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NOVEMBER, 2009



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

Dear Members,

To continue to receive the monthly newsletter please renew your membership for the 2009-2010 season. The Membership Form is attached to the Newsletter.

As we approach this election season, I am reminded of the many candidates and the tremendous amount of information we need to analyze. I am also reminded that we are fortunate to have this privilege to elect leaders who represent our views and interests.

SLN will host two candidates' forum(s) in November and in January at our usual membership meeting time and location. I invite all to attend and gain valuable information and I encourage all to listen to the candidates and challenge them with questions.

Please remember to vote. It's a cherished duty. Anyone who desires to be come a registered voter, please contact me (773.858.1592), as I am a Deputy Registrar.

Meeting at a Glance ...

November 10,2009Location:Basement of St. Alphonsus Church
1429 W. WellingtonAgenda:7:00 pm: Coffee & Cookies
7:30 pm: Feb,2010 Primary Election
Candidates

NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING PREVIEW

February 2010 Primary Candidates

SLN continues its mission of getting unbiased political election information to its members. At press time of the newsletter, the line-up was still being determined. However, candidates for Lt. Governor, County Board and Illinois State Rep. are scheduled to appear.

AT THE OCTOBER 2009 MEETING...

Wellington Tap – Kitchen expansion

Located at Wellington and Lakewood and under the current ownership since September 2005. Andrew Magliochetti, president of the corporate owner, appeared before the SLN membership looking for an indication of support for the expansion of the current kitchen facilities. It was unclear at the meeting whether the Zoning Board would consider this a zoning variance or a nonconforming use. The current real estate is zoned RS-3 and the bar is grandfathered in to continue operations. Regardless, the owners were looking to change their operations.

Best Regards, Susan Radzinowicz Prior to the current owner's renovation of the old J&R Tap, Mr. Magliochetti contended that there was an existing, licensed and operating kitchen in the building. The current owners kept the Retail Food Establishment license, but did not use it. In early 2009, they applied for a building permit to return an operating kitchen to the business. They were ultimately denied due to the passage of time between the original renovation, with no kitchen, and current permit application.

The kitchen operations would not expand the footprint of the building. The owners are looking to expand the business to reduce the focus on alcohol and move it more to food. The menu would consist of upscale pub food. Meals would be available from 5-10 every day. Garbage and grease pick-ups would increase from two per week to three or four depending on the volume.

The floor was then opened for questions or comments. The immediate area was flyered prior to this meeting. The pent-up frustrations of the immediate neighborhood was evident. The comments from the surrounding neighbors were overwhelmingly negative regarding the current state of Wellington's operations. Neighbors stated that almost like clockwork, especially on the weekends, that patrons leaving the bar are drunk, loud, obnoxious and vulgar. There is excessive loitering after closing time which included patrons sitting on neighbors porches continuing their socializing at late hours of the night. Neighbors also noted that the outside smoking and cell phone usage at all hours of the night is loud, disruptive and sometimes blocking the sidewalk. Others noted that during the warmer weather when the front windows are open, patrons use the front sidewalk as a quasi-outdoor patio. It was also noted, that the current dumpster operations are not adequate with garbage laying outside the dumpster and the dumpster often left open. A neighbor produced a photo supporting this comment.

Mr. Magiochetti noted the comments and promised to address these issues. He felt that introducing the kitchen and food would change the overall clientele more towards an eater than a drinker and reduce some of the mentioned problems. He did not agree to close the establishment earlier than the current 2AM - 3AM allowed in order to create the appearance that the establishment is a restaurant and not bar.

A hand vote was taken. Do you support the establishment of a full-service kitchen at Wellingtons. YES=13, NO=28. The vote was forwarded to Alderman Waguespack's office.

This issue will come before the Zoning Board Administration ZBA in November. As of date of this newsletter, the date and time was not posted. SLN will keep the neighbors apprised of the November meeting.

See: Deleterious Impact-Public Nuisance Ordinance later in this issue relating to liquor establishments.

Ward Superintendent – Pedro Borerro

Mr. Borrero wants it known that the best way to reach him is by email = <u>pedro.borrero@cityof</u> chicago.org.

Mr. Borrero has been the 32nd Ward Superintendent for 2 years now under Alderman Waguespack. This is the second time he as appeared before the SLN membership. He has a background in IT, but became interested in governmental service whiling volunteering in Logan Square for the 1st Ward.

The main activities he oversees are garbage and recycling pickup, rat or rodent control, sanitation inspection of construction sites, street cleaning, snow plowing of side streets and inspection of restaurant and tavern garbage issues.

Right now, the Ward is trying to keep services up to expectations while dealing with budget constraints. In the upcoming year, Ward employees are having their hours reduced and required to take furloughs to plug the City of Chicago budget gap. Mr. Borrero opened the floor to questions or issues.

