



Debra's
LITTLE BLACK BOOK



Your personal directory to
THE BEST CHICAGO HAS TO OFFER



The Black Book appeared as early as 1175 as a way to record royal revenue; in the 16th century as a book to record the names of people who were to be punished; and we all know about a fellow's little black book and what got recorded there. The term was also used as a book to record valuable names and contact details, usually of people with whom one wanted to be associated.

This is the second version of my Little Black Book, filled with the names and contact details of the valuable resources I've cultivated over the past many years.

Many times each week I get calls, texts or emails from clients looking for anything from the best place to get a wedding dress cleaned, to a reasonably priced snow shoveler, to a plumber who will make a house call at 11pm.

I hope my Little Black Book will become a well-used directory in your home. I do want to hear from you with comments about your experiences with my people and places, and suggestions of your special finds to be added to the book. This will be our Collaborative Little Black Book.

Warmly,



DEBRA DOBBS

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MOST REQUESTED RESOURCES

GENERAL CONTRACTOR & HANDYMAN

Mariusz Dolegiewicz (847) 720-4865

Rene Macias (773) 447-3827

HOME INSPECTOR

Charles Ryan (773) 447-5598

LENDER

Susan Seeberg (847) 418-2825

Steven Pallotto (708) 473-8966

PAINTER

Mariusz Dolegiewicz (847) 720-4865

REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY

Lisa Saul (847) 910-2317

Leonard Litwin (312) 346-9733

FOOD & DRINK

Osteria Langhe *for Plin* (773) 661-1582

Sepia *for everything and especially the French 75* (312) 441-1920

Proxi *for Coal Roasted Mussels* (312) 466-1950

Tanta *for Ivan and a Wansas margarita* (312) 222-9700





APPLIANCE PURCHASE AND REPAIR

Dreaming of a new Wolf range with red knobs or a counter depth fridge? Maybe your vintage range went haywire and before you spend big bucks on a new one you want to look into a repair? Here are my go to resources for old and new.

APPLIANCE PURCHASE AND REPAIR

Chicago Appliance Repair Doctor

2420 N Springfield Ave
(312) 804-6703

www.chicagoappliancepairedr.com

Wolf Subzero Showroom

222 W Merchandise Mart Plaza
(312) 428-3160

www.subzero-wolf.com

ABT Appliance

1200 N Milwaukee Ave,
Glenview, IL
(888) 228-5800

www.abt.com

The granddaddy of appliance stores (and TV's, AV equipment, even luggage!), they've been in business since 1936 and have earned their stellar rep many times over.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



ARCHITECTURE

"Less is a bore." Robert Venturi

ARCHITECTURE

Scrafano and Associates

Elissa Scrafano
1620 W Carroll Ave, 2nd Floor
(312) 929-3210
elissa@scrafano.net
www.scrafano.net

*Elissa and her team create spaces
that are innovative and authentic.
I adore their style!*

Booth Hanson

Larry Booth
333 S Desplaines St
(312) 869-5000
www.boothhansen.com

bba Architects

Gary Beyerl
1010 S Wabash Ave
(312) 663-0222
beyerl@bbaworld.com
www.bbaworld.com

MAS Architecture

Tim Archibald
Midwest Architecture Studio
269 Market Square, Suite A
Lake Forest, IL 60045
(847) 604-8599
info@masismore.com
www.masismore.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





AUTO REPAIR

I grew up with a dad that could fix any American made car, which meant they would run for years. I was not so happy about driving the bright red Chevy Vega with silver strapping tape to hold the passenger door closed, but that's another story.

Treffen

2014

AUTO REPAIR

European & US Car Service

4080 N Broadway
(773) 248-1200

www.yelp.com/biz/european-and-us-car-service-chicago-3

Warren knows cars and runs a tight ship; these guys know what they're doing.

Tower Auto Rebuilders

Darek Piotrowski
5534 N Elston Ave
(773) 775-9200

www.yelp.com/biz/tower-auto-rebuilders-chicago

Clark Auto Repair

6916 N Clark St
(773) 262-1500

www.yelp.com/biz/clark-auto-repair-chicago

Ashland Tire and Auto

3737 N Ashland Ave
(773) 549-0084

www.ashlandtire.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



BARS - NEWER KIDS ON THE BLOCK

"He was a wise man who invented beer." – Plato

BARS - NEWER KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Scofflaw

3201 W Armitage Ave
(773) 252-9700

www.scofflawchicago.com

Cozy, gin-focused cocktail bar in Logan Square...equipped with a fireplace

Lost Lake

3154 W Diversey Ave
(773) 293-6048

1604 W Chicago Ave
(312) 929-4945

www.lostlaketiki.com

Cozy spinoff of Three Dots and a Dash. This tiki bar with a neighborhood feel was named the best cocktail bar in America in 2018.

The Robey- Cabana Club

2018 W North Ave
(872) 315-3083

www.yelp.com/biz/cabana-club-chicago-2

Gorgeous rooftop bar with cabana vibes. The Robey is open to non-guests who wish to enjoy daquiris, skyline views, and a dip in their triangle pool. It is located on the 6th floor of the boutique hotel.

Beatnik

180 N Upper Wacker Dr
(312) 526-3345

www.beatnikchicago.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



BARS - OLDIES BUT GOODIES

"To alcohol! The cause of and solution to all of life's problems." —
The Simpsons

BARS - OLDIES BUT GOODIES

The Globe

1934 W Irving Park Rd
(773) 871-3757

www.theglobepub.com

"The Globe is the best soccer bar in city," says my brother Steve.

Green Mill

4802 N Broadway
(773) 878-5552

www.greenmilljazz.com

Best bar in the city; Rat Pack on the jukebox, cheap drinks and gritty bartenders.

Richard's Bar

491 N Milwaukee Ave
(312) 733-2251

www.yelp.com/biz/richards-bar-chicago

Best juke box in town and the only bar where you can chain smoke without getting the evil eye!

The Matchbox

770 N Milwaukee Ave
(312) 666-9292

www.thesilverpalmtree.com/TheMachBox.php

My brother Michael's favorite bar for libations and conversation when he lived here years ago. At 460 sq. feet, this may be Chicago's most intimate bar. Top shelf liquor and cocktails prepared for you by bartenders with style.

California Clipper

1002 N California Ave
(773) 384-2547

www.californiaclipper.com

Circa-1937 bar with a revamped yet still retro space & a huge list of old-fashioned cocktails.

The Violet Hour

1520 N Damen Ave
(773) 252-1500

www.theviolethour.com

Serving major speakeasy vibes, The Violet Hour somehow gives off a tucked-away feel in the heart of bustling Wicker Park. It's sophisticated and stylish without being too pretentious.

Three Dots and A Dash

435 N Clark St
(312) 610-4220

www.threedotschicago.com

My friend Danielle, her husband Glen and our friend Kim adore this venue! Kim grew up in Hawaii, and Danielle and Glen go twice a year. The drinks remind them of their favorite spots on the islands, and they collect the mugs too! It's a great laid back atmosphere with lots of fun drinks to try out.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



BEAUTY, INSIDE AND OUT

Inner beauty is great but let's be honest... a few face framing highlights from a professional salon never hurt.

BEAUTY, INSIDE AND OUT

Fuga Italian Escape

3853 N Southport Ave
(773) 880-1280

www.salonfuga.com

Old Town Nails

1433 N Wells St
(312) 266-1614

www.yelp.com/biz/old-town-nails-chicago

Red Door Salon Spa Elizabeth Arden

919 N Michigan Ave
(312) 988-9191

www.reddoorspas.com

It's not your mother's spa, I promise! Walk through the red door and get ready to be pampered.

Shen Shen Health and Harmony

2764 N Lincoln Ave
(773) 935-4325

www.shenshenhealth.com

The practitioners at Shen Shen are the very best at acupuncture and cupping; I visit religiously.

Mixed & Co

223 W Erie St
(312) 929-2627

www.mixedcosalon.com

Mixed & Co is a spunky urban salon with a warm and detail oriented staff. The absolute best in the business for Balayage and Blowouts - let Kristen know we sent you!

Salon Duo

1400 N Lake Shore Dr # 3
(312) 664-8710

www.salonduochicago.com

Salon Vie Rebelle

1513 N Wells St
(312) 374-4969

www.salonvierebelle.com

If you need a dye, highlight, or balayage...Farrah is your girl! For cuts, I'd 100% recommend Maria. This place is fab and I'm not just saying that because of the free wine.

Beauty Counter

1 (888) 701-9899

www.beautycounter.com

Sarah Pearsall - best rep
(773) 744-4700

Sarahpearsall12@gmail.com

Ancient Aire Baths

800 W Superior
(312) 945-7414

www.beaire.com/en

A requested addition by Mandy; and personally verified by my operations team, this spa is an absolute must! Walking in...you feel as though you are entering a different country. Highly recommended for a date night or outing with girlfriends.

Trianon

651 W Armitage Ave
(312) 951-8401

www.trianonsalon.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



COFFEE & PASTRY

From my favorite coffee bar for the perfect cappuccino to a pie shop that bests grandma's apple, here are a few super places for coffee, pastries and a light bite.

COFFEE & PASTRY

CityGrounds

507 W Dickens Ave

www.yelp.com/biz/citygrounds-coffee-bar-chicago

Steve and Matt serve up the best coffee in the city. The setting could be straight out of Rome; a sweet brick cottage with a cobblestone patio where you can sit year 'round (come to roast marshmallows in the winter around the fire pit). It's like your neighborhood 'Cheers' bar but for coffee. The coffee is pitch perfect, and the yummy food is made on site from locally sourced ingredients. I adore this place!

