

# PRIME TIME

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NORTH WABASH

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND 330

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## Luxury hotel slated to open next year

The Langham, Chicago, a five-star hotel that will occupy a portion of the first floor and floors two through 13, will open at 330 N. Wabash in summer 2013. Construction of the European-style hotel began in February.

The hotel will have 316 guest rooms and suites that will be among the largest in the city – ranging from 525 square feet to

restaurant on the plaza. The Langham, Chicago will also have a 5,000-square-foot ballroom; 15,000 square feet of elegant, sophisticated meeting and conference room facilities; an indoor pool; a fitness center; and the award-winning, traditional Chinese-medicine-based Chuan Spa. Tenants will be eligible for special rates at the fitness center and spa.

Langham Hospitality Group chose the landmark Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed building for the hotel because of its iconic status, excellent location and nearby amenities.

"This much-loved and historic Chicago landmark is a perfect match for The Langham as we respectfully weave our heritage into the fabric of one of the world's great cities," Langham Hospitality Group CEO Brett Butcher says.



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more than 2,000 square feet – and provide magnificent views of the Chicago River, Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline.

The facility will also feature 9,000 square feet of dining space, including a restaurant, a bar and a lounge – The Pavilion – where afternoon tea will be served, and a summer alfresco

## 330 N. Wabash gains 4 new tenants

Leasing momentum is picking up at 330 N. Wabash. Four organizations recently signed leases that encompass approximately 556,000 square feet.

The largest is the American Medical Association (AMA), which will occupy almost 275,000 square feet. The physicians' trade group will move to 330 N. Wabash in September 2013. At that time, the building will be renamed AMA Plaza. 330 N. Wabash is two blocks south of the AMA's current home at 515 N. State St., which it has occupied since 1990. The AMA will occupy floors 40 through 47.

Another newsworthy new tenant is Latham & Watkins LLP, an international law firm that will relocate its Chicago office from the Willis Tower at 233 S. Wacker Drive to the building in April 2014. The firm will occupy about 137,000 square feet.

SmithBucklin Corp., the world's largest association management company, will move its headquarters to the building in January 2013 and will occupy approximately 111,000 square feet.

Finally, BDO® USA LLP recently signed a lease for the 32nd floor – approximately 33,267 square feet – with a Dec. 1, 2012, occupancy date.

"A combination of location, architectural significance, landmark original construction and ongoing renovations in the building make 330 N. Wabash an excellent location," says Susan Hammer, the building's general manager.

## New amenities coming to 330 N. Wabash

Tenants who make New Year's resolutions to shed extra pounds and get in shape next year will have the perfect place to go, courtesy of 330 N. Wabash. Work out for free in the state-of-the-art fitness center, which will open on the 14th floor in January. The facility will have locker rooms, and women's and men's shower rooms.

A restaurant and a state-of-the-art conference center will open on the 16th floor in January. The cafe will serve breakfast and lunch and will include food stations and a grill. An adjacent building's conference center will accommodate up to 100 people and will have Internet, phone and audiovisual services for tenants' use.

## BUILDING NEWS AND NOTES

### Lights Out

The lights went off at 330 N. Wabash and around the world on March 31 to mark Earth Hour, an international initiative held annually to increase awareness about climate change. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. local time around the globe, lights were turned off in landmarks, businesses and homes, saving energy and resources. It was the fifth year in a row that 330 N. Wabash turned off nonemergency lights for an hour. Earth Hour, organized by the World Wildlife Fund, has reached about 1.8 billion people in 135 countries, officials said.

### You've got mail

Check out the new Mail Center in the building lobby – it's convenient and designed for easy access for all mail and packages. UPS, FedEx, ProSORT and U.S. mail drop boxes are there, as is an ATM machine.

### Open house draws many visitors

Thornton Thomasetti Inc. and Perkins + Will welcomed about 400 visitors to their offices during a two-day open house event hosted by the Chicago Architecture Foundation last fall. Visitors toured the firms' spaces, which showcase modern designs and eco-friendly features.



There was nothing scary about the Halloween cookies 330 N. Wabash tenants received as they came to work last fall.



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## Tenants keep giving, and giving, and ...

Tenants at 330 N. Wabash have made giving back to the community a group effort, thanks to their participation in drives that help fight hunger, give children a head start at school, and provide lifesaving blood, among other benefits. Thanks to all for their generosity. Keep up the good work!

