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MEETING AT A GLANCE September 6, 2011

Location: Basement - St.Alphonsus Church

1429 W. Wellington

Agenda: 7:00PM: Coffee & Cookies

7:30PM: Meeting

1) Alderman Scott Waguespack

2) Hookah Lounge

3) Sign Proposal - Pockets

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Please consider having the newsletter emailed. See the Article later in the newsletter

NOTE SPECIAL MEETING DATE - September 6

Dear Neighbors,

It's been nearly a month since the nation's debt crisis was temporarily alleviated, and we have had to live with market gyrations ever since. But you should know that SLN has not resorted to accounting gimmicks or borrowing from foreign nations to balance its books. For the last two years, we have run year-to-year deficits (about \$1,000 per) but we still have cash on hand. You should know how our money is raised and where it goes. Each year, the costs of running SLN are about \$9,500. Of that, printing and mailing the newsletter accounts for more than half (+\$5,000), so those who elect to receive the newsletter by email get both "green points" and the budget office's applause. After that, insurance gets the largest

slice (about \$1,500 between comprehensive general liability and directors' and officers' coverage). This may seem like an extravagance: after all we're using borrowed facilities (who are probably insured) for our gatherings, and what the heck is directors' and officers' insurance for? The premiums are a scant price to pay for both our peace-of-mind and our autonomy. As a one-time lawyer, I can assure you that one of the corollaries of Murphy's laws is that if you decide to stop being covered, sure as shootin' you're gonna have a claim the next day. That's a risk I don't think we should run. And of course, if someone slips and falls in the basement at St. Al's during our monthly meetings, the enterprising personal injury lawyer will allege that SLN created the unsafe condition. As to the D&O coverage: we pass on zoning, liquor license and sidewalk café requests. Some disgruntled developer, publican or restaurateur will undoubtedly claim that he was unfairly treated or that some member of the board has a conflict of interest and voted against his proposal. And while Lake View Citizens' Council provides D&O coverage to its member organizations, we'd have to give up our independence and have LVCC select half our board members. No one has told me that's a good idea.



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Our revenues come principally from our advertisers (more than 60%), but there we have seen a dropoff since 2008. So we have to make it up either from members (our dues are less than those of our neighboring organizations), donations and fund raisers, such as the drink baskets and raffles at our holiday party. But plainly we cannot keep running a deficit. Automatic e-mailing of newsletters (rather than snail mail) has been discussed but not resolved. Stay tuned.

A year has passed since you elected me to be the public face of South Lakeview Neighbors, representing our organization in its sundry tasks: reviewing zoning requests, interacting with the alderman, recognizing those neighbors who have given of themselves to make our neighborhood a better place to live, And I am grateful that you have overlooked my considerable shortcomings and asked me to do so for the next year. The local economy shows some signs of turning around, so we may see more re-zoning petitions in the next year. We have a new mayor to keep tabs on, together with new schools and police chiefs. The Belmont Medical Building will start demolition soon

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and I think be a fine addition to our community. But in the broken-eggs-to-omelet theory, we need to be vigilant to assure that the low-density neighborhood feeling so attached to community not be impaired. In Manhattan, where I once lived. First Avenue was known as "Bedpan Alley". Amidst some of the priciest real estate on this continent, half-a-dozen hospitals lined 1st Ave. from 12th Street in the East Village to 34th in Kips' Bay, and from 55th Street to 79th Street on the Upper East Side. With the low-rise doctor's offices on Belmont between Greenview and Ashland, and the prospect of a re-jiggered planned development at the northeast corner of Belmont and Ashland (the current permit holder is in bankruptcy and his permit is likely to lapse), the area is likely to attract a number of specialists and follow-on businesses. It may be a good thing not to have to travel to Streeterville for your MRI or well-baby check-up, but walking to the doctor doesn't seem to have the same appeal as walking to work. We'll just have to wait and see.