Cafe Floriole

220 W Webster Ave
(773) 883-1313

www.floriole.com

D'Amatos Bakery

1124 W Grand Ave
(312) 733-5456

www.damatoschicago.com

Back in 1984 when I had my little gelateria, I bought my bread and foccacia from Tony. For the best crusty, Italian loaves, brick oven pizza and Italian cookies, they are my go-to shop.

Hoosier Mama

1618 W Chicago Ave
(312) 243-4846

www.hoosiermamapie.com

Drop Shot Coffee Bar

312 W Chestnut St
(312) 496-3014

www.fieldhousejones.com

Great place for a cup of Joe on the go or a sit down and a snack with clients or colleagues. Best known for it's artisanally crafted coffee and small plates in a funky vintage atomsphere, we love it for it's pet friendly walk-up window!

Gaslight

2385 N Milwaukee Ave

www.gaslightcoffeeroasters.com

Bang Bang Pie

Multiple locations
(773) 276-8888

www.bangbangpie.com

Arguably the best pies in the city; Bang Bang serves brunch and pies like nobody's business. During weekends and holidays, lines can easily be around the block.

Sweet Mandy B's

1208 W Webster
(773) 244-1174

www.sweetmandybs.com

Our office insisted we include this city-wide hit in our black book. Sweet Many B's offers tons of pastries, but is best known for their mouth watering cupcakes!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



COMPUTERS, WEB & DIGITAL DESIGN

"To err is human - and to blame it on a computer is even more so."
Robert Orben

COMPUTERS, WEB & DIGITAL DESIGN

IMPLEMENTED.today

Lyubomyr Luchecko

lyubko@implemented.today

www.implemented.today

Lyubko is an invaluable member of my core team of pros. I have been a real estate broker for 34 years, more than doubling my business between 2014 and 2018... could not have done this without Lyubko's insightful contributions.

ChicksOnWire

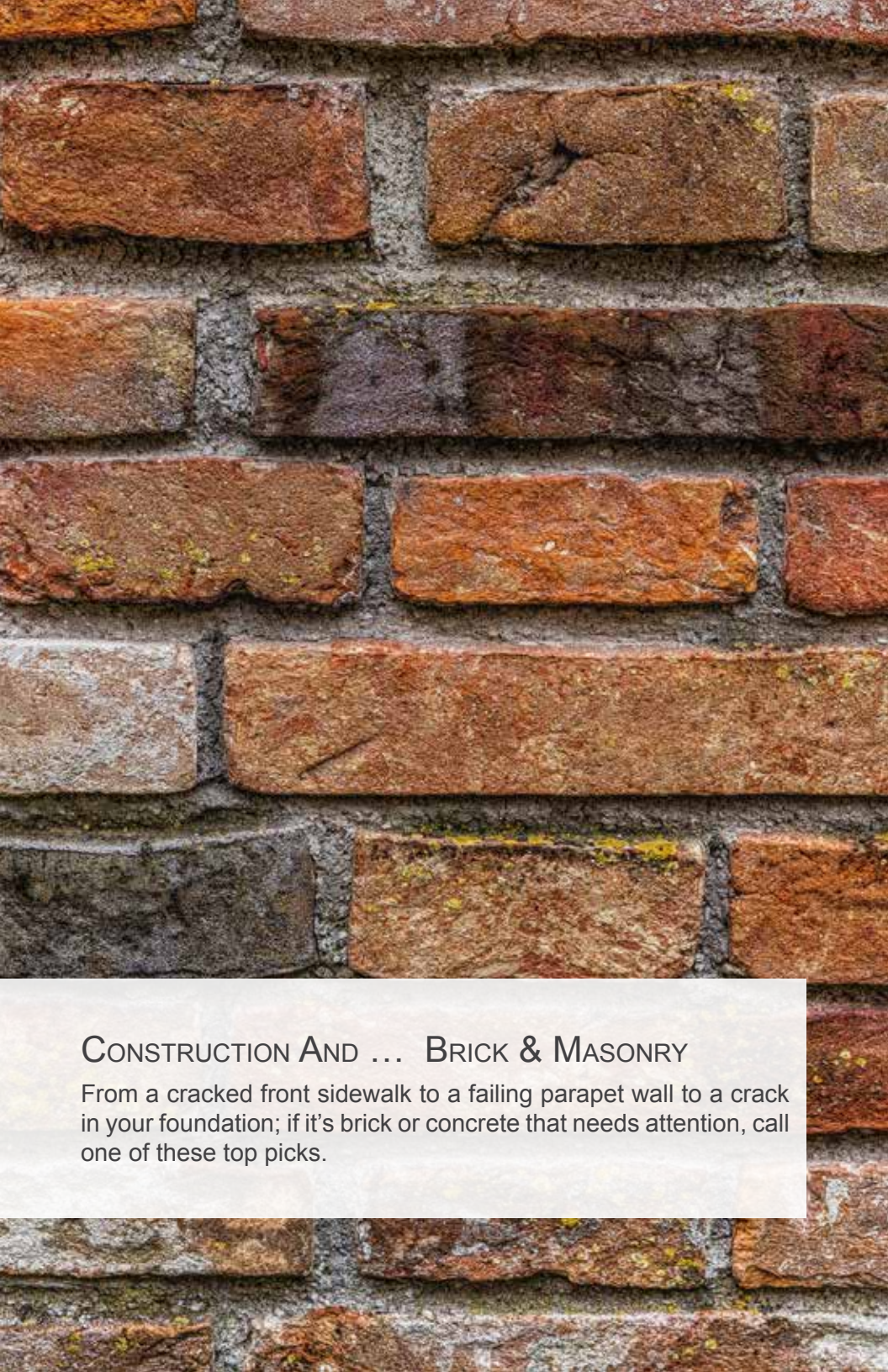
Eva & Michael Pallotto

chiefhen@chicksonwire.com

ChicksOnWire.com

My brother Michael is a SEO wizard and my sis in law Eva is responsible for designing all things beautiful in Debra's operations, including my website and this book.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



CONSTRUCTION AND ... BRICK & MASONRY

From a cracked front sidewalk to a failing parapet wall to a crack in your foundation; if it's brick or concrete that needs attention, call one of these top picks.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... BRICK & MASONRY

Edmar Corporation

4411 W Montrose Ave
(847) 724-5600

www.masonrytuckpointing.com

Elmhurst Carpentry

Miguel A. Murillo, President
3n371 Devonshire Ln
Elmhurst, IL
(708) 305-5743

www.elmhurstcarpentry.com

JL Contractor Services

4530 N Mulligan Ave
(773) 519-0976

www.jl-contractorservices.com

*Top marks for all exterior work:
brick, concrete, roofing, siding and
tuckpointing.*

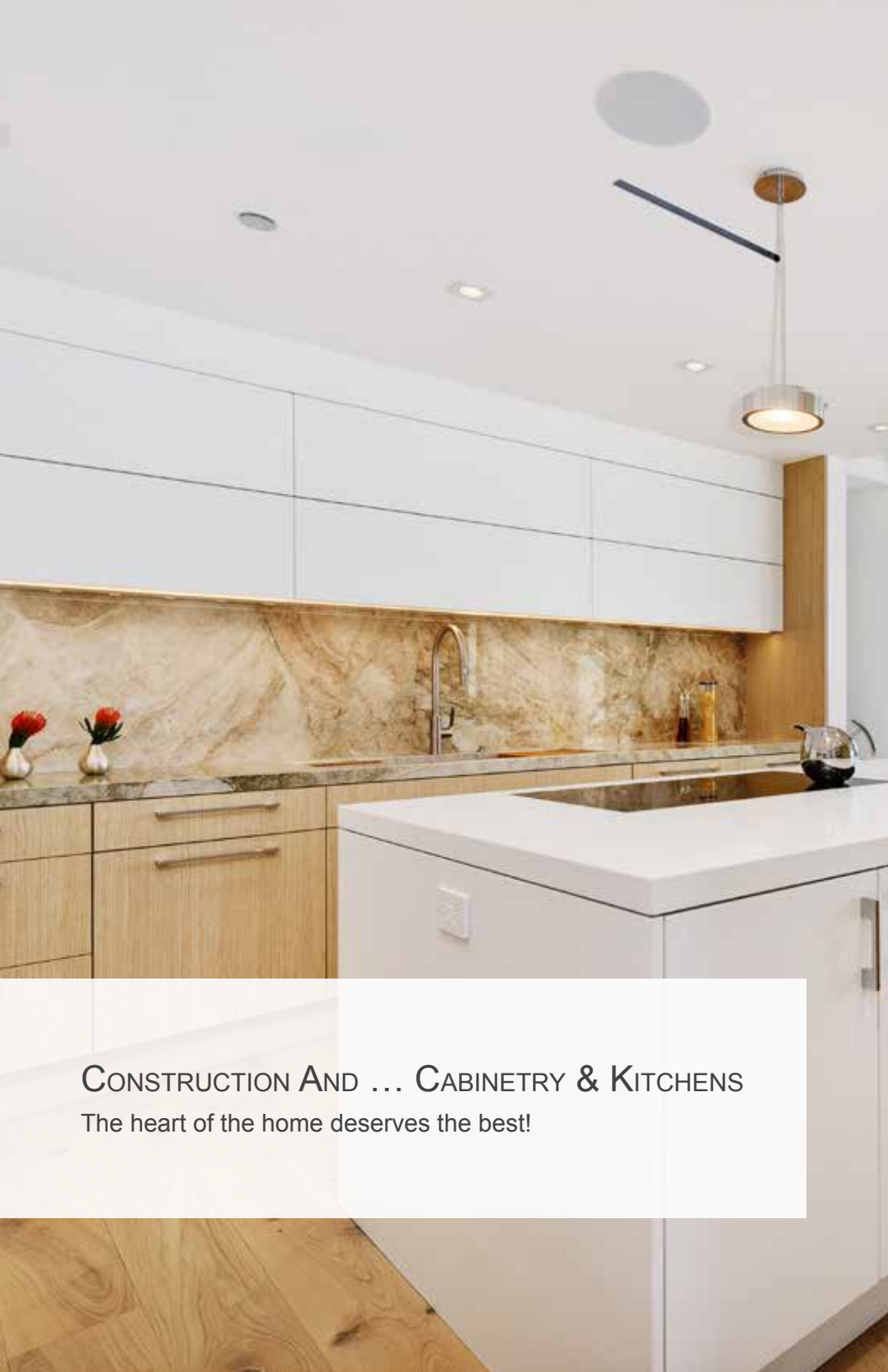
Arrow Masonry and Exteriors

200 E Randolph St
(312) 329-0750

www.tuckpointing.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





CONSTRUCTION AND ... CABINETRY & KITCHENS

The heart of the home deserves the best!

