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The Ultimate
Gift Guide
and Stocking
Stuffers

Saturday, Dec. 7 5-9 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8 1-5 p.m.

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*Open
Me!*

Mark your calendars now for the holliest, jolliest weekend of the year! WinterFest, Roscoe Village's very own celebration of the season, is set for Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8.

Saturday's festivities are all aglow with the annual tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. with Alderman Waguespack. You can't miss our glittering holiday tree in front of Kitsch'n on Roscoe located at 2005 W. Roscoe St. Afterward, bundle up and browse the neighborhood boutiques and restaurants for late-night shopping and special promotions until 9 p.m.

Santa Claus is coming to Roscoe Village on Sunday afternoon, along with cheerful carolers, a horse-drawn sleigh and trolley rides taking place from 1-5 p.m. Pint-size partiers can get in on the festive fun at 26 different stops along the way, all featuring kid-friendly holiday activities.

For more information, call the
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope you are enjoying the change in seasons and have been able to take advantage of some of the wonderful fall days we have experienced. If you have taken a stroll through the neighborhood recently I am sure you have noticed some of the new businesses that have opened. If you haven't here are a few of our newest members: Bartoli's Pizzeria located on Addison, Playworks Therapy, Praha, Learn Scuba Chicago, and Alive Rescue all located

on Belmont, Casa Couture Furniture Design located on Damen, Commonwealth Tavern opening soon on Roscoe, Fannie May, and Unleashed by Petco on Western. We know the addition of these businesses to our neighborhood will provide many added benefits to our residents. If you would like additional information on them or any of our other business members please go to our website at www.rvcc.biz and remember to shop local.

Lastly, I wanted to express my deep appreciation to the Board of Directors, our local businesses, and to all of the parents and neighbors that contributed to this year's "Shop for Schools" fundraising event. More than \$12,000 was raised for our local schools which will help them in so many ways. We also recognize that our schools will need fundraising dollars to offset their budget deficits for years to come. In light of this, the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to triple the amount of matching donations for next year's "Shop for Schools" and will be awarding the matching donations to the top five fundraising schools participating in the event. We hope that you will continue to support this important event and the seventeen local schools that benefit from it.

Happy Holidays and we hope to see you at Winterfest!

Ron Kinn, President, RVCC
Skyline Insurance Agency, Inc.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I want to send out our best wishes for a fun, safe holiday season. We are very grateful to be able to live, work, shop and represent this vibrant and very much involved business community! As the year winds down, we look forward to another event filled year in 2014. A few things to look for in the upcoming year: It's in the Bag shopping Extravaganza, Roscoe Village

BurgerFest, two Sidewalk Sales, Oysterfest, Shop for Schools, a new Wine Stroll event, and of course Winterfest weekend.

If you are a last minute shopper our annual Gift Guide breaks down some easy options for splendid gift giving and post-shopping noshing. We have the "Secret Santa" \$10 and under, "Wallet Friendly" \$50 and under, "Statement Making" \$100 and under, and finally "Splurge Worthy" \$100 and up. So whatever special gift your looking for you can find it all here in Roscoe Village. And after all that shopping, reward yourself with fine fare from Roscoe Village restaurants like Volo, Turquoise Cafe, Hot Woks Cool Sushi, Village Tap, Riverview Tavern, John's Place and many others.

Until next time, cheers to another wonderful season and wishing you all a very prosperous and Happy New Year.

Mary Markarian, Executive Director, RVCC

A NOTE FROM COMMANDER ELIAS VOULGARIS



Greetings,

First off thank you for the support and for the feedback I have been getting from many of you. While crime is down in the Roscoe Village area, your feeling of safety and security is my ultimate goal. To accomplish this I have implemented several initiatives:

1. Working with the Cook County State's Attorney's Community Justice Center, and with the Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce, we have conducted "business walks" along Roscoe so that we can meet with you so you can express to us your concerns and issues.

We will continue conducting these "business walks."

2. I recently started a Community Outreach Team which will soon be part of a Task Force with other city services, to deal with the homelessness issue in the District.

