



# South Lakeview Neighbors

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To All Members :

**NO MEETING for January 11, 2011.** The Wine and Cheese shop for 2900 N. Lincoln has scratched their plans.

**NEXT MEETING :** February 8, 2011 - 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward Aldermanic Forum in the St. Alphonse Church Basement. All candidates are scheduled to appear.

**ELECTION EVENTS :**

32<sup>nd</sup> Ward Aldermanic Candidates Forum presented by the Lake View Citizens Council (LVCC) : Tuesday, January 18 7PM-8:30PM at St. Luke's Church 1500 W. Belmont. Individuals may submit questions in advance to email = [president@lakeviewcitizens.org](mailto:president@lakeviewcitizens.org).

Chicago Mayoral Candidates Forum presented by The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce : Thursday, January 20, 2011 11:30 – 1:30 at Poretta's Elegant Banquets, 3718 N. Central Ave, Chicago. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. RSVP by January 17, 2011. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Email The Chamber at [info@lakeviewchamber.com](mailto:info@lakeviewchamber.com) or call 773-472-7171 for more information.

**WELLINGTON TAP** – next Mediation Meeting, January 20 at 10AM. Contact Elizabeth Gomez at the Alderman's office for Meeting Location. Email = [elizabeth@ward32.org](mailto:elizabeth@ward32.org) or 773-248-1330.

Submitted by : Bill Haderlein – Newsletter Editor

Please submit articles or announcements for the February 8 newsletter by January 23 due to business travel issues.

**AND NOW a WORD from our PRESIDENT :**

As the holidays dwindle, I want to take a few moments to thank your Board of Directors, fellow Officers and members of the nascent Play Lot committee for their selfless devotion to the cause of improving our corner of the city. Planning the monthly meetings is no mean feat, and the quality of the programs we have had this past year is testament to the board members' pitch-in attitude. Because many of our members have deeper roots and broader contacts in the area than I, I have depended on their arranging not only the mechanics of our meetings, but also the speakers and the refreshments. Our holiday party last month is a perfect example. Together, they procured the food, made the liquor baskets and secured the gift certificates for our raffles, then set up the tables. Whatever joy came to us during the celebration was solely attributable to the Board.

Despite the earlier announcement, we won't be having a January meeting. The proprietors of the proposed "Domaine du Vin," wine-shop-combo-art gallery, say that they cannot go forward under the city's and ward's liquor licensing vagaries and strictures (in earlier discussion, they wanted a "place of public amusement" license so that they could host fund-raisers and serve wine). This may be lamentable, but it may be preferable to getting the permits and then finding out that their operation and the surrounding neighborhood were incompatible. Meanwhile, a very vacant corner space on a major thoroughfare remains painfully empty.

If you can't wait for our next meeting on February 8 for an aldermanic candidates' forum, the Lakeview Citizens Council will be hosting a 32nd Ward Forum on January 18, at 7PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Belmont and Greenview. Until then, I hope that everyone in our boundaries, home-owner and tenant, business owner and customer, student and tradesman, has a prosperous and fulfilling 2011.

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