

# Explore the Neighborhood

The best retail and dining on the South Side. 79th St, 87th St & Stony Island Ave.

- **The Flavor Trail** 12 stops
- **The Culture Walk** 10 stops
- **Shop Local Loop** 12 stops

34 featured stops · 89 directory listings · 440+ businesses across SSA #50

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## Where Commerce Meets Community

The best resources of the city and the friendliness of our communities combined together. The Southeast Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Special Service Area #50 have served the Calumet Heights–Avalon Park areas since 1981, encouraging stability and growth within the business district and community. Our SSA boundaries run E 79th from Greenwood to Paxton, E 87th from Dobson to Chappel, and S Stony Island from 79th to 95th. Three commercial corridors, each with its own personality: 87th Street is the dense retail heart where you can walk a single block and hit a tailor,

a jerk spot, a bookstore, and a dentist. 79th Street stretches east toward the lakefront, mixing West African kitchens with plant shops and photography studios. And Stony Island Avenue is the north–south spine connecting it all. Whether you're a dreamer turning neighborhoods into destinations, a doer building your business foundation, or a changemaker spreading culture and opportunity, this is where commerce meets community.

### THREE WALKING ROUTES

#### The Flavor Trail

12 STOPS · 2-3 HOURS · ALL THREE CORRIDORS

From nationally-acclaimed pies to jerk chicken, West African suya to old-school chop suey. Justice of the Pies, Farafina's, Caribbean Jerk Joint, Medley Grill, Seafood Junction, and more.

#### The Culture Walk

10 STOPS · 2 HOURS · ARTS & COMMUNITY

Bookstores, recording studios, dance schools, and community centers. Mayfair Arts Center, Studios Soundmine, Underground Bookstore, Black Girls Dance, and the Chamber itself.

#### Shop Local Loop

12 STOPS · 1.5-2 HOURS · INDEPENDENT RETAIL

Plant shops, fashion boutiques, produce markets, and specialty importers. Vines & Twine, Essential Elements, A Step Above, Kayra Imports, Yado Market, and more.

No. 01 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

MMXXVI

i. THE YEAR AHEAD · ANNUAL GUIDE

## Where to find us this year.

*A neighborhood that shows up — across three corridors, all twelve months.*

From corridor walks to commission rooms, wine glasses to ribbon cuttings. The Chamber's calendar is a year-long invitation to participate in the place you live.

FLAVOR
CULTURE
SHOP
CONNECT

SOUTHEAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE →

ii. QUARTERLY

### Quarterly Meetings

*Get the updates, hear from a guest speaker, and leave more connected than you came.*

Feb 20 May 15 Aug 21 Oct 16

FRI · 9AM-12PM 8701 S. Bennett

iii. COMMISSION

### Commission Meetings

*Talk directly to the people making change in your community.*

Jan 27 Apr 28 Jun 23 Oct 27

1PM · OPEN TO PUBLIC 8701 S. Bennett

iv. QUARTERLY · NETWORKING

### Wine Down Wednesdays

*Good wine. Good people. Good business advice.*

Mar 11 Jul 8 Sep 9 Nov 11

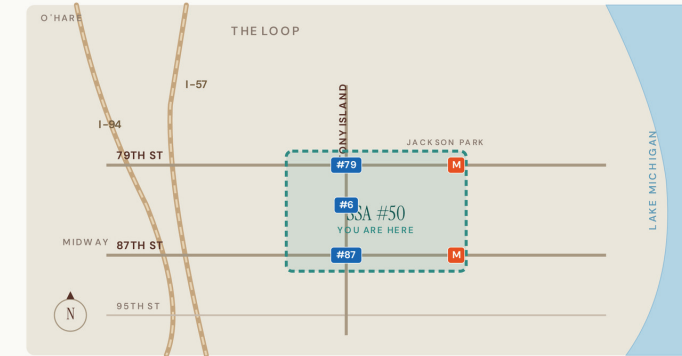
**HOURS**  
Call ahead. Small businesses keep their own schedules.