3. Beat Integrity is to be maintained on Beat's 1921 and 1922, which includes Roscoe from Western to Southport. I want these Beat Officers to concentrate on their beats.

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I continue to ask you to take steps to prevent certain types of crime:

Burglary – when someone breaks into your business:

- Shut and lock your windows and doors.
- Ensure there is adequate lighting in the front, back, sides of your business. Motion detectors are recommended.
- An alarm system is highly recommended. So is a camera system.
- Call police if you observe a suspicious person. Also call police if you observe any individual enter your business and asks questions such as: when do you close, do you just take cash, etc. If the person makes you feel uneasy, call the police and report it.

Shoplifters (not to be confused with a robbery) – when someone comes in and steals merchandise without force or without use/display of a weapon:

- Call 911 if anyone suspicious (person doesn't seem to be the type of customer your business caters to, etc) enters your business.
- Keep merchandise away from your doors and windows.
- If a person steals any of your merchandise, attempt to gather as much information as possible; especially their sex, race, height, weight and clothing.
- Maintain a "phone tree" with neighboring businesses which allows all of you to let each other know of suspicious individuals and/or activity.

Robbery – when someone takes your personal property by use of force or by using/displaying a weapon.

- If an individual comes into your business and threatens to harm you or displays a weapon, comply with his/her demands.
- Gather as much information as possible on the offender.
- When walking to/from your business do not display money bags; do not use your cell phones; do not use alleys, etc. When opening and closing, look around; if someone is watching you or acting suspiciously, walk to another location and call the police. Don't be a target!

I encourage you to contact the 19th District's Community Policing Sergeant, Sgt. Jason Clark (jason.clark@chicagopolice.org) for safety and prevention tips, and if you would like a site security assessment walkthrough of your business. Lastly, I encourage feedback.

If you have concerns, issues, etc., please feel free to email at elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org.

Thank you,

Commander Elias Voulgaris
Chicago Police Department
19th District

Roscoe Village

We've made our list, and we checked it twice! Here is our guide to the best holiday gifts you'll find right here in Roscoe Village's array of boutiques, businesses and eateries. From stocking stuffers they won't forget to over-the-top presents they'll ooh and aah over, these gift ideas are enough to entice Santa and his elves to shop in our very own neighborhood.

The Best Secret Santa Gifts (\$10 and under)

Roscoe Village Bikes

Got an animal lover on your list? Show them you care with a Buddy Fan Club membership. Buddy is a sweet-as-can-be rescue dog and the mascot of Roscoe



Village Bikes who founded his fan club to help other animals in need. A \$5 donation will benefit Found Chicago, a local rescue center, and you'll get a button

bearing Buddy's cute mug.
2016 W. Roscoe St., 773-477-7750,
roscoevillagebikes.com

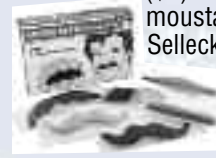
Fixture

Write a sweet holiday note to your Secret Santa recipient on this charming chalkboard snowman from Boston International (\$6). It's a useful decoration they'll cherish every year and can be used as a place card for big holiday dinners, as a cute way to identify dishes or just a symbol of the season – that won't melt!
2108 W. Roscoe St., 773-244-3100,
shopfixture.com



Village Paperie & Gifts

Break the ice at any group gathering with this whimsical Emergency Moustache Kit (\$8). Including six moustache styles – from Tom Selleck shaggy to classic handlebar – this gag gift will make for a hair-raising holiday shindig.



2217 W. Roscoe St., 773-348-7785,
villagepaperie.net

Baby Take a Bow

Your little royal will love this magical body glitter from Fairy Dust (\$5). The multicolored sparkle is applied with a star or a heart wand applicator and stays on the skin for hours of princess play!