RATS: Restaurant food on the ground, a hole in your garbage can (call to get replaced), many transient rental movers in the area leaving loads of garbage in the alleys at moving day, fruit and berry trees or bushes, squirrel or bird feeders, feeding pigeons, dog feces, ponds in your yards (source of construction water) and new stirring up underground paths all increase the rat problem. Mr. Borrero stated that as long as there is food source, rats will eat the food and not the rat poison. PEDRO BERRERO SQUEEKY WHEEL RAT

PEDRO BERRERO SQUEEKY WHEEL RAT PLAN: Call 311, call or email Alderman's office and email Pedro Berrero with specific locations of rats. Do all three of these several times a week and

things will happen. Several rat visits are needed to rid the area.

YARD and LEAF WASTE – Put this waste in either a blue or clear plastic bag and put outside of your garbage can. DO NOT use paper waste bags. They get wet and break. DO NOT put garden dirt in your garbage. DO NOT sweep leaves into the street. The street sweepers are not designed for this. This causes the sweeper to make several passes, which delays the whole cleaning process. Landscaping companies that blow leaves into the street will be ticketed. Get their name, address, phone number and location of the infraction and contact Mr. Borrero.

GARBAGE and RECYCLING PICKUP: Garbage trucks are now down usually to one man and one driver. The blue recycling bins are picked-up every other week. Mr. Borrero suggests getting to know your garbage man for good service. Mr. Borrero also noted that your garbage cans are required to be in your yard or behind your house.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & COMPUTER and ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:

Located at 1150 N. North Branch south of Division and east of the Chicago River. For materials accepted and hours call 311 or visit www.bluecartschicago,org.

STREET CLEANING: A member noted that the Gold Coast gets street sweeping all year round. Mr. Borrero stated that water street cleaning continues up to Thanksgiving, dry sweeping (to avoid the vehicle from freezing) continues as weather permits. He noted that the street cleaner is the side street snow-plower during the winter.

MOVE OUTS: For the larger buildings that have private scavenger, move-outs pile their garbage in the alley. The landlords do not want to pay the scavenger extra to remove, so it sits there until someone complains, then the City picks it up. Mr. Borrero says that a ticket or fine is issued to that building, but it takes time to research who owns the building. The owners would rather pay the fine than pay the scavenger.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

Call the Alderman's office at 773-248-1330 or email his office at <u>32ndWard@gmail.com</u> to get his newsletter emailed directly to you.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

14th Annual Breakfast with Santa – Saturday December 5,9AM-12Noon at St.Luke Church. Thousands of needy children have their holiday wishes come true through the generosity of the LCC membership. Children are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items as the cost of entry. The food is donated to the Lakeview Pantry. Members and individuals may participate by sponsoring a classroom, goody bag donations or volunteering. For more information call or email the 773-472-7171 Chamber at or email info@lakeviewchamber.com.

Lake View Citizens Council – LVCC

LVCC Founder's Club Reception

LVCC is a grass-roots community organization that strives to protect and enhance the quality of life in Lake View for residents and businesses. LVCC has played a key role in property tax reforms, the Jarvis bird sanctuary, creating the Neighborhood Protection Plan, assisting the Lakeview Food Pantry and Operation Mitten to provide winter outerwear for needy children.

LVCC invites you to the 2009 Founder's Club Reception, which plays an integral role in funding the LVCC. A portion of your donation will be sent to our troops. Date and place: Tuesday, November 10, 6-9PM at Harry Caray's, 3551 N. Sheffield. Platinum member \$150, Gold member \$100 and Silver member \$50. Call 773-880-5822 or www.lakeviewcitizens.org or more information.

Membership – a reminder to all SLN members. You should join LVCC to get a broader sense of what is happening in Lakeview community. See the website for an application = www.lakeviewcitizens.org

CAPS Meetings – by Sam Samatas

CAPS Meetings: Beat 1931 west of Lincoln Ave. November 5, 7:00PM at Hamlin Park; Beat 1932 east of Lincoln Ave. December 10, 7:00PM at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington.

DONATION FOR NEWSLETTER POSTAGE

As you could see, advertising space/dollars are down for SLN, just like the Tribune and the Sun-

Times, both currently in bankruptcy. The ads help pay for the production of the newsletter. The cost of the October newsletter was \$283 for copying and \$207 for postage. The writing and assembly of the newsletter has always been donated by the fine members of SLN and those volunteered hours are substantial. Located on the Membership Form is a line for Postage Donation. If you have already donated with your yearly membership, we thank you. If you have not donated, please help SLN offset the decrease in our advertising revenue.

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS – AD SPACE AVAILABLE – PRO RATED RATES

Some spaces are still available for the 2009-2010 season. Members are encouraged to contact their favorite restaurants or vendors. This is SLN's major revenue source. Get in NOW. Yearly rates (per year to be pro-rated): Smallest \$50, Next smallest \$75, 1/6 page \$110, 1/3 page \$210, ½ page \$310. Contact Jim Volkober at 630-373-3362 to place an ad.

Patronize our advertisers and tell them you saw their ad in the SLN newsletter. Check out the specials offered by some of the restaurants.