**PAYMENT**  
Most spots are cash-friendly, but bring a card just in case.

**ROUTES**  
Walk, drive, or combine. Mix and match freely.

**TELL THEM**  
Say the Chamber sent you. It means something here.

## Getting Here



### BY TRANSIT & CAR

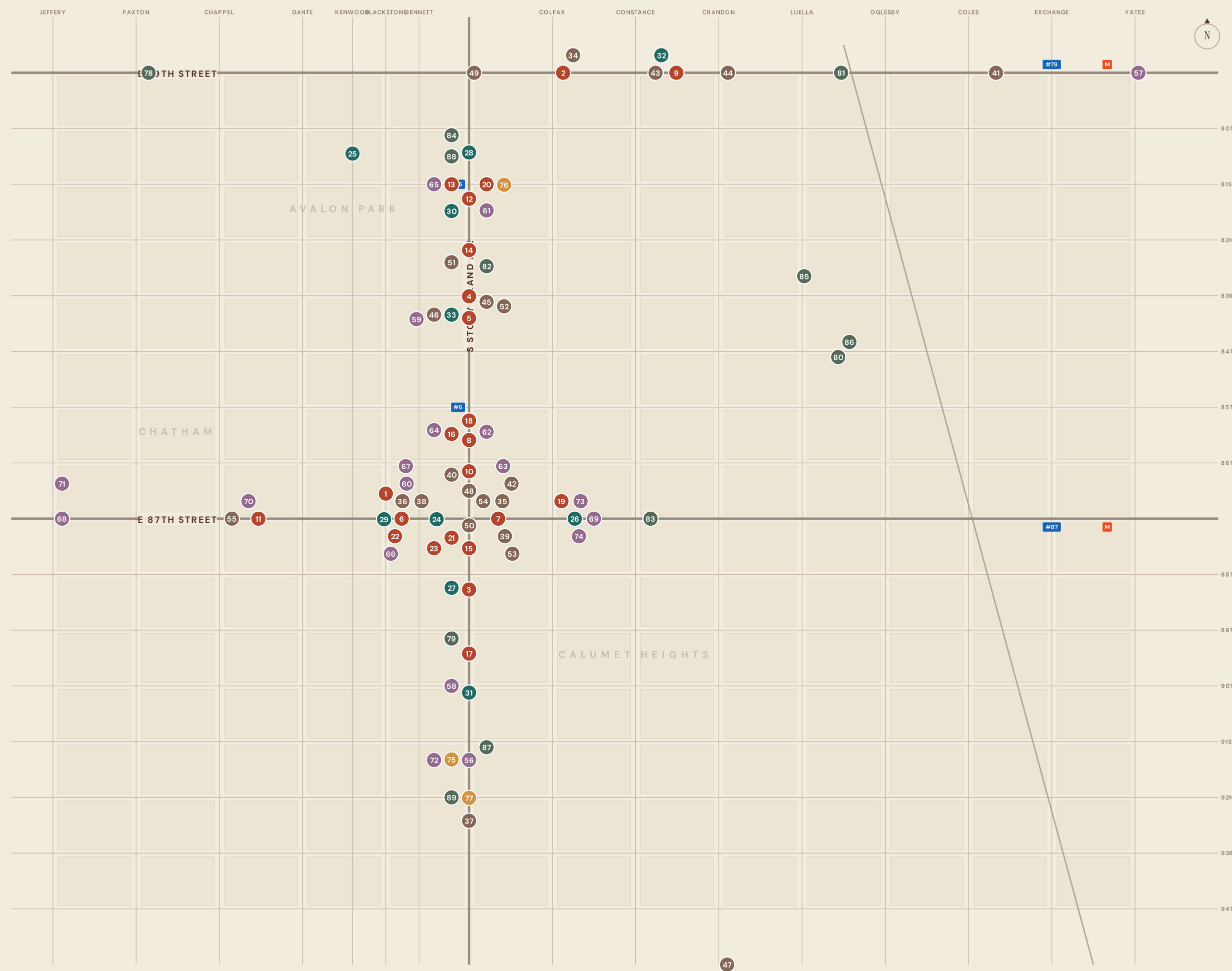
- B **CTA #79** East-west on 79th St. Connects to Red Line.
- B **CTA #87** East-west on 87th St. Connects to Red Line.
- B **CTA #6** Jackson Park Express. N-S on Stony Island.
- M **Metra Electric** 79th St (Cheltenham) & 87th St (Woodruff).
- D **By Car** I-94 S to 79th St exit. Or I-57 S to 87th St. Street parking.