Or, let her adorn her tresses with handmade Jillybean Bands hair ties (\$8) that come in a rainbow of colors and are decorated with



tiny charms that will capture her heart.
2223 W. Roscoe St., 773-904-7377,
babytakeabowchicago.com

The Best Wallet-Friendly Gifts (\$50 and under)

Bartoli's Pizzeria

Never mind sugar plums, what they really want is pizza. Presented in a cardboard pizza box to get their mouth watering, a gift certificate in any amount from Bartoli's Pizzeria is a present they're sure to savor. They'll thank you the next time they're craving a deep-dish or signature Chicago Stockyard pie, which should be tomorrow.
1955 W. Addison St., 773-248-0455,
bartolispizza.com



Healing Foundations

Give the gift of health this holiday season with a "Rebalance" gift box (\$15) from this Eastern medicine

wellness center. Featuring 20 bags of the stress-relieving Sleep Mix Detox Tea along with a calming aromatherapy spray in an appealing gift box you won't even have to wrap, this present is perfect for alleviating anxiety for both the gift-giver and the giftee!

2112 W. Belmont Ave., 773-880-9939,
healingfoundationschicago.com

Wiggley Walkers

It's hard to put a price on peace of mind, but with this cat-visiting package (\$20) you'll do just that. Your feline-loving gift recipient will receive three 25-minute kitty house calls that include providing fresh food and water, cleaning the litter box and playing and cuddling with their furry



friend. They'll even get a daily report and a few photos so they know their cat is well cared for while they're away.
3439 N. Leavitt St.,
312-972-2326,
wiggleywalkers.com;
mention *INSIGHT* newsletter to purchase

Kitsch'n on Roscoe

Warm up after the WinterFest Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7 at neighborhood favorite Kitsch'n on Roscoe. Treat someone special to a unique pop-up dinner from 5-9 p.m. The one-night-only event will showcase a seasonally inspired three-course prix-fixe comfort food menu. The cost is \$20 per person (tax, gratuity and drinks not included), and a kids' a la carte menu will be available for tiny diners.
2005 W. Roscoe St., 773-248-7372,
kitschn.com

Meets the North Pole



The Best Statement-Making Gifts (\$100 and under)

Crush

The fashionistas on your gift list might have been hard to shop for before, but no longer with these crazy-cool carryalls from New York designer Zara Terez. Emblazoned with an of-the-moment emoji pattern or "Sugar High" screen print, these bags (\$56 each) will satisfy all of her style cravings. 2138 W. Roscoe St., 773-661-9481, crushonroscoe.com



Meringue

You might not expect to find a unique keepsake for that dashing fella in your life at this vintage bridal salon, but these Swank goldtone and red cufflinks (\$65) will totally fit the fashionable bill. 2207 W. Roscoe St., 872-206-8182, meringuevintage.com

Heather Gentile Collins

Accomplished local artist Heather Gentile Collins (gentiledesigns.com) creates with her surroundings in mind. Give your favorite neighbor a striking mixed-media collage (\$60-\$85, depending on size) that lovingly highlights the name of every Roscoe Village business within the piece. Talk about local art!



Available at Fixture, 2108 W. Roscoe St., 773-244-3100, shopfixture.com

Hubba-Hubba

Pop into charming Roscoe Village boutique Hubba-Hubba during the WinterFest fun on Saturday, December 7 for a special trunk show featuring New Prospects jewelry. Browse bracelets, earrings, necklaces and rings in a variety of metals, materials, stones and styles ranging from \$25-\$100. These baubles are perfect for all of the ladies on your gift list as well as for your budget. 2040 W. Roscoe St., 773-477-1414, hubbahubbachicago.com

Volo Wine Bar

Snuggle up with your sweetie before the WinterFest Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7 for a glass of bubbly or two at Volo. From 3-5 p.m., sample several sparkling wines perfect for all of your holiday parties during this annual homage to Champagne. The festivities will be held in Volo's popular year-round heated and tented patio. Tickets are \$30 per guest. Also, stick around for \$6 glasses of small-batch wines on tap and 20% off artisan cheeses and desserts starting at 5 p.m., making WinterFest a memorable occasion for you and your S.O. 2008 W. Roscoe St., 773-348-4600, volowinebar.com

The Best Splurge-Worthy Gifts (Sky's the limit!)