SLN HOLIDAY PARTY

Yes, high powered, super entertaining parties like the SLN Holiday Party need plenty of advanced planning. Here is what we know at this time. Date: December 8, Tuesday

Place: Will's Northwoods Inn – 6:30PM

Free food and hors d'oeuvrres and deserts.

Free pop, Miller Lite Draft and Leinenkugels. Other drinks, mostly free (to explain later)

Raffles – Liquor, gift food and present raffle. 50/50 split the pot cash raffle.

Tables and seating – expanded according to Will's. (we want you to be comfortable and have a good time).

Requests from SLN members: Any members wishing to donate a bottle of liquor, a gift certificate or food gift or an appropriate present for the raffle to help offset the costs of the party, please call Ann Sychowski at 773-477-8840 and we will pick it up. In addition, if any member can solicit an entrée or appetizer donation also call Ann and we will coordinate. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

SLN would like to thank Will's Northwood's Inn for their continued support of the Holiday Party and the use of the private room for our Board Meetings.

DELETERIOUS IMPACT-PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

SLN has hosted meetings recently for expansion issues at Jack's Bar & Grill and The Wellington Tap. The neighborhood response on these issues has been overwhelmingly negative. The main issue has been noise and lack of control of the patrons outside of the establishments. Most recently, The Vida Lounge on the 1200 block of George St. was shut down under this ordinance.

The Ordinance went into effect April 2007 and applies to any business with a liquor license. The Highlights of the Ordinance: 1) provides bars the chance to operate when a plan is devised to address public nuisance issues that impact the health, safety and welfare of the community, 2) gives the community a new tool to address negative guality of life and public safety concerns caused by problem liquor establishments, 3) protects surrounding bars by providing an alternative solution to voting entire precincts dry and 4) allow "public nuisance" to be used as a legal basis to revoke a liquor license. More information about the Ordinance is available at www.cityofchicago.org/businessaffairs or at 312-74-GOBIZ.

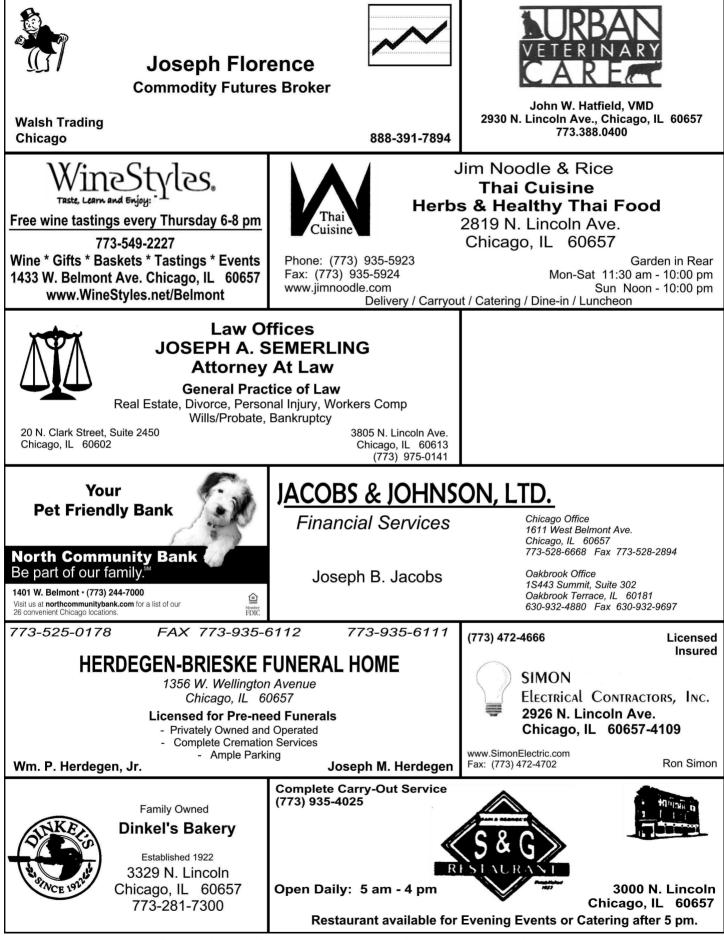
Alderman Waguespack's office had informed SLN that any complaint against a bar or business should be done through a 911 call. You need immediate assistance (noise, loitering, fighting, urinating, trespassing, etc.). The 911 call will go on the bar's record. You should also file a complaint with the Alderman by email or fax for the record. See the Alderman's ad in our newsletter for these numbers.

SCHUBAS – music venue

Long-time SLN business located at Southport and Belmont has opened a new music venue in the long vacant and run-down 3 Penny Cinema across from the old Biograph Theater on Lincoln Ave. Congratulations on the rehab, which looks terrific and good luck on future business.

SCHEDULING NOTICE

A January 2010 meeting will occur in order to accommodate the timing of bringing candidates in to the membership before the February 2010 primary election.







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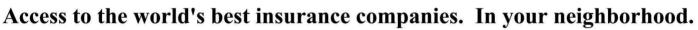
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