CONSTRUCTION AND ... CABINETRY & KITCHENS

Gschwind Cabinet & Design Company

1735 N Ashland, Lower Level
(773) 841-1829

alwaysworking@gmail.com

John is a wizard, creating some of the most beautiful kitchens out of his workshop in Bucktown. His email address says it all.

Centaur Interiors

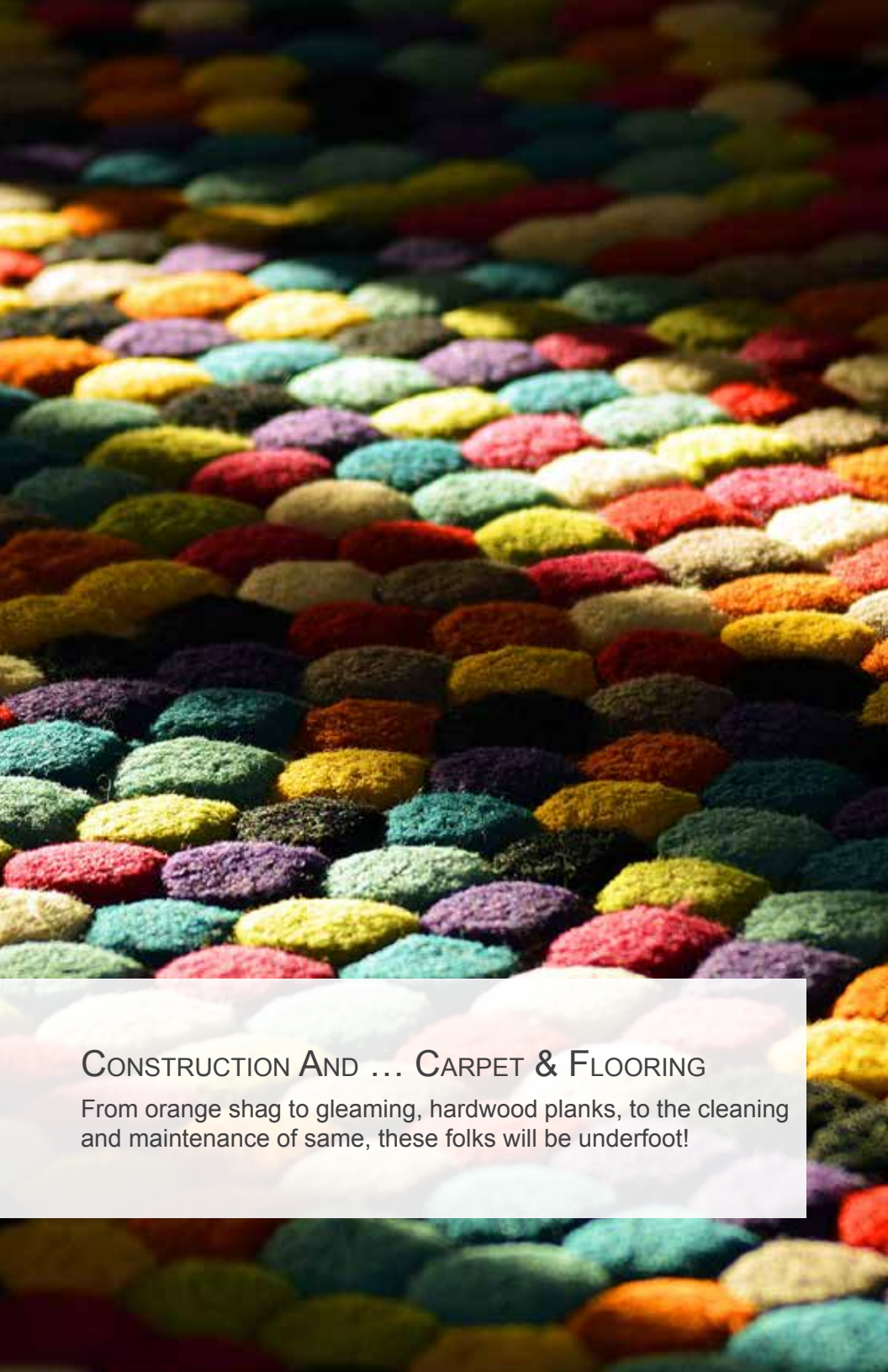
215 W Huron St #1
(312) 279-2776

www.centaurinteriors.com

Michael Miller and his team are known for their gorgeous finishes, incredible attention to detail, and for delivering the project on time and within budget.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





CONSTRUCTION AND ... CARPET & FLOORING

From orange shag to gleaming, hardwood planks, to the cleaning and maintenance of same, these folks will be underfoot!

CONSTRUCTION AND ... CARPET & FLOORING

Chicago Floors Inc

8253 N Octavia Ave, Niles, IL
(877) 769-3566

www.chicago-floors.com

Adam and Thomas are honest, hardworking craftsmen. They are my 'go to guys' for anything related to hardwood flooring.

Birger Juell

1337 Merchandise Mart
(312) 464-9663

www.floorbiz.com/Biz/bizProfile.asp?CompanyID=62657

Billba Flooring

Ovi Billba
(847) 962-4000

ovi@billbaflooring.com

Home Carpet One

3071 N Lincoln Ave
(773) 935-9314

www.homecarpetone.com

Yes, they do have orange shag and beautiful wool and other natural and not so natural fibers. Something for every taste and pocketbook. Mark G is my 'go-to' guy at Home Carpet One.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





CONSTRUCTION AND ...ELECTRICAL

Let there be light, and everything else your electricity powers.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... ELECTRICAL

ABC Plumbing

220 W Campus Dr
Arlington Heights, IL
(888) 797-0056

www.4abc.com

These folks get top marks for each category. They are that good!

Arnold Electric Services

5426 N Neva Ave
(773) 647-5530

www.arnoldelectricchicago.com

Urban Power

2300 N Kedzie Ave
(773) 935-7727

Mariusz Nowakowski

(847) 878-8359

bolo1968@msn.com

I call him Sparky! Mariusz is the best.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



CONSTRUCTION AND ...GENERAL CONTRACTORS & HANDYMEN

I'd trade the most expensive 'It' bag for a good GC. Luckily, I have Mraiusz, so no need to sacrifice.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... GENERAL CONTRACTORS & HANDYMEN

True Colors Decorating

Mariusz Dolegiewicz

1701 S Fairview, Park Ridge, IL
(847) 720-4865

www.truecolorsdecorating.com

*Mariusz is my secret resource for
all a house needs, and I'm sharing
him with you! M is simply the best.*