Give Me Some Sugar

From bread baking to cake decorating, this dessert-making destination hosts classes of all kinds, ideal for the novice pastry chef (or anyone with a sweet tooth!). A \$150 gift certificate will cover any class for two, meaning this sweet-talking present just might benefit you, as well. 2205 W. Belmont Ave., 773-281-3154, givesugar.com

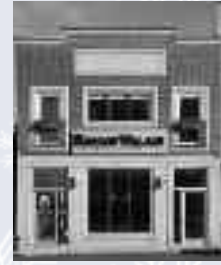


Luxe a Salon & Spa

Everyone enjoys a little timesaving luxury around the holidays, and two gift packages at this pampering palace aim to please. Choose from a set of six shampoo and blow-dry sessions exclusively for INSIGHT readers for \$180 (reg. \$240) or eyelash extensions for \$300 (reg. \$500). They'll be glam and gorgeous for all of their holiday gatherings – and they'll have you to thank! 2109 W. Belmont Ave., 773-665-2049, luxeasalon.com



Roscoe Village Animal Hospital



Quality, caring pet care close to home? Yes, please. With a gift certificate to Roscoe Village Animal Hospital, your recipient's cherished family member will be treated to the

best. Choose from the "Money for Mutts or Mittens" option that offers \$125 in veterinary services for just \$100; the "Care for Cooper or Kitty" certificate worth \$65 in services for \$50; or the "Funds for Fido or Fluffy" gift that gives \$35 of services for \$25 (excludes food and medications). 3131 N. Clybourn Ave., 773-549-3131, roscoeillageanimalhospital.com

City Olive



Customize a gift basket filled with gourmet goodies for the foodie in your life. Choose from such delectable products as fine olive oils, vinegars, pastas, specialty food items and teas sure to tempt even the most discriminating palate.

(Prices vary; free delivery to one location in the city of Chicago for orders over \$100) 2236 W. Roscoe St., 773-687-9980, cityolive.com



Learn Scuba Chicago

For the ultimate experiential gift this holiday season, present a budding scuba diver on your list the gift of open water certification (\$400). Designed to give newbies confidence, skills and experience, the class consists of open water training dives along with rental equipment and materials for their underwater adventures. 2128 W. Belmont Ave., 773-599-DIVE, learnsclubchicago.com

Celebrate Winterfest

Saturday, December 7, 5-9 pm.

- City Olive** 2236 Roscoe: *Tastings of Spanish Olive Oils and other gourmet products.*
- Lush Wine and Spirits** 2232 Roscoe: *A holiday wine tasting from 6-9 p.m.*
- Village Paperie & Gifts** 2217 Roscoe: *Cider from Roscoe Village's own Virtue Cider. Live jazz! Purchase a set of notes from the "Stationery Bar" and receive FREE personalization!*
- D Spa & Pet Boutique** 2211 Roscoe: *15% of all proceeds to PAWS Chicago. Cheese and charcuterie and cocktails. Juice and snacks for the kids.*
- Meringue** 2207 Roscoe: *Sip vintage cocktails while shopping for holiday gifts. Complimentary "holiday" mini make-overs with Jaclyn Mednicov from JGM Makeup.*
- Kickin'** 2142 Roscoe: *Holiday Mocktails and Wine. 20% off all sterling silver custom jewelry, cufflinks and keychains. 10% off entire store. FREE 1st Christmas Ornament with \$100 purchase.*
- Crush** 2138 Roscoe: *Trunk show with Lisa Kendall Designs jewelry. Lite bites and drinks.*
- August House Studio** 2113 Roscoe: *Open house wine and cheese reception.*
- Fixture** 2108 Roscoe: *Trunk show with local jewelry designer (and Fixture favorite) Deana Rose.*
- Cinnamon** 2104 Roscoe: *Receive 10% of your purchase in a gift certificate to be used January through March. Sweets and drinks.*
- Village Tap** 2055 Roscoe: *Special selection of seasonal and holiday beers.*
- Hubba Hubba** 2040 Roscoe: *Jewelry trunk show with special pieces by New Prospects. Great gifts!*
- The Denim Lounge** 2039 Roscoe: *Live music, adult refreshments.*
- A Pied** 2037 Roscoe: *10% off the entire store. FREE scarf with any boot purchase. Holiday cocktails, appetizers, desserts and live music.*
- LittleThreads** 2033 Roscoe: *Live music, cocktails & lite bites and in-store specials.*
- Roscoe Village Bikes** 2016 Roscoe: *Virtue Cider tasting.*
- Volo Restaurant & Wine Bar** 2008 Roscoe: *Enjoy \$6 Small Batch Wine On Tap and 20% off Artisan Cheese & Dessert all evening.*
- Kitsch'n** 2005 Roscoe: *One-night-only seasonally inspired 3 Course Prix Fixe Menu and craft cocktails designed just for that evening. \$20 per person + drinks. (kids menu available a la carte). Reservations 773.248.7372. Groups welcome.*
- Glam to Go** 2002 Roscoe: *Peppermint spiced cocoa and treats. Gift with purchase while supplies last.*