Your organization has taken some time off this summer, but I hope that doesn't suggest that we have been lazy. I met with the new schools superintendent, talked to the police commanders about the ongoing crime problem, and tried to keep the sidewalk and garden in front of my house an engaging vista for Cubs' fans strolling to the game, hoping that someone will want to buy the vacant lot and dilapidated houses nearby. I can always hope.

Sincerely,

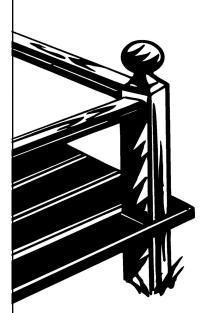
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SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING PREVIEW

ALDERMAN SCOTT WAGUESPACK – STATE of the WARD ADDRESS

A tradition started more than a decade ago, the 32nd Ward Alderman will present the State of the Ward and City talk at the first meeting of the year. Alderman Waguespack will answer questions after his speech. His staff will be in attendance.

If you have a topic you would like covered, email SLN at : president@slneighbors.org.



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HOOKAH LOUNGE 1351 W. Belmont

Hookah – a smoking pipe with a long tube passing through a container of water that cools the smoke as it is drawn through.

Shisha Café is a new concept for a hookah lounge which centers around the community aspect of smoking hookah pipes. The business will sell flavored tobacco, coffee, tea and juices and packaged Mediterranean and American snacks and appetizers. No alcohol will be served. Hours of operation are expected to be Monday-Friday 4PM-1PM, Saturday 4PM-2AM, Sunday 4PM-3AM.

The business requires a Special Use Permit to conduct business. This is a voting issue. The immediate area will be flyered.

As of October 2009, www.hookah-bars.com reports that 470 hookah bars are operating in the US with 5 new bars opening each month. 10% of patrons are of Middle East origin and the remaining are groups of American origin. Patrons are expected to be from all ethnic backgrounds interested in the hookah culture and young (18-35) urbanites as an alternative to bars and coffee shops.

SIGNAGE PROPOSAL at Pockets Restaurant – Lincoln/Southport/Wellington intersection.

Mr. Joseph E. Dahir of 24 Seven Outdoor will present his plans for a 10x10 billboard to be located on the face of Pockets Restaurant. The billboard will be located 30ft at the top between floors #2 and #3. The billboard is static in that there are no moving images or flashing lights. The ad simply changes a few times per minute. Mr. Dahir states that the billboard conforms with the City of Chicago Sign Ordinance.

Alderman Waguespack's office forwarded the request to SLN for our input and comments. This will be a voting issue and the immediate area will be flyered.

AT THE JULY SUMMER GET-TOGETHER – Will's Northwoods Inn

The crowd gets bigger at this Event every year. Easily 50-75 members, family and friends packed

the outside patio at Wills. Beer and cocktails were consumed at a moderate to leisurely pace. Hot

dogs donated by Will's Northwoods coated the attendees stomachs. This has become a great event, because it gives all SLN members an extended time to hob-nob with fellow members without any meeting issues. State Rep. Ann Williams and LVCC President Diane Marsalek were in attendance. A brief shower near the end of the festivities moved the end of the party indoors.

Thank you to all that attended. Thank you to Will's for the hot dogs and cool set-up and roping off of the beer garden for the members.

ANN & LEN SYCHOWSKI AWARD - Good Neighbor Award

Rudy Karall was award the Ann & Len Sychowski Good Neighbor Award at the July Get-together. Born in 1924, Rudy has lived his whole life on the 1200 block of Wellington, being in his current house for 83 years. He attended St.Alphonsus and Agassiz grammar schools and graduated from Lane Tech High School. Rudy joined the U.S. Marines during World War II and saw combat in the South Pacific theater and served from 1943-1946.