Dan Lela

(847) 693-1099

danlela1@yahoo.com

Rene Macias

(773) 447-3827

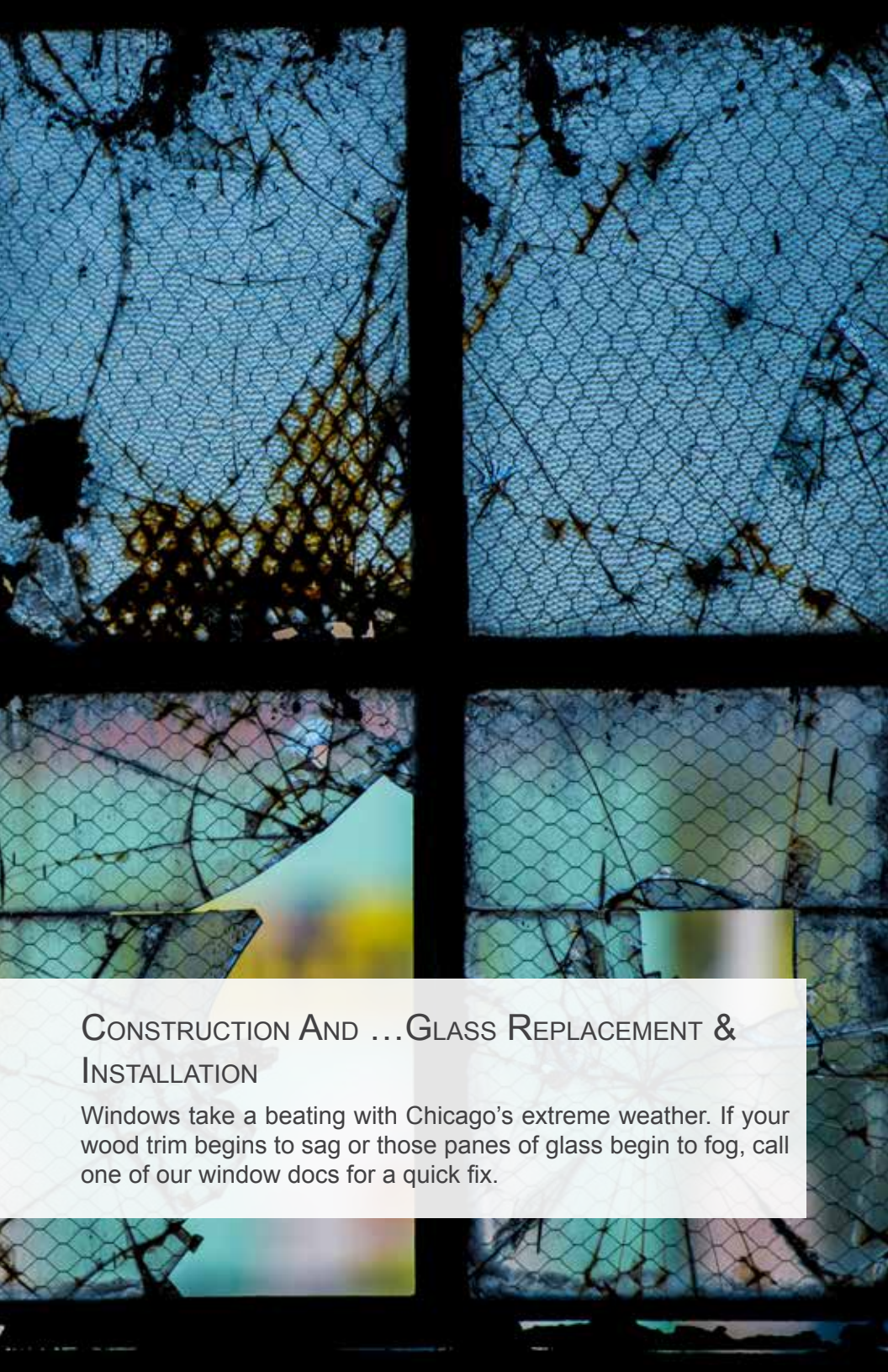
mrene8018@gmail.com

Marcin Zawadzki

(773) 877-9108

m.zawadzki07@gmail.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



CONSTRUCTION AND ...GLASS REPLACEMENT & INSTALLATION

Windows take a beating with Chicago's extreme weather. If your wood trim begins to sag or those panes of glass begin to fog, call one of our window docs for a quick fix.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... GLASS REPLACEMENT & INSTALLATION

All American Glass Company

3309 W Irving Park Rd
(773) 262-6777

www.chicagobrokenglass.com

R & R Window Repair and Renovations

(847) 773-5079

www.randrglassinc.com

Apex Window Works

415 Lively Blvd, Elk Grove Village, IL
(847) 557-9600

www.apexwindowwerks.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





CONSTRUCTION AND ... HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Did you know that regular service of your heating and cooling appliances can extend their life and keep your utility bills down? These guys are my go-to pros.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

The Metro Group

Jim Coleman
4547 N Kilbourn Ave

www.themetrogroupp.net

*Whether your equipment
needs regular maintenance or
replacement, Jim and his team
are the best. They show up when
promised and do a super job.*

Chicago Heating and Repair

5054 N Troy St
(773) 219-1102

www.chicago-heating-repair.com

ABC Plumbing and Heating and Cooling

220 W Campus Dr
Arlington Heights, IL
(888) 797-0056

www.4abc.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



CONSTRUCTION AND ...PAINTING - INTERIOR & EXTERIOR

How often should you paint your walls? If you take a picture off the wall and see a big black frame around the missing artwork, it's time... Exterior caulk, painting and paint touch up needs to be addressed to prevent wood rot. Call one of these top pros to get the job done.



CONSTRUCTION AND ... PAINTING - INTERIOR & EXTERIOR

Chicago Painters

6263 N McCormick St
(773) 789-8179

www.chicago-painters.com

MWW Painting

1035 W Monroe St
(773) 655-7738

www.windypainters.com

True Colors Decorating

Mariusz Dolegiewicz

1701 S Fairview, Park Ridge, IL
(847) 720-4865

www.truecolorsdecorating.com

Mariusz is my secret resource for all a house needs, and I'm sharing him with you! M is simply the best. His crew just finished painting my house, with my daughter, 3 dogs and two visitors from Prague underfoot the entire time. The crew never lost their good humor or their incredible attention to detail. As an added bonus, you get Mariusz's discerning eye for color. He weighed in on every choice, and I could not be more happy with the final look.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





CONSTRUCTION AND ... PLUMBING

From a seriously clogged drain to a major flood in your basement, these top picks will help ease your plumbing pain.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... PLUMBING

ABC Plumbing

220 W Campus Dr,
Arlington Heights, IL
(888) 797-0056

www.4abc.com

These folks get top marks for each category. They are that good!

Five Plumbing

Service Area Lakeview
(773) 297-9153

www.yelp.com/biz/five-plumbing-llc-chicago

J Blanton Plumbing

Multiple Locations
(773) 724-9272

www.jblantonplumbing.com

*Recommended by the one and only
Alison Fragale! A dear friend, who
knows the best when she sees it!*

Vanguard Plumbing and Sewer

3847 N Keystone Ave
Service Area Irving Park
(773) 633-6139

vanguardplumbingandsewer.com

Kuhn Plumbing

Timothy Kane
(773) 525-4074

www.kuhnplumbing.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



CONSTRUCTION AND ... STONE & TILE - MATERIALS & INSTALLATION

Looking for flamed granite or hand glazed tile? Can't decide between a mitered, ogee or beveled edge? These top level resources will help you select the perfect product for your home.

CONSTRUCTION AND ... STONE & TILE - MATERIALS & INSTALLATION

Designer Stone Outlet

4001 Golf Rd, Skokie, IL
(847) 329-3009

www.designerstoneoutlet.com

True Colors Decorating

1701 S Fairview, Park Ridge, IL
(847) 720-4865

www.truecolorsdecorating.com

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Fine Line Tile

503 N Wells St
(312) 670-0300

www.finelinetile.com

*A stunning array of tile choices
and designers on hand to help you
design the backsplash or entry
foyer of your dreams.*

Marczak Tile Installer

Roman Marczak

(708) 253-5294

www.romanmarczak.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



CONSTRUCTION AND ... WINDOW BLINDS

"Folks are like plants; we all lean toward the light." Kris Carr

CONSTRUCTION AND ... WINDOW BLINDS

The Shaed Store

(multiple locations)
Chicago, IL
(800) 754-1455

[www.theshaedstore.com/
showrooms/illinois](http://www.theshaedstore.com/showrooms/illinois)

Skyline Window Coverings

3423 N Broadway
(312) 487-3910

www.skylinewindowcoverings.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:

A close-up photograph of a red button and a gold-colored sewing needle with red thread. The button is in the background, slightly out of focus, showing its four holes. The needle is in the foreground, pointing towards the bottom right, with a small loop of red thread caught in its eye. The background is a plain, light color.

DRY CLEANING & TAILORING

From buttoned up men's shirts to flimsy silk dresses to those jeans you'd like to think didn't cost as much as a plane ticket AND are in need of serious tailoring, these folks have you covered.

DRY CLEANING & TAILORING

Ultimate Cleaners and Tailoring

1158 W Wrightwood Ave
(773) 528-4250

www.yelp.com/biz/ultimate-dry-cleaning-chicago

Barry Regent Cleaners

3000 N Broadway St
(773) 348-5510

www.barryregentcleaners.com

60 years in business, they pick-up and deliver, and you can set up an account.

Boguslaw Tailors

919 N Michigan Ave

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/boguslaw-chicago>

Another fabulous rec from Alison Fragale. Thanks hun!

Greener Cleaner

5312 N Broadway St
(773) 271-8350

www.greenercleaner.net

Go Green! No yucky smell and kind to the environment. They pick-up and deliver, and you can have an account.

Lincoln Park Cleaners

659 W Armitage Ave # 1
(312) 664-4176

www.yelp.com/biz/lincoln-park-cleaners-chicago

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



FARMER'S MARKETS

Chicago has gone mad for green... nature's green that is. The various markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

FARMER'S MARKETS

Green City Market

Multiple locations
(773) 880-1266

www.greencitymarket.org

A foodie delight! My favorite stop on a Saturday after my early morning run along the lakefront.