Sunday, December 8, 1-5 pm.

Stops on Roscoe

Musical Magic	2255 Roscoe: <i>HO HO Holiday Tunes & Bubbles Dance Party 0-4 years, 2pm-4pm</i>
City Olive	2236 Roscoe: <i>Olive Ornament & Refreshments, 1pm-4pm</i>
LUSH	2232 Roscoe: <i>FREE Holiday Wine Tastings, 2pm-5pm</i>
Baby take a Bow	2223 Roscoe: <i>Ballerinas, twirling lessons, treats & goodies, 2pm-4pm</i>
Village Paperie	2217 Roscoe: <i>Santa's favorite elf stops in for singing, dancing and storytelling, 1pm-5pm</i>
Conexion Salon & Spa	2213 Roscoe: <i>Santa's Cottage, 1pm-5pm</i>
D Spa & Pet Boutique	2211 Roscoe: <i>PupCake Decorating Party, and Bring the Dogs and kids! 1pm-5pm</i>
kickin'	2142 Roscoe: <i>Meet Frosty the Snow Man & make Snowman Marshmallow Treats!, 1pm-5pm</i>
CRUSH	2138 Roscoe: <i>Fashionable Wintercraft, 1pm-5pm</i>
John's Place	2132 Roscoe: <i>SnowFlake Making, 3pm-4pm</i>
August House	2113 Roscoe: <i>Family Birdhouse Painting seminar, 1pm-5pm</i>
Fixture	2108 Roscoe: <i>Local artist, Heather Gentile Collins, will be debuting hand-painted ornaments, customized for FREE with purchase, 1pm-5pm</i>
Hubba Hubba	2040 Roscoe: <i>Winter Coloring Contest, 1pm-5pm</i>
a Pied	2037 Roscoe: <i>Acoustical holiday sing along by the fireplace, and hot chocolate for kids and adults, 1pm-5pm</i>
Little Threads	2033 Roscoe: <i>Balloon Twisters, 2pm-5pm</i>
Roscoe Village Bikes	2016 Roscoe: <i>Recycled Bike part Ornaments, 1pm-5pm</i>
Volo Restaurant	2008 Roscoe: <i>Free cupcake decorating and \$6 small-batch wine on tap, 2pm-5pm</i>
Kitsch'n	2005 Roscoe: FREE Hot Cocoa & Smores-on-a-stick, (Irish Coffee & full bar available) 2pm-5pm

