 44117-1 591

216-481-8232

www.srstrinity.org

Protect what wealth you have left from the falling dollar.

Call, toll free: 877-584-0558.

YOUR AD HERE

Whether it's college students or

recent graduates, business or health care professionals, or upscale affluent readers you target, Central can help. Additionally, we target military veterans nationwide.

Since 1943, Central Newspaper has specialized in print advertising in the Chicago metropolitan area.