Chicago Nettelhorst French Market

3252 N Broadway St
(312) 575-0306

www.bensidounmidwestmarkets.com/nettelhorstchicago-french-market/

SOAR Farmers Market

226 E Chicago Ave
(312) 280-2596

www.soarchicago.org/soarfarmersmarket/

Pilsen Farmer's Market

18th St and S Blue Island Ave

www.yelp.com/biz/pilsen-farmers-market-chicago

Logan Square Farmers Market

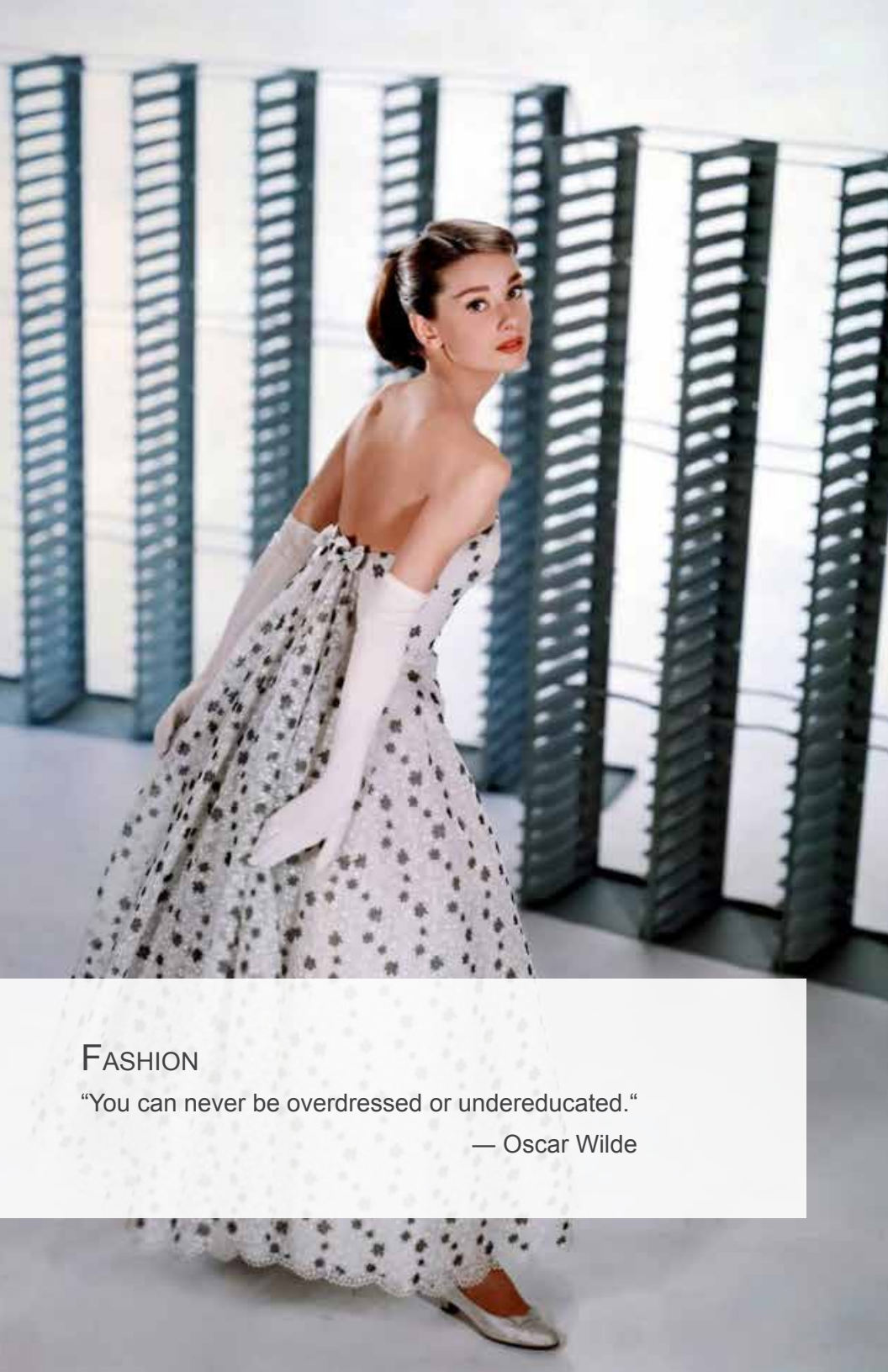
2363 N Milwaukee Ave
(773) 489-3222

logansquarefarmersmarket.org

This year long farmers market operates on Logan Blvd every Sunday in the summer and in Emporium Arcade Bar (a mere block away) for every chilly Sunday following! You can find fresh fruits, veggies, and bread, artesian tofu, flowers, and the best horchata in the city if you venture here.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





FASHION

“You can never be overdressed or undereducated.”

— Oscar Wilde

FASHION

M2057 by Maria Pinto

833 W Washington Blvd
(888) 868-2057

www.m2057.com

Maria knows how to dress a woman and her fabrics are incredible!

Margaret O'Leary

850 W Armitage Ave
(312) 284-8455

www.margaretoleary.com

Rag and Bone

25 E Delaware Pl
(312) 483-1122

www.rag-bone.com

Moth

2008 N Damen Ave
(872) 802-4408

www.mothchicago.com

little high, little low

917 N Ashland

www.littlehighlittlelow.com

Love the black onyx champagne cups! Love the killer vintage rock t's! And I love Queen!

Penelope's

Wicker Park
1913 W Division St
(773) 395-2351

www.shoppenelopes.com

Squasht Boutique

Humboldt Park
2556 W Chicago Ave
(773) 292-4123

www.squashtboutique.com

Rebecca Minkoff

106 E Oak St
(312) 702-1098

www.rebeccaminkoff.com

Cynthia Rowley

1648 N Damen Ave
(773) 276-9209

www.cynthiarowley.com

One of my favorite boutiques for chic and feminine with a nod to Audrey. My go to place for A-line and bell bottoms.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



FITNESS & GOLF

I'm opening a gym called 'Resolutions.' It will have exercise equipment for the first two weeks of the year, then turn into a bar for the rest of it! If you do not share my lack of enthusiasm for the fitness regime, check out these fine fitness options.

FITNESS & GOLF

Doug Dobbs - Personal Wellbeing Guide

(312) 342-0975

doug@dougdobbs.fitness

One of the best personal trainers around; Doug has been training private clients for 25+ years. He brings knowledge, expertise and passion to each session, along with a dry sense of humor and his own equipment if need be..

SoulCycle

Multiple locations

www.soul-cycle.com/studios/chicago/

Harborside Golf Course

11001 S Doty Ave

(312) 787-7387

www.harborsidegolf.com

Lincoln Park Fitness Boot Camp

1820 W Webster Ave #204

(773) 401-5500

www.fitbodybootcamp.com

comlincolnparkfitnessbootcamp/

Shred 415

Multiple Locations

(312) 291-8722

www.shred415.com

South Shore Golf Course

7059 E South Shore Dr

(773) 256-0986

www.southshore.cpdgolf.com

Love my morning bike ride to South Shore and often stop here before heading back North... what a gorgeous setting.

The Barre Code

Multiple locations

www.thebarrecode.com

Talk about a total body work out! Low impact, high intensity classes led by an enthusiastic staff that will leave your legs shaking for days.

Chicago Athletic Club

Multiple locations

www.chicagoathleticclubs.com

I absolutely love this gym. The facility is always clean and comfortable and it never gets overly crowded. All of their classes come free with a membership.. and they have a ton! I plan on trying kickboxing next.

Corepower Yoga

Multiple locations

www.corepoweryoga.com

Corepower offers a free week of unlimited yoga to any newcomers. They boast tons of classes-all at different levels and temperatures. Their hot yoga is the absolute best! Download their app for easy access to Corepower schedules around the city.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



FURNITURE, HOME ACCESSORIES & GARDEN

If you are looking for a few special pieces to bring a classic, modern or vintage twist to your home, visit these favorite spots.

FURNITURE, HOME ACCESSORIES & GARDEN

Bedside Manor

2056 N Halsted St
(773) 404-2020

www.shopbedside.com

Spoiling myself and my bedroom at Bedside Manor. This place is a boutique for luscious linens and pillows and bedroom stuff.

Architectural Artifacts

4325 N Ravenswood Ave
(773) 348-0622

www.architecturalartifacts.com

Mars Gallery

1139 W Fulton Market
(312) 226-7808

www.marsgallery.com

Art Effect

934 West Armitage
(773) 929-3600

www.shoparteffect.com

A favorite shop of mine for gifts for any occasion.

Green

1718 N Wells St
(312) 266-2806

www.yelp.com/biz/green-chicago

I've been buying gorgeous cut flowers, orchids and beautiful, one of a kind vases from Green for 20+ years.

Jayson Home & Garden

1885 N Clybourn Ave
(773) 248-8180

www.jaysonhome.com

Over the past 12 years I've worked with Devin and his team at Jayson to select furniture and accessory items for my home; they are still among my most treasured finds. Also a top spot for gifts.