Stops on Belmont

State Farm	2332 Belmont: <i>Face Painting and hot chocolate, 1pm-4pm</i>
Give Me Some Sugar	2205 Belmont: <i>Decorate Mini Holiday Cupcakes! 1pm-5pm</i>
Playworks Therapy	2155 Belmont: <i>Decorate ornaments and picture frames, 1pm-5pm</i>
Dream Dinners	2124 Belmont: <i>Oatmeal stuffed baked apples, 1pm-5pm</i>
Unicoi Art Studio	2059 Belmont: <i>PaperBag Gingerbread Houses (free), custom jump rope making (\$10 per rope), 1pm-5pm</i>
Wonderland Activities	1927 Belmont: <i>Winter Scene sticker decorations, 1pm-5pm</i>
Workroom Couture Home	1906 Belmont: <i>Decorate your own custom Christmas Stockings, 1pm-5pm</i>
The Wellness Source	1902 Belmont: <i>Making snowflakes, holiday recipes for parents & photos with Santa, 1pm-5pm</i>

Must Do's for Sunday

Horse Drawn Sleigh Corner of Roscoe & Bell, 1pm-5pm

Hop on the Trolley to all the WinterFest Stops, 1pm-5pm

Visit Santa at Conexion Salon & Spa, 1pm-5pm

Listen for the Carolers, 1pm-5pm

The Loyola Silhouettes

Glee from Francis Xavier Warde

FROM THE DESK OF LANE TECH PRINCIPAL, DR. CHRIS DIGNAM



Lane Tech High School had a busy summer and start to the school year.

Despite dealing with massive budget cuts, which caused a change in staffing and some programming, Lane received good news over the summer. We experienced the single greatest composite score growth in our schools 105 history, as well as the single greatest increase in

the composite score for ACT in Lane's academic history! Lane Tech's ACT composite score increased from 23.9 to 24.8, which includes all learners, general and special education. In addition to that growth, we also showed significant improvements in terms of AP expansion and student performance on our AP exams. Lane Tech administered 2,984 AP exams in May 2013 in 31 out of the of 33 AP courses offered by the College Board. Lane's Average AP score increased to 3.08, which means the average score was a passing score (a score of 3 or higher is considered passing by the College Board and provides college credit and/or placement by most universities). Lane Tech has 232 AP Scholars, 88 AP Scholars with Honors, 87 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 2 National AP Scholars. As a result of our AP growth, Lane Tech has been selected as one of 100 schools around North American to pilot the new AP Capstone program. AP Capstone is a new diploma program offered through the College Board which will award students with an AP Diploma if they achieve a 3 or higher on at least three AP exams and take two additional AP research courses. This new program will be rolled out next school year with approximately 60 students. We are excited for this opportunity as it is deemed especially prestigious to colleges and universities.

Finally, Lane made significant improvements with regard to our students' ISAT performance. Lane's reading exceed scores increased by 1.7 points, math exceed scores increased by 7.9 points, and science scores increased by 8 points.

Lane's 8th grade reading scores increased by 8.2 points. Our students' math scores exceed scores increased by 4.5 points (science scores are not measured). Additionally, our composite score grew by 1.4 points, which again, is commendable and all students meet or exceed standards.

Now that the school year is underway, we are having a tremendous year athletically. Our Varsity Boys' Soccer Team is currently ranked #2 in the state. Our Cross Country Team is also ranked in the top 10 in the state. Our Girls' Volleyball Team is having great success too, as well as our defending city championship swimming and diving team. Lane Tech's football team is having a great season, as well, and is hoping to advance even further into the state playoffs this year.

As a community member, you might be asking yourself how you can help your neighborhood school. We are always looking for volunteers. As our budget cuts dug pretty deep into our staffing, we have a need for regular volunteers in our various computer labs, college and career center, library, and other areas around the building. It's a great opportunity to work with our fabulous students and see all that Lane has to offer on the inside. Please contact the main office if you are able to help. If volunteering on-site is not available for you, we can always use monetary donations. Lane's website (www.lanetech.org and click on Donations) has several places you can give. Our PTSO "Shoot for the Stars" campaign raises money to help implement more technology into the classrooms, such as SmartBoards and ELMO's. Our **Century Foundation** takes donations that offset costs for capital improvements such as helping to pay for our new media center and sound engineering studio. Our **Lift Up Lane campaign** is a fundraising tool to help pay for programming and staffing needs, such as additional security and supplies. Any little donation can help tremendously.

Sincerely,
President
Dr. Chris Dignam



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