Upon return from the War, Rudy attended Depaul University and a South Carolina college and received his degree. Rudy worked first as a substitute teacher in the Chicago Public School System and at Illinois Tool located at Southport and Wrightwood. Rudy then landed teaching jobs in the Skokie School System teaching grammar school and PE classes. He retired from teaching in 1987. Rudy volunteered for many years at St. Alphonsus at the evening open gym program for teenagers at night and the weekends. Rudy is still an usher at the 5:30 Saturday mass at St. Alphonsus. Those who know Rudy are aware that Rudy is constantly sweeping, raking, unclogging sewers, picking up trash and fighting crime with his nightly walks around the neighborhood. Rudy's three sons attended the presentation and humorously described the upbringing by a retired Marine. Rudy thanks us for the Award and SLN thanks him for his service to the Country and the neighborhood for all these years.

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To all members, I strongly suggest starting with the September newsletter, that if you can, receive the newsletter by EMAIL. Not only will you save SLN the .65 cent stamp and \$1.00 copying costs per issue, but this last month, I helped my wife assemble the newsletter. It took 5 hours of no nonsense assembly-line action. That is on her free time. In anticipation of the September newsletter, go to the SLN website at www.slneighbors.org. Click on the link on the right side of the page under "Subscribe to our newsletter." And follow the prompts. You can print out a copy and all the ads are presented. SLN's biggest expense is the production of the monthly newsletter and now I know after these last 10 years of assembling, how long it does take. Thank you for your help.

Bill Haderlein – Editor ; Jeanne Haderlein Assembler

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330 www.ward32.org, email = info@ward32.org

Garbage Grid System – City Hall has hinted that a city-wide grid instead of the Ward by Ward system is being looked at. No details have been provided to the aldermen

Alley Address Numbers – post your address on your garage to help speed response from police, fire and paramedics.

Tour of the 32nd Ward Bike Ride: passing through all 50 precincts. Distance around 30 miles at a leisurely pace. Saturday, September 17 9:30AM to 1:30PM. Meet at 1113 W. Webster. For more information contact Kathy Schubert @ 773-248-5499 or email at kangarookathy@yahoo.com.

Cell Phones for Soldiers – donate your unused cell phones the batteries and accessories to the Alderman's office.

State Representative Ann M. Williams Office located- 1726 W. Belmont, 773-880-9082 Email – ann@repannwilliams.com

The General Assembly passed a Budget with strong bipartisan support. Significant cuts were made to most programs and agencies funded by State government. Rep. Williams knows the cuts were tough. She feels the budgeting process was more open and accountable than in prior years.

The General Assembly also passed a groundbreaking education reform package that will improve the quality of education and passed a workers compensation which is a step to improving the business climate in Illinois.

Rep.Williams helped pass bills dealing with healthcare, the environment, renewable energy and public safety. She preserved Smoke Free Illinois in the face of several proposed exemptions and defeated legislation for concealed firearms. Rep. Williams defeated a bill restricting access to abortion services, but could not advance a bill for the use of medical marijuana, which she cosponsored.

Rep. Williams is co-hosting a series of "Coffee and Conversation" events with other local officials. September 6, Tuesday at Red Eyes Coffee on Lincoln Ave.

Sign up for Rep.Williams newsletter at email = ann@repannwilliams.com.

U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley Office @ 1057 W. Belmont, 773-267-5926. Email=bridget.geraghty@mail.house.gov www.quigley.house.gov

Congressman Quigley recently hosted a Jobs Resource Fair at Northside College Prep High School where government agencies and educational institutions were on hand to assist 300 job seekers. He also hosted a "Congress on Your Corner" at the Jewel-Osco in Franklin Park to hear constituents on local and national issues.

Mr. Quigley has submitted his proposal Reinventing Government: The Federal Budget to the Super Committee focusing on sustainability and transparency making 60 recommendations to reduce the deficit by \$2 trillion over the next 10 years. Details at his Website.





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- Beat 1932: 2nd Thursdays on 9/8 and 12/8
 @ 7:00 pm, Illinois Masonic Hospital-Clarke Auditorium, 836 W. Wellington.

CAPS Officers -

email = CAPS019District@chicagopolice.org.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

SOUTH LAKEVIEW PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL – a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization

The Council ran five successful and highly attended programs this Summer. We all congratulate the Council for the time and effort they put in for the benefit of the parents and children of the neighborhood.

