



September 2014 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

It's just a bit over 18 years since we moved from "Wrigleyville" to our house in South Lakeview. We live here, eat here, drink here, shop here. Friends and family live here. We recently considered moving, but discovered that South Lakeview really is our home.

My first exposure to South Lakeview neighbors was a candidate forum. It was a level of retail politics that I hadn't encountered before. One meeting led to more and I was hooked. Then I discovered that the organization had no website or functioning email address, so I pushed myself into a position called "webmaster". The rest is history.

South Lakeview Neighbors has a long history, too, of ensuring neighborhood improvement and responsible development. That history and vision drives what I hope to accomplish this year as President. My immediate goals are to ensure the future of South Lakeview Neighbors itself by extending membership, getting more than "the usual folks" to attend meetings and become involved in the organization, moving our meetings into a more comfortable location and sponsoring events to raise our profile in the neighborhood.

What do you think? Join the conversation on Facebook or email me at president@slneighbors.org.

Steve Stern

September 9 Meeting Preview

ATHENAEUM THEATRE

2936 N. Southport

7:00PM - Doors open

1 Free Drink for All Attendees

7:30PM - Meeting begins

AGENDA

1. Short History of Athenaeum Theatre
2. Alderman Scott Waguespack

The Athenaeum

Athenaeum Theatre - Jeff DeLong, Director of Marketing and Development will give a short presentation on the history and rehabbing of the Theatre.

Alderman Scott Waguespack – The State of the Ward.

One of the "Group of Five" independent Alderman being a thorn in the side of Mayor Emmanuel's lay down and vote City Council. The Alderman will give his annual report on the status of the Ward and the City.

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The editor of this newsletter recently saw the Alderman cutting up a large tree branch left in the alley of 1500 Oakdale by a tree removal company that was preparing a lot for demolition.

AT SUMMER 2014 MEETING - Will's Northwoods Inn - 7/15/14

What is with the weather this Summer? Under generally sunny skies, the members arrived at Will's and were directed to Will's iconic Beer Garden with the life-size moose. No sooner did the crowd arrive, that a pop-up rain shower forced the members inside. The rain relented and people made their way back out to the beer garden despite the possibility of soggy butt from sitting on the benches.

SLN paid for the open bar. Will's Northwoods Inn provided free hot dogs and bratwurst. Former SLN President David Duggan raffled off a bike tune-up from On the Route, won by avid biker Bill Bauman. Newly elected SLN President Steven Stern addressed the attendees with general plans for 2014-2015 season. During his talk, he informed of the move to The Athenaeum Theatre. Closer quarters and vastly improved acoustics will enhance the monthly membership meetings.

President Stern then announced the recipients of the Len & Ann Sychowski Good Citizenship Award to Bill & Jeanne Haderlein for the many hours spent writing and assembling the monthly newsletter. The beer and wine continued to flow and good cheer was had by all. A motion to end the meeting

at 8:30PM. It was not seconded.

Len & Ann Sychowski Good Citizenship Award- Bill & Jeanne Haderlein Family

SLN honored Bill & Jeanne Haderlein and their family for Bill writing and Jeanne editing the newsletter for the last six years. Jeanne has also been assembling newsletter for over 20 years before the advent of email, when some nights, she sat at the kitchen tables, often with her kids folding, stamping and mailing the monthly newsletter.

Bill and Jeanne have been SLN members since 1986 when they moved to 1500 Wellington. Bill is a former 3 year SLN president, long-term officer and life time resident of Lakeview graduating from St. Andrew School in 1971.

Bill and Jeanne met at DePaul University, but Jeanne would not go out with Bill until she finally relented seven years after graduation. They have two kids, Max and Steven, both St. Alphonsus graduates, who have apartments in the Lakeview neighborhood which they call home.

Block Captain Program

SLN is recruiting members to deliver an emailed monthly membership announcement to mail boxes on your block. The idea is to get the message out to our non-member neighbors that meetings are open and all can attend and eventually join SLN. At this time, 17 members have



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volunteered. Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address info@slneighbors.org.