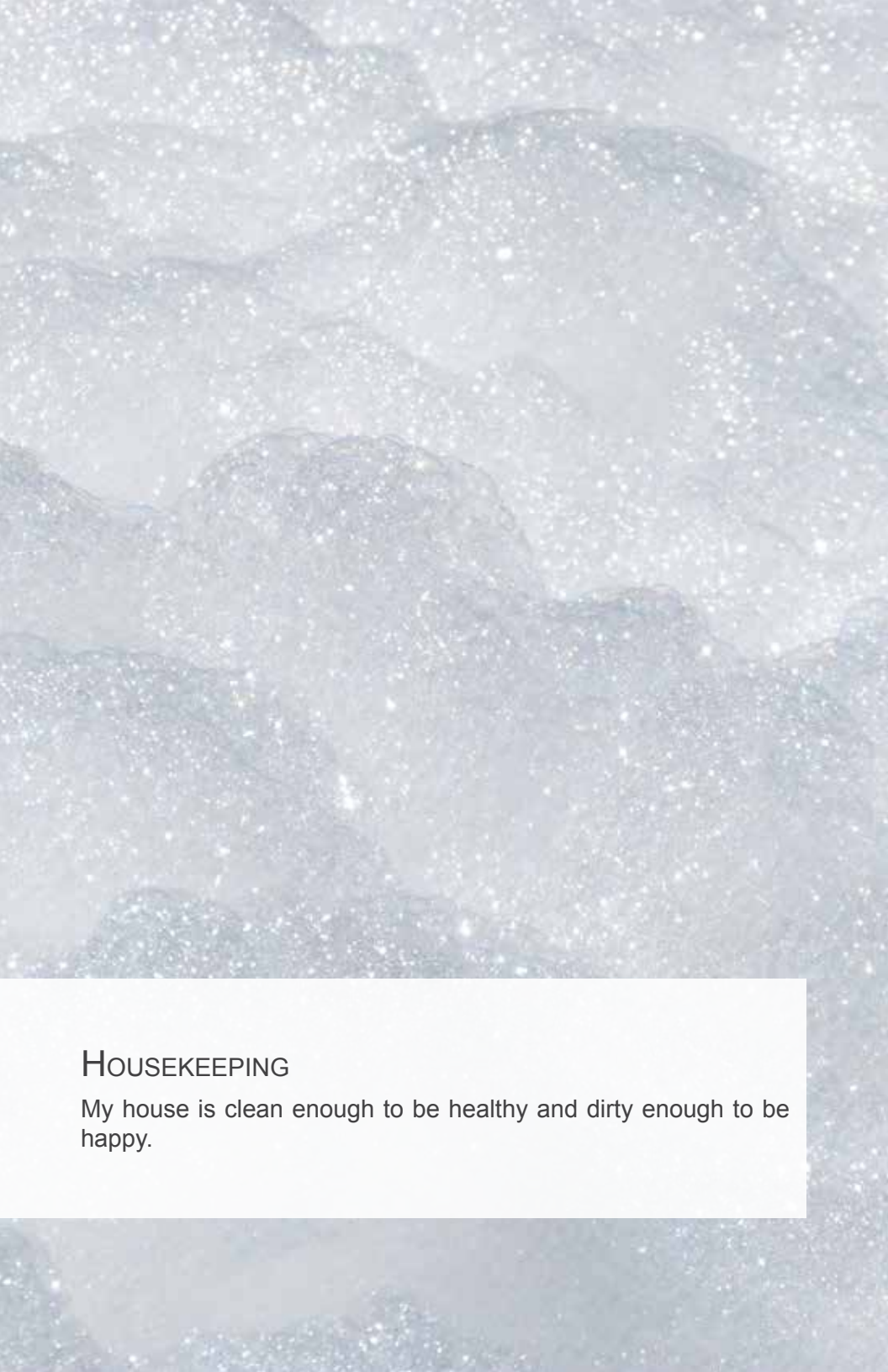
Redefined Decor

1819 W Grand Ave
(312) 226-8557

www.redefineddecor.com

Bomb for accessories, horrible for your wallet. You can definitely get lost in there and it is a go to place for high end local interior designers.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



HOUSEKEEPING

My house is clean enough to be healthy and dirty enough to be happy.

HOUSEKEEPING

Stasia Kochanek

(773) 742-9064

Finding a trusted pro to clean your beautiful home is like finding a needle in a haystack. Stasia is simply the best; she has an unflagging work ethic, and my house sparkles after she has worked her magic.

Sealmaster

425 Huehl Rd #11B
Northbrook, IL
(847) 480-7325

www.sealmasterinc.com

Sara Garcia

(773) 349-5460

A gentle soul with an eye for the details.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



ICE CREAM

Before launching my real estate career, I made gelato (fancy ice cream Italian style). I could bore you with air and fat content but trust me, when you taste good ice cream your tongue sings.

ICE CREAM

Annette's Italian Ice

2009 N Bissell St
(773) 868-9000

annettesitalianice.com

Alaska Paleteria y Neveria

3446 W Irving Park Rd
(773) 279-8135

www.yelp.com/biz/alaska-paleteria-y-neveria-chicago

Black Dog Gelato

2951 N Broadway
(773) 880-7372

bobtailicecream.com

I love their gelato -- some wild flavors, but coffee is my fav... sure wish they stayed open year round.

Original Rainbow Cone

9233 S Western Ave
(773) 238-7075

www.rainbowcone.com

Jeni's

Multiple Locations
(773) 799-8809

jenis.com/scoop-shops/armitage

I know Jeni's is taking off but it's just too good to keep off this list. Their goat cheese and cherry ice cream is something out of this world. Be prepared for insane lines on summer nights!

Margie's Candies

Multiple Locations
(773) 384-1035

www.margiesfinecandies.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



Home

IN-HOME SERVICES

If your house looks like you are losing a game of Jumanji, these folks will help you maintain your sanity, get a meal on the table, and allow time for a work-out in between managing the staff.

IN-HOME SERVICES

Madison & Rayne - Melanie Mityas

(773) 717-9204

Chef Hotline: (855) 626-3701

www.madisonandrayne.com

Imagine ready-to-cook, chef-prepared ingredients delivered to your door.

Doug Dobbs - Personal Wellbeing Guide

(312) 342-0975

doug@dougdobbs.fitness

In home personal training; Doug has been training private clients for 25+ years. He brings knowledge, expertise and passion to each session, along with a dry sense of humor and his own equipment if need be.

Strollers & Stilettos

980 N Michigan Ave #1400

(312) 768-8030

www.strollersandstilettos.com

I recall a few 'stroller and stiletto' moments' when my darling daughter, now 21, was a babe.

Chicago's Girl on the Go

500 N Michigan Ave #600

(312) 371-0596

www.chicagosgirlonthego.com

Time is precious, life is short, and sometimes you just need someone else to take charge!

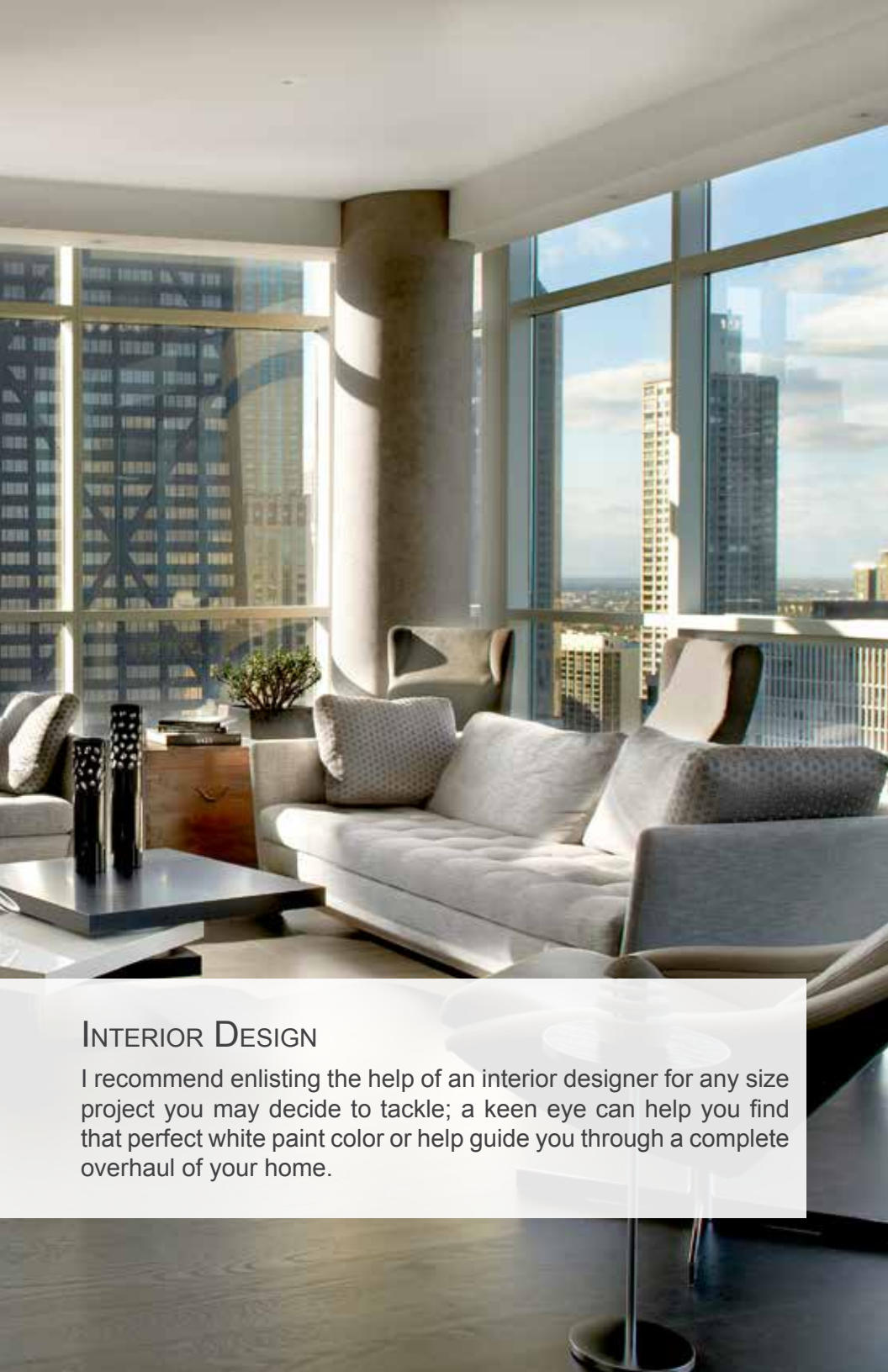
Femme Du Coupe - Revae Schneider

(317) 997-6070 | (773) 916-6070

hello@revae-schneider.com

This sassy and stylish gal trained a whole slew of Chicago's top mixologists. My friend Alison relies on Revae for every party. Ravae is the bomb!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



INTERIOR DESIGN

I recommend enlisting the help of an interior designer for any size project you may decide to tackle; a keen eye can help you find that perfect white paint color or help guide you through a complete overhaul of your home.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Alan Design Associates

2134 N Damen Ave
(773) 278-2345

www.alandesignstudio.com

I've worked with Ruthie and Jean at Alan Design for 20+ years. They are obsessed with quality and shop anywhere and everywhere – often creating bespoke custom pieces to make their client's vision come to life.

Centaur Interiors

215 W Huron St #1
(312) 279-2776

www.centaurinteriors.com

Michael Miller and his team are known for their gorgeous finishes, incredible attention to detail, and for delivering the project on time and within budget.

Donna Mondì Interior Design - DMID

Charli Buchberger, Director of Business

1517 West Carroll Avenue
(312) 291-8431

www.dmondiiinteriordesign.com

They understand their clients' needs and work very hard to deliver impressive results.

Pipa Bradley

(678) 697 2142

pipa@pipabradburydesign.com

Creative, talented and she loves bubbly almost as much as I do!

Jessica Lagrange Interiors

216 W Chicago Ave
(312) 751-8727

www.jessicalagrange.com

Boutique firm located in the heart of River North with a vibrant team of dedicated professionals. These gals do not disappoint!