### Snap a Photo · Murals

- "Culture is Power"**  
Max Sansing · Restored 2023  
79th & East End Ave
- "Light the Spark"**  
Kayla Mahaffey & Alpha Bomber  
~88th & Stony Island · SECC Partnership
- "Bright Moments, Memories of the Future"**  
Mitchell Caton & Calvin Jones  
Avalon Regal Theater · 79th & Stony Island
- "New Frontiers, Same Old Nine"**  
Max Sansing · 2019  
1706 E 79th St
- Farley "Jackmaster" Funk Tribute**  
Rahmaan Statik · 2022  
~88th & Stony Island Ave
- "Space Odyssey" & "Stony Island Soul"**  
Various artists  
~90th & Stony Island Ave

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- Food & Drink
- Arts & Community
- Retail & Services
- Health & Beauty
- Hotels
- Auto & Home
- CTA Bus
- Metra



Food & Drink		23
1 Justice of the Pies	2 Farafina's Restaurant	
3 Caribbean Jerk Joint	4 That's A Burger	
5 Medley Grill & BBQ	6 Gianna's Pizza	
7 Jerk 48 East	8 Hoe Toy Chop Suey	
9 One Stop Jamaica Jerk	10 Chicagoland Ham	
11 Seafood Junction	12 The Retro Grill	
13 Beggars Pizza	14 Clark Catering	
15 Dunkin'	16 EL Taco Express	
17 Family Den	18 JJ Fish & Chicken	
19 Harold's Chicken	20 Nita's Gumbo	
21 S2 Grill	22 Grand Chinese Kitchen	
23 Baskin-Robbins		
Arts & Community		10
24 Mayfair Arts Center	25 Avalon Park Fine Arts	
26 Underground Bookstore	27 True To Life Foundation	
28 Studios Soundmine	29 Black Girls Dance	
30 Avalon Branch Library	31 Project SYNCERE	
32 AGORA Community Services	33 SE Chicago Chamber	
Retail & Services		22
34 Vines & Twine	35 Essential Elements	
36 A Step Above Inc	37 Z Couture Chicago	
38 Pete's Produce	39 Kayra Imports	
40 Flowers Unlimited	41 Bougie Boutique LLC	
42 Yado Market	43 Macnified Visions	
44 Jordan's Beauty Supply	45 Best Furniture	
46 Benford Brown & Assoc.	47 Chase Bank	
48 Citi	49 Fifth Third Bank	
50 CVS Pharmacy	51 Family Dollar	
52 Genesis Print & Copy	53 State Farm - Cathey	
54 Allstate - Redmon	55 Boost Mobile	
Health, Wellness & Beauty		19
56 200 Pharmacy	57 A New Day Wellness	
58 Ascension Medical	59 Asiatic Martial Arts	
60 Athletico PT	61 Atmosphere Hair Salon	
62 Chatham Dental	63 Dazja Vu Styling	
64 Dr. Attalla DDS	65 DT Fashion Nails	
66 G & H Orthodontics	67 Harper Ave Barber	
68 Henry Moore DDS	69 IntegraCare Clinic	
70 Kenwood Dental Group	71 Advocate Trinity	
72 Family Care Partners	73 Brotherhood Barber	
74 Crystal's Hair		
Nearby Hotels		3
75 Skyway Motel	76 South Shore Motel	
77 Stony Island Motel		
Automotive & Home Services		12
78 A & H Mechanical	79 AutoZone	
80 Berglund Construction	81 Chicago Body Shop	
82 Exotic Car Wash	83 Goodyear	
84 Irvin's Auto Care	85 Jiffy Lube	
86 Maaco Auto Body	87 O'Reilly Auto Parts	
88 Oil Exchange	89 Stony Island Auto	
Neighborhood Essentials		
<b>GROCERIES</b>	Pete's Produce (38) · Yado Market (42) · Aldi (7800 S Chicago)	
<b>PHARMACY</b>	200 Pharmacy (56) · CVS (50)	
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Avalon Branch (30) · Free WiFi	
<b>MEDICAL</b>	Advocate Trinity (71) · Ascension (58)	
<b>TRANSIT</b>	CTA #6, #79, #87 · Metra Electric 79th & 87th	