Next Planning Meeting will be Monday, September 26,2011 @ 7:30PM at the Golden Apple. Go the the web-site to volunteer or get on the email list.

Big Halloween Party coming in early to mid October. Check the Website as the date gets closer.

Corporate or Individual Sponsors - The Advisory Council is looking for financial sponsors for its 2011 Halloween events and 2012 Summer programs.

Find more information at www.southlakeviewpark.org

BURLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Friends of Burley – www.freindsofburley.org

New Playground Ribbon Cutting Event – Thursday, September 1 @ 5PM. The new playground equipment was installed for early childhood development.

Phase II Plan for the greening and beatification of Burley including a turf athletic field, running track and green initiative is scheduled to be completed by Fall of 2012.

4th Annual Fall Social – Friday, September 16 from 6:30PM-9PM at Cody's Bar (Burley Parent Owned). The adults-only evening will connect current Burley friends with older Burley graduates and parents. \$10 donation includes 1 drink, appetizers, pasta and pizza. Money raised from this event will fund technology and classroom environment needs at Burley. Check the Website for more information.

ST. ALPHONSUS NEWS - Octoberfest

Octoberfest – Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, September 23,24,25 in the School Parking Lot. More bands each day. Family day and Kinderfest on Sunday.

Volunteer workers wanted. Go to www.stalphonsuschgo.org for more information.

Danke fur ihre unterstutzung von Octoberfest

LAKEVIEW CITIZENS COUNCIL - LVCC www.lakeviewcitizens.org.

Join 44th Ward Alderman Tom Tunney, East Lakeview Neighbors, LVCC and Triangle Neighbor's Association for a seminar on Best Practices for Small & Self-Managing Condominium Associations. The seminar will take place at the 23rd District Police Community Room, 850 W. Addison, Tuesday, June 7th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

LAKEVIEW CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Art Lakeview 2011: Opening Night Thursday September 1, 5:30PM-7:30PM at 3361 N. Lincoln Ave. is the inaugural event for a month-long, areawide art installation. This gallery will be open for the whole month of September on Fridays 2PM-7PM and Saturday & Sunday Noon-5PM. Visit the Chamber Website to find out about over 30 other locations that will exhibit various artists works during the month of September.

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WELLINGTON TAVERN

Due to lack of attendance by the community, The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection terminated community meetings with Wellington's on May 24, 2011 under the Deleterious Impact Ordinance.

GARDENING NEWS

The Great Perennial Divide -

Sponsored by The Chicago Botanic Garden, the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance and Greencorps Chicago. An event where community groups, community gardens, schools, churches, block clubs and individuals from across the city can donate, swap and/or receive perennial plants, trees and shrubs.

You must register by September 9 at 4:30PM. The event takes place on Saturday, September 17. 9AM to NOON at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski.

To register, call Greencorps at 312-744-8691 or email at = <u>greencorps@cityofchicago.org</u> for a form and instructions.

FAST FOOD SCUTTLEBUTT - Chipotle

All reports are that a Chipotle Restaurant is going into the Blockbuster space at the strip mall at the southeast corner of Ashland and Wolfram. Loosen those pants!

To CONTACT SLN - EMAIL

SLN has discontinued the Voicemail number. You can contact SLN as follows: by email to the general email address = info@slneighbors.org or directly to the President at = president@slneighbors.org. Or you can mail information to South Lakeview Neighbors 1505 W. Oakdale.

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Visit the site. Links to Community Resources. 1) 32nd Ward links to Alderman Waguespack's website. 2) City Service Requests. 3) CPD Crime Stats – view maps showing up-to-date crime information. 4) Deleterious Impact Ordinance – trouble with a business or bar. Learn how this Ordinance works. 5) Everyblock for SLN – gathers information (permits, business openings, licenses, and crime data) for every block in Chicago.

RESTAURANT REVIEW – by Joni G.

Joni and her eating companion will be returning in October with her make or break reviews.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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