Pay Your Membership Dues - NOW

Either use the attached membership form or go to the SLN website(www.slneighbors.org) to pay with your credit card on PayPal. But do it now.

NOTE: Only paid members can vote at monthly meetings. If you are receiving the email version of the newsletter, you still need to renew your membership

SWITCH to the EMAIL VERSION NEWSLETTER

Please help reduce costs of hard copy newsletter production and assembly time. It currently takes about 5-6 hours of volunteer time to assemble the hard copy mailed version.

In addition, if you are on the email list, you can receive our e-mail blasts regarding area meetings, community alerts from the police and other timely information.

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Sunday Play Spot: A Pop-Up Plaza on Lincoln Avenue this September!

Every Sunday afternoon this September, the Sunday Play Spot will transform one block of Lincoln Avenue, from School to Roscoe, into Lakeview's pop-up plaza! From noon to 4pm, stop by the Sunday Play Spot to enjoy free playful activities for kids and adults alike, or relax outside and have a picnic. Stay tuned to <http://www.sundayplayspot.com> for more information about weekly programming. Sunday Play Spot is organized by the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce in partnership with SSA 27, 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar, and local businesses and institutions.

SOUTH LAKEVIEW PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

www.southlakeviewpark.org

As submitted by Jason Klein - SLN Director

This summer South Lakeview Neighbors sponsored the Tuesdays in the Park at the South Lakeview Playlot. The series, organized by the South Lakeview Playlot Committee, consisted of four Tuesday evening events that ran from July 22-August 12. All the events were very well attended with more than 100 kids and parents at each

event. Miss Jamie from the Farm was the hostess for the Tuesdays in the Park and there were special appearances by Belle from Beauty and the Best on July 22 and Elsa from Frozen on August 5. The main acts included Mr. Dave, Mary Macaroni, Super Stolie and Mr. Slinger. Several local businesses also co-sponsored the event and provided other activities such as face painting, cookie decorating, crafts and tattoos. We were also fortunate to have the CAPS officers come and give a talk about bike safety.

To see pictures of the events and for a complete listing of the sponsors, please see their Facebook page "South Lakeview Park - Blue Park".

The South Lakeview Playlot Committee will be hosting a Halloween party at the park, the date is still TBD. They are looking for volunteers to help with this event, if anyone is interested in volunteering please email jasonklein@gmail.com.

Bike Theft Recovery: Heritage Bicycles – as reported by David Duggan

In mid-July our friends at Heritage Bicycles and Coffee helped Chicago Police recover one of their custom-made frames from a pack of teenager bike thieves who advertised the bike on Facebook. The group, "Chicago Bike Selling" (not sure which one, there are several), apparently doubles as a fencing operation for stolen bikes.

I don't think anyone can say he's lived in Chicago until he's had a bike stolen, and many people I know have had several: whether from garages, back yards, or from a locked bike rack or sign post. Where do they



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all go, and I've wondered whether the shops, which have serial number records of the bikes they have sold, are in some ways in cahoots with the thieves. But this involvement by a neighborhood shop in recovering one of their identifiable products is a welcome bit of news during a summer that has been replete with gang shootings and other gun violence.

The bad news is that the alleged thieves are under the age of majority, and even if they are incarcerated it would be only until they reach adulthood. Maybe they will think twice before they do so again.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Lisa Voigt (lvoigt@slneighbors.org) is organizing a neighborhood garage sale for September 20. If you are interested in participating, please email her and she'll get back to you with details.

St. Alphonsus

Oktoberfest 2014 is coming! Mark your calendar for September 26, 27 and 28. More of the events you love - Beer, Brats and Bands. Craft Beer Nights on Friday and Saturday. Bigger and Better Kinderfest on Saturday and Sunday. Looking for volunteers. If interested please email the Oktoberfest team and oktoberfestchicago@gmail.com.

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Sam Adams Lakeview Taco Fest

Hosted by the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, Chicago's hottest new festival is back for its second year and Lakeview Pantry is a beneficiary. The glorious taco is celebrated at this food and music festival on September 20-21 on Southport between Addison and Roscoe.