Joseph Szymczak Interiors

(312) 451-1544
111 W Wacker Drive #1601

www.studioatslate.com/

Haven Staging

Julie Gathman
(847) 341-5854

jgathman@havenhomestager.com

This company is the definition of inclusive! Catering to condos and single-family homes and entry-level to high-end listings, Haven Staging has an urban aesthetic with on trend furnishings. Their 11,000 square foot warehouse, dedication to customer service, and detailed proposals are just a few reasons why I love this staging company.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



KIDDIES

“Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home.” — Phyllis Diller

KIDDIES

Play

3109 W Logan Blvd & 2462 N
Lincoln Ave
(773) 227-6504

www.playtoysandbooks.com

Building Blocks Toys

3306 N Lincoln Ave
& 2130 W Division St
(773) 525-6200

www.buildingblockstoys.com

Twinkle Twinkle Little One

2007 W Belmont Ave
(773) 472-3000

www.twinkletwinklelittleone.com

The Red Balloon

3651 N Southport Ave
(773) 549-9800

www.theredballoon.com

BabyDolls Boutique

3727 N Southport Ave
(773) 525-2229

www.babydolls-boutique.com

Maggie Daley Park

337 E Randolph St

www.maggiedaley.com

This park is so much fun...for kids and adults alike! Huge slides, spin seats, and a mirror forest are some of the park's favs. All while enjoying lakefront and city views. And everything from the slides to park benches are made from recycled materials.

North Park Nature Center

5801 N Pulaski Rd
(312) 744-5472

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/North-Park-Village-Nature-Center/

This nature preserve offers bee hives, bones, and other interesting artifacts... all perfect to keep the family entertained for the day. Enjoy a walk along the many pretty trails then enjoy a picnic lunch. You just might see a deer or two!!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



LANDSCAPING & SNOW REMOVAL

Any of these folks will turn your brown thumb green with envy.

LANDSCAPING & SNOW REMOVAL

4 Seasons Painting & Landscaping

1347 W Hood Ave
(773) 517-1198

www.4seasonspainting.com

Chicago Specialty Gardens

1765 N Elston Ave #203
(773) 697-9897

www.chicagogardens.com

Christy Webber Landscapes

2900 W Ferdinand St
(773) 533-0477

www.christywebber.com

Grant & Power

700 E Roosevelt Rd
(630) 231-0069

www.grantandpower.com

Garcia Brothers Landscaping and Snow Removal

(773) 470-3657

Ruthie Alan of Alan Design turned me onto Garcia Bros, and I have paid it forward by sending them to many happy clients of mine. What a warm and hard-working family; and Candido can make anything grow! I have several tropical trees he started from seed just for me. They also handle snow removal.

Larry Asimow Landscaping

(773) 728-4600

asimowlandscaping@gmail.com

First worked with Larry 20+ years ago. Anything to make your garden grow, he's your guy!

GroTurf

Brian Groszek, President

(630) 389-0800

www.griturf.com

Because synthetic grass is eco friendly; dog friendly; and looks green all year round.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



MOVERS

"With a bit of talent, you can move mountains!" - Dwayne Johnson

MOVERS

Joey's Movers

7333 Ridgeway, Skokie, IL
(847) 674-7779

www.joeysmovers.com

Two Men and a Truck

(847) 553-4444

[www.twomenandatruck.com/movers/
il/chicago/downtown](http://www.twomenandatruck.com/movers/il/chicago/downtown)

New City Moving

(773) 489-0600

www.newcitymovers.com

Chicago Apartment Movers

Jay Battiest

(773) 744-5448

[chicagoapartmentmovers@gmail.
com](mailto:chicagoapartmentmovers@gmail.com)

Burrows Moving Company

(312) 274-5500

www.burrowsmoving.com

Coffey Bros. Moving

773-628-7798

www.coffeybrosmoving.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



PETS

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful," Ann Landers

PETS

Pups Pet Club

Dan Rubenstein
316 W Illinois St
(312) 971-7080
pupspetclub.com
dan@pupspetclub.com

VCA

Dr. Brian Brumfield
960 W Chicago Ave
(312) 738-3322
www.vcahospitals.com
Dr. B is truly a dog's BFF (and I suspect he makes the cat's purr). I've been bringing my beloved pets to see Dr. B for many years. He is the best.

West Loop Veterinary

815 W. Randolph
www.westloopvet.com
Care is awesome! They have analyzed photos Alyssa have sent and saved her a visit / money. She loves them!

Pet Wants

Ewa Ryan
5420 W Devon Ave
(773) 272-2000
www.petwantschicagonorth.com
Chuck Ryan, my home inspector for 20+ years and a kindred spirit when it comes to a love of doggies, and his wife Ewa opened Pet Wants 2 years ago. Get your doggies delicious and nutritious food - slow-cooked with fresh, all-natural ingredients, and made once a month. My 3 babies love the food and the treats!

Dog-a-holics

3608 N Southport Ave
(773) 549-9000
www.dog-a-holics.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



REAL ESTATE RESOURCES ... HOME LOANS

Getting a mortgage is an integral part of the home buying process... then there's the advantage of being able to refinance with the guy or gal that saw you through the nail biting loan process to get that fab place. It's not always about shaving off that $\frac{1}{8}$ of a point. It is ALL about someone having your back.

REAL ESTATE RESOURCES ... HOME LOANS

Guaranteed Rate

Steven Pallotto

3940 North Ravenswood,
Chicago, IL

Cell: (708) 473-8966

steve.pallotto@rate.com

For full disclosure Steven is my brother; and has been helping my clients get their financing in order for the past 18+ years. Steven is especially successful in providing loans to independent contractors and first time homebuyers. He also has terrific rates on both conventional and jumbo loan products. And I know where he lives...

Wintrust Mortgage

Susan Seeberg

1100 Waukegan Rd
Northbrook, IL
(847) 418-2825

sseeberg@wintrustmortgage.com

Veteran loan officer and all about the details...a dedicated pro!

JP Morgan Private Bank

Joseph Belkairous

10 S Dearborn, Floor 08
(312) 732-7518

joseph.v.belkairous@jpmorgan.com
jpmorgan.com/privatebank

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



REAL ESTATE RESOURCES ... INSPECTION

I'm not talking about a quick look-see. Your home inspector needs to bring the big magnifying glass along with the bedside manner to deliver the good and sometimes not such good news in a measured tone.

REAL ESTATE RESOURCES ... INSPECTION

**Precision Property
Inspections**

Charles Ryan

6101 Sheridan Rd #24C
(773) 447-5598

www.houseinspectorchicago.com

I've worked with Chuck for 20+ years, and he is my #1 go-to for home inspections. My clients adore him. I would not buy a house without having Chuck give it a long, hard look.

**Don Van Cura
Construction**

4443 W Montrose Ave
(773) 282-6360

www.remodelingbydonvancura.com

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



REAL ESTATE RESOURCES ... LEGAL

The attorney review process may be just 5 or 10 days out of the 30-60 days it takes to get from contract to closing, but those 5 or 10 days can make or break the deal. Does your legal advocate have what it takes to bring it home... pun intended!

REAL ESTATE RESOURCES ... LEGAL

Lisa J Saul, Esq

Lisa Saul
24 West Erie St, Suite 4A
(847) 910-2317
www.lisajsaul.com

Hodes, Greenstein & Litwin

Leonard Litwin
205 W Randolph St #1410
(312) 346-9733
leonardlitwin17@gmail.com

Leonard has been advocating on behalf of my clients for 20+ years. LL is a terrific attorney and his unflappable manner and wry sense of humor are a bonus.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



Tweet

5020 N Sheridan Rd
(773) 728-5576

www.tweet.biz

Mostly organic and fresh from the farm, this uptown spot serves up some really good food in a comfortable setting with an ever changing collection of art 'curated around the notion of space--interior, exterior, rural, urban.' My fave dish: Mary Lou's biscuits and gravy.

Bar Siena

832 W Randolph St
(312) 492-7775

www.barsiena.com

One of the best spots in Fulton Market. They knock brunch and dinner out of the park. I'd highly recommend the lobster eggs benedict!

Longman & Eagle

2657 N Kedzie Ave
(773) 276-7110

www.longmanandeagle.com

RESTAURANTS - AMERICAN

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Avec Restaurant

615 W Randolph St
(312) 377-2002

www.avecrestaurant.com

Café Brauer

2021 N Stockton Dr
(312) 742-2400

www.lpzoo.org/private-events-cafe-brauer

An oasis in the heart of the park overlooking the city and pond... best alfresco dining in Chicago!

Hackney's

733 S Dearborn St
(312) 461-1116

www.hackneys.net

Can you say homemade kettle chips with blue cheese crumbles- trust me totally addictive! Jan and I eat them at least once a week! It doesn't help that you can place your order online to have those fries delivered!

Kuma's Corner

2900 W Belmont Ave
(773) 604-8769

www.kumascorner.com

Smoque BBQ

3800 N Pulaski Rd
(773) 545-7427

www.smoquebbq.com

They have a BBQ Manifesto... need I say more? Read it and head to Smoque for anything and everything on the menu!

Lula's

2537 N Kedzie Ave
(773) 489-9554

www.lulacafe.com

My friend Katie's favorite place for an early breakfast.

Farmhouse

228 W Chicago Ave
(312) 280-4960

www.farmhousechicago.com

One of our favorite spots in the city for Midwestern comfort food classics. Fresh, locally sourced ingredients, regional beer and wine and a warm atmosphere. Their Wisconsin cheese curds are out of this world.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



RESTAURANTS - DELI & GENERAL STORE

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Bari Foods

1120 W Grand Ave #1
(312) 666-0730

www.bariitaliansubs.com

At lunch hour a line snakes through the store; we are all patiently waiting for a sandwich from the meat counter; simply the best subs in the city. I think my first visit was in 1984, and I'm still gaga over their caprese sub.