### Toys put shine in the holidays

Tenants helped make the holidays a little brighter for children in need by donating 113 gifts for the building's annual "Season of Hope Toy Drive," which benefits children in the [Chicago Youth Programs](#). Special thanks to Thornton Thomasetti for contributing more than 20 gifts and to Tamara Blackwell, a 330 N. Wabash security officer, for volunteering to help with the Chicago Youth Programs' Christmas party.



Children who received toys for the holidays from tenants' donations show their appreciation.

### Good reads, good deeds

330 N. Wabash donated proceeds from the winter "Book Fair" to [Literacy Chicago](#). The nonprofit organization works to improve the literacy skills of Chicago-area adults and families.

### It's about life

Tenants donated a combined 52 pints of blood in last year's three blood drives. The donations helped save 156 lives.

### Making a difference for hungry families

Even with the challenging economy, tenants donated more than 1,200 pounds of food for the "One City, One Food Drive" Nov. 21-Dec. 9. The [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#), which distributes food to more than 142,000 people each week through soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters, received the donations.

### School essentials make the grade

Children who received backpacks from the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation's "Back-to-School Supply Drive" last fall started school with many essentials. Tenants donated 90 backpacks filled with paper, folders, pencils, glue, scissors, highlighters and other supplies.



Thanks to tenants' generosity, in-need students started the school year with much-needed backpacks and supplies.

## 330 N. Wabash earns new green building certification

330 N. Wabash has achieved another sustainability accolade, adding to its green profile. The building is now a Society of Environmentally Responsible Facilities (SERF)-certified building. The Michigan-based coalition of property owners, business managers and green industry experts made the announcement in March.

330 N. Wabash has also achieved Silver certification for Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program, ENERGY STAR certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Building Owners and Managers Association 360 Performance Program® designation.

"We've always had a passion and dedication for integrating green practices into the building's structure and culture," says Susan Hammer, general manager of 330 N. Wabash. "We're proud to be the first Chicago property to receive SERF certification and will continue to support green initiatives."

From a comprehensive recycling program to energy conservation initiatives, 330 N. Wabash is helping to create a more healthy and sustainable environment.



## Tenants get their green on during Earth Week



Tenants learn more about bike safety for the whole family during a recent presentation from Chicago's Bicycling Ambassadors.

330 N. Wabash has a long history of celebrating Earth Week and encouraging tenants to live more conscientious, planet-friendly lives year-round. This year's activities explored climate change and some of the ways tenants can make a difference.

Held April 23-27, the week began with a slide presentation that featured eco-friendly initiatives in the building, including efforts among tenants and staff. Tenants enjoyed free organic popcorn grown in Wisconsin and received a small tin with seeds and soil to grow "office turf" at their desks. The tins were so popular that many tenants returned to the building office to get extras for their children at home.

Tenants also found plenty of inspiration in a free bicycle safety seminar and lunch later in the week. 330 N. Wabash hosted Chicago's [Bicycling Ambassadors](#). The seminar focused on ways that families can bike for exercise and fun safely. Shel Humphrey of Swanson, Martin & Bell was glad she attended the event because her suspicion that her husband was planning to buy bicycles for their wedding anniversary was correct.

In addition, the building provided free recycling barrels for tenants who requested them and hosted a recycling drive for charity. Thanks to the tenants who made donations in support of Red Carpet Books, [Lions Club International](#), [Dress for Success](#) and [Share Your Soles](#).

The combined activities for Earth Week encouraged tenants to embrace simple changes at work and at home for the benefit of the environment. Let's hear it for Mother Earth!

## Slash postage costs with ProSORT NOW!

Looking for an easy way to save money? Tenants can cut mailing costs by taking advantage of the free ProSORT NOW! program.

ProSORT Services, a mail-processing company based in Naperville, Ill., works with the U.S. Postal Service to collect and presort U.S. mail for delivery by the U.S. Postal Service. ProSORT is able to provide discounts by barcoding mail and adding it to large amounts of mail being sent to identical ZIP codes.

Tenants can mail 1- and 2-ounce U.S.-metered letters for 42 cents each. That's a savings of 3 cents per piece for 1-ounce letters and 23 cents per piece for 2-ounce letters. Tenants can use their existing postage meters and deposit letters in the ProSORT drop-box in the lobby. ProSORT collects mail from the box Monday through Friday after 5 p.m.

Tenants who do not participate in the program need only call ProSORT at (630) 848-2300 to get started. ProSORT asks that tenants complete a couple of simple forms, but there are no fees or contracts. No software or special equipment is required.



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