Schubas Pig, Swig & Record Dig

Schubas will host their fourth annual record fair with all raffle ticket proceeds going directly to Lakeview Pantry. Browse a massive selection of new and vintage CDs and LPs from Chicago's most trusted record labels and stores, while enjoying the smell of crackling pork skin from the suckling pig roasting outside and drinking discounted beverages from Revolution Brewing. Bring in some canned goods for Lakeview Pantry and your first Revolution beer is on the house. This event will take place September 20th from noon to 4:00PM.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Joni G

Gyros on the Spit, 2826 N. Lincoln, 773-525-2508

My intention was for this to be a dual review, having bought our food from Gyros on the Spit and taken into Beermiscuous to enjoy with a frothy beverage. Well we were educated on the Wednesday regular Beermiscuous activity of pairing food with beer. Go figure, the place was packed with lines to the door waiting to order their beer and find a place to sit. This evening's pairing was with the food truck, The Patty Wagon, featuring high-end burgers that started at \$12 a pop.



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Hence, it was our delight to make this an evening of dining at Gyros on the Spit, with Dino, the owner as our wonderfully charming host. Since it was a pleasantly cool evening we opted to sit and dine on their patio, which is located along the side in part of the parking lot shared by both Beermiscuous and The Spit. This made for a quiet evening without direct street traffic noise or gas fumes. Also, we were surrounded by plant boxes of hers grown for use in the dishes prepared.

Due to this being a review, my partner and I ordered lots of food. By the way, you do not need to order lots of food at Gyros on the Spit. A lesson I learned and was restated by our very adept waitress was, "the Greeks always server you lots of food". So onto the review of what we ordered, ate and will have the remainders of not only for lunch and then an evening afterwards.

We shared the Dip Sampler which consisted of Tzatziki, a traditional cucumber, green onion and Greek yogurt sauce to dip pita triangles into, red pepper humus which was fresh tasting, and a very spicy Tirokafteri. The latter consists of feta cheese, live oil and jalapeno. This dip is simply made and tastes very spicy. The cold fresh cucumbers and carrots provided a cooling cleanse for the palate.

I went all veggie this evening and ordered the Beet Salad with Greek Dressing. The beets were fresh, not jarred and were of both the red and yellow variety laid on a bed of greens, sprinkled generously with walnuts and goat cheese. Yum and so large we could not finish it, even sharing it. My next veggie dish was Imam, which was presented so beautifully. It consists of open baby eggplants stuffed with peppers, onion, a generous amount of garlic and tomato. This

was accompanied by two sides of my choosing, the grilled yellow squash, peppers and onion, along with a spicy green bean dish drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with red pepper flakes. I cannot wait to enjoy it all over again for m leftover lunch tomorrow.

My partner had the traditional (not Greek by the way), Gyros Sandwich, which was huge. Yes Dino confirmed that Gyros on the Spit is available in Greece, however some crazy Chicagoans invented it, along with Saganaki (flaming cheese). The gyros namesake meat was nicely spiced. It was accompanied with a side of choice, Dino's Potatoes. These were roasted with onions, olive oil, salt and pepper. Very good and did I mention that there are lunch leftovers?

All in all, Gyros on the Spit serves excellent food that is more upscale than their casual atmosphere suggest. They feature Greek Rose wine, Zoe. The inside is family friendly, service is excellent and they use cloth napkins in this very casual restaurant. A must return for this reviewer, along with carry out and possible party fare, since the price is not upscale at all.

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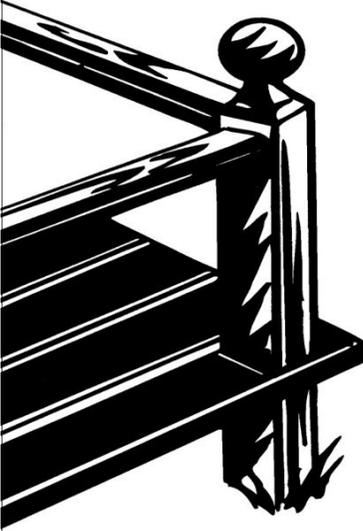
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