Manny's Deli

1141 S Jefferson St
(312) 939-2855

www.mannysdeli.com

Goddess and the Grocer

1649 N Damen Ave & 1127 N State St & 901 N Larrabee St
(312) 988-9870

www.goddessandgrocer.com

While this is definitely a high end deli, Goddess knows how to make sandwiches. They also have a salad bar and hot bar. Check this place out if you're craving quality but need a quick to-go bite.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



RESTAURANTS - FRENCH

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Maude's Liquor Bar

840 W Randolph St
(312) 243-9712

www.maudesliquorbar.com

RM Champagne Salon

116 N Green St
(312) 243-1199

www.rmchampagnesalon.com

Sepia

123 N Jefferson St
(312) 441-1920

www.sepiachicago.com

*My dear friend, Emmanuel,
is the ever so stylish owner of
this gorgeous, Michelin starred
restaurant. Best French 75 in the
city.*

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:





RESTAURANTS - ITALIAN

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La Scarola

721 W Grand Ave
(312) 243-1740

www.lascarola.com

Years ago Zagat said, "You feel like Grandma is going to walk out of the kitchen and pinch your cheeks." I love trying the new hot spots that open, but nothing beats tried and true. Fact or myth: back in the days of prohibition there was a secret passage between La Scarola and Richard's bar?

Sapori Trattoria

2701 N Halsted St
(773) 832-9999

www.saporitrattoria.net

One of my favorite neighborhood spots at the north end of Lincoln Park. Two of my favorites: Burrata Pugliese and the Bucatini Carbonara - divine!

Volare

201 E Grand Ave
(312) 410-9900

www.volarerestaurant.com

Bar Cargo

605 N Wells St
(312) 929-0065

www.barcargo.com

Be it brunch, lunch or after hours, this neighborhood hot spot serves up both classic and contemporary pies on focaccia crust. We recommend sitting on the whimsical patio out back!

Osteria Langhe

2824 W Armitage Ave
(773) 661-1582

www.osterialanghe.com

Rustic Italian spot with a delicious menu in Logan Square.

Club Lucky

1824 W Wabansia Ave
(773) 227-2300

www.clubluckychicago.com

Old-school Italian cooking & martinis in a mid-century-themed supper-club setting with a lounge. Cozy neighborhood spot in Wicker Park that has been frequented by my daughter and me for decades!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



RESTAURANTS - MEXICAN

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Big Star

1531 N Damen Ave
(773) 235-4039

www.bigstarchicago.com

One of my favorite spots for a margarita, and that walking taco is worth twice the calories!

Carnitas Don Pedro

1113 W 18th St
(312) 829-4757

www.yelp.com/biz/don-pedro-carnitas-chicago

For some of the best tacos to be found, head to Pilsen. Sunday is especially fun; there's usually a line out the door of families just out of church. I head down here once or twice a month for lunch - you can walk about Pilsen and explore the wonderful galleries in the hood.

La Vaca

1160 W 18th St
(312) 829-1147

www.facebook.com/La-Vaca-Margarita-BAR-187412394769133/

Just for the margaritas! It is located in ultra trendy Pilsen.

El Asadero

2213 W Montrose Ave
(773) 583-5563

www.facebook.com/TaqueriaElAsadero

El Maya

1522 W Montrose Ave
(773) 878-1882

www.el-maya.com

Xoco River North

449 N Clark St
(312) 661-1434

www.rickbayless.com/restaurants/xoco/

Cafecito

215 E Chestnut St
& 7 N Wells St & 26 East
Congress Parkway #1
(312) 643-2242

www.cafecitochicago.com

Craving Cuban? Open year round, we love stopping by Cafecito's Gold Coast location for a pressed sandwich and cortadito on our way to catch the fireworks at Navy Pier. Talk about a killer combo.

La Josie

740 W Randolph St
(312) 929-2900

www.lajosie.com

One of the best upscale Mexican restaurants in the city. La Josie is one of the few family owned restaurants in restaurant row (west loop). If you aren't afraid of spicy, try their scallop tacos.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



RESTAURANTS - OTHER

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Cumin

(Indian)

1414 N Milwaukee Ave
(773) 342-1414

www.cumin-chicago.com

Chicago Curry House

(Indian)

899 S Plymouth Court
(312) 362 9999

www.curryhouseonline.com

Haisous

(Vietnamese)

1800 S Carpenter St
(312) 702-1303

www.haisous.com

Proxi

565 W Randolph St
(312) 466-1950

www.proxichicago.com

Chic stop for global street food & cocktails in an architectural setting with dining room & lounge.

Tanta

(Peruvian)

118 W Grand Ave
(312) 222-9700

www.tantachicago.com

Most historians agree ceviche originated during colonial times in the area of present-day Peru. Who knew? Tanta rocks it with the very best of my 3 favorite foods - ceviche, seafood and meat and several dishes combine all 3!. So many choices so go hungry. My favorites dishes... pobre - wagyu skirt steak, quail egg, chalaca, ponzu gel, conchitas a la parmesana - scallops, 20 month aged parmesan foam, basil leaf, crispy garlic and nukei - ahi tuna, avocado, cucumber, tamarind. If you go ask to be seated with Ivan. And try the wansas premium aged margarita!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



RESTAURANTS - SEAFOOD

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GT Fish & Oyster

531 N Wells St
(312) 929-3501

www.gtoyster.com

My good friend Helen Calvin is the goddess of oysters and knows the best places to enjoy those slippery little molluscs. If she says the place has the best oysters to be found in Chicago you best believe this oyster aficionado. She also knows the best places to get oysters at happy hour!

Momotaro

820 W Lake St
(312) 733-4818

www.momotarochicago.com

Boka Restaurant Group hits another homerun with Momotaro. Exquisitely prepared Japanese food served up in a gorgeous setting. The robata is divine.

Sunda

110 W Illinois St
(312) 644-0500

www.sundanewasian.com

Angry Crab

5665 N Lincoln Ave & 1308 N Milwaukee Ave
(773) 784-6848

www.theangrycrabchicago.com

This place is an absolute blast -if you like getting down and dirty. The crab legs, lobster tails, scallops, and mussels are all served in a bag, accompanied by a bib and a few eating utensils. The experience and quality are both fantastic, but be prepared, for wait times can get lengthy on the weekend.

Cold Storage

1000 W Fulton Market
(312) 638-6280

www.coldstoragechicago.com

Small trendy spot located right next to Swift and Sons. Cold Storage is another Boka Restaurant Group hit! The scallop ceviche is fabulous. Another Helen Calvin endorsed spot!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



RESTAURANTS - SUSHI

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Butterfly Sushi

1139 W Grand Ave
(312) 563-5555

www.butterflysushi2go.com/

Kai Zan

2557 W Chicago Ave
(773) 278-5776

www.eatatkaizan.com

The best omakase place in the city, handsdown. The service is impeccable and the fish and flavors are incredibly fresh. You need to make a reservation well in advance for this spot but it is so worth it!

Yuzu

1751 W Chicago Ave
(312) 666-4100

www.yuzuchicago.com

Not only is the sushi delicious but its beautiful! Known for their fun presentation, Yuzu will not disappoint. Just a heads up, two signature rolls is enough here..they are HUGE!

Sushi San

63 W Grand Ave
(312) 828-0575

www.sushisanrestaurant.com

Sushi San is yet another hit franchise of the Lettuce Entertain You restaurant group. With ultra cool vibes, this spot on Grand is perfect for date night or a GNO! The salmon ginger roll is a must try.

Enso

1613 N Damen Ave
(773) 878-8998

www.ensochicago.com

Hot spot in Wicker park, Enso has good sushi and even better appetizers. Our faves are the crab buns and the pork belly.

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



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Chicago Diner

3411 N Halsted
& 2333 N Milwaukee
(773) 935-6696

www.veggiediner.com

One of the most renowned all-vegetarian restaurants in Chicago, this restaurant has tons of options. It is very popular, so be prepared to wait over the weekend. Worth it!

Ground Control

3315 W Armitage
(773) 772-9446

www.groundcontrolchicago.com

This lowkey spot in Logan Square comes highly recommended for a quick brunch or lunch. They have a bar, a couple arcade games, and checkers and cards for the table. If you go, be sure to try their Michelada...it's 'quite' good!

Kalish

1313 W Wilson
(773) 293-7768

www.kalishvegan.com

Left Coast Food and Juice

2878 N Lincoln & 717 N Wells &
151 N Franklin
(773) 880-5338

www.leftcoastfood.com

Our go-to team lunch take-out spot! While this place has a mix of seafood and meat options, it is definitely veggie friendly. We recommend the Eazy Street Tofu Wrap and the Del Mar salad.

Handlebar

2311 W North Ave
(773) 384-9546

www.handlebarchicago.com

This Wicker Park hotspot has the best fried pickles, ever!

Quesadilla La Reina Del Sur

2235 N Western Ave
(773) 235-8807

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Yes, Chicago did that! A classic Mexican dive taco joint - for vegetarians. All of their meat is soy meat and I honestly could barely tell. Asada Del Soya tacos tasted pretty much like the real thing!

YOUR PERSONAL DISCOVERIES:



WINE, BEER & SPIRITS

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In Fine Spirits

5418 N Clark St
(773) 506-9463

www.infinespirits.com

Joe's Wine Cellar

2108 W Division St
(877) 367-9463

www.joeswinecellar.com

Punt and Plume

1324 W Wrightwood Ave
(773) 698-6290

www.puntandplume.com

The David to Binny's Goliath. I miss Howard's Wine Cellar dearly but Punt and Plume has stolen my bubbly heart.

The House of Glunz

1206 N Wells St
(312) 642-3000

www.thehouseofglunz.com

Lush Wine & Spirits

2232 W Roscoe St
(773) 281-8888

www.lushwineandspirits.com

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