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September 1 through May 31

Meetings held at St. Alphonsus Church Basement, 1429 West Wellington on the second Tuesday of every Month (except January, June, July and August) at 7:30 p.m. (Coffee at 7:00 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER, 2012

Next Meeting

TUESDAY – September 18, 2012 (note date change to 3rd Tuesday)



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

Dear Neighbors,

With little fanfare, the Belmont Medical Building opened last month, thus ending two years of debate, planning and construction. Regardless of what you think of its architecture, size, or mid-block placement it offers a level of service that we in Lakeview west of Sheffield have lacked for many years. Some 20 primary care physicians now see patients there and an urgent care facility open 12 hours a day can bandage you up after you cut yourself gardening or burn yourself cooking. Psychologists can work you through your problems (don't ask me the nine words to mental health), physical therapists can work you through your pain, and eventually a pharmacist will be there to provide a chemical solution to both. (For some reason that was explained to me but which I forgot due to the heat of the day of their "soft" opening, there are no pediatricians there and none planned.) The process of going from abandoned warehouse-type building to 21st century medical facility wasn't seamless, but I hope that you can agree that we

MEETING AT A GLANCE

September 18, 2012

Location: Basement - St. Alphonsus Church, 1429 W. Wellington

**Agenda : 7:00PM – Doors open
7:30 – Meeting begins**

- 1) **Alderman Scott Waguespack**
- 2) **New St. Alphonsus Pastor – Rev. Michael O'Connell**
- 3) **2900 Lincoln Ave – Parklet. Discussion and vote on success**

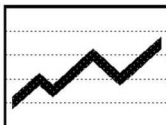
are better off with it than we were with what was there before

The CTA is planning to cut the No. 11 Lincoln Ave. bus between the Fullerton and Western Aves. "L" stops. In the 20+ years I have lived in our neighborhood, I can count the number of times I have taken this bus on the fingers of one hand and still have enough to order beers for the table. Having little better to do last Tuesday, I braved the post-Labor Day heat, the 6 pm start time, and the colossal inconvenience of trekking to CTA hqs on West Lake Street near what used to be Chicago's cold storage district to attend the CTA's public hearing on this (and other) service changes. (Believe me, I had nothing to do with the picture that appeared in the Tribune the next day.) Calling this service elimination the incongruous "crowding reduction" plan, the CTA says that it will save \$1.5 million. (Whether this is across all changes or just

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on the No.11 bus my notes don't reveal, but my guess is that it is across all changes.) Public comment on this was uniformly negative: one elderly speaker who needed assistance to the microphone called the No. 11 the "lifeline of the city", and the director of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and president of Wrightwood Neighbors said that cutting the service would nip the reviving Lincoln Ave. commercial corridor in the bud. Some 2,000 signed a petition against eliminating this segment, and the Chamber director said that 150 jobs depended on the route.

Having been a bicycle commuter for a dozen years, my contributions to the CTA farebox were not adding to the bottom line, so I'm not sure what stake I have in this issue. Lincoln seems like a poor choice for a bus line: the road is narrow and unlike other arterials, there are no rush hour parking restrictions. As a diagonal Lincoln causes redundancy in the route with the Brown Line, but there are many spots that are more than a half-mile from the nearest stop (e.g., Wellington & Southport, Lakewood & George). Eventually, hunger, thirst, boredom and the last day of Binny's sale compelled my departure before the bitter end, but one witness perhaps said it best: "Is this a done deal, or are you really going to listen to us?" couldn't have said it better.

Because St. Al's has need of its basement on the 11th anniversary of those horrific events of 9/11 (the

2nd Tuesday this year), we're meeting on September 18th and will welcome our Alderman, Scott Waguespack, to address concerns of the neighborhood. In addition to continuing the No. 11 through his ward, we might want to ask him about the "Parklet" on Lincoln outside Heritage Bicycles and whether this is a good thing. Because it is portable, this installation can be tried elsewhere, and it does eliminate parking spaces which costs the City money. I'm at best an agnostic on this, but we'll have an advisory vote on the issue to let the alderman know our thoughts.

By the time we meet, the Cubs will have been mathematically eliminated and we'll know whether the Bears have a chance. Oh, and the Sox may be still in contention. My money, though, is on my beloved 'Cats to go to the Rose Bowl in 2013. See you on the 18th.

Sincerely,

David G. Duggan

September 2012 MEETING PREVIEW

Alderman Scott Waguespack – State of the Ward

As has been SLN's tradition since the Alderman Bernie Hansen term back in the 1990's, the Ward Alderman will give a presentation relating to specific 32nd Ward and City-wide issues. The SLN area will be notified with 2,000 flyers. All members and SLN residents are invited to attend. Bring a neighbor.

New St. Alphonsus Pastor – Reverend Michael O'Connell

Father O'Connell will introduce himself to the SLN membership. As SLN landlord for more than 40 years and Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland anchor, St. Alphonsus, the SLN and the immediate neighborhood have an intertwined relationship. SLN welcomes Father O'Connell and wishes him a successful appointment.

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2900 Lincoln Ave. - People Space

Did you notice the tables and chairs and general sitting area constructed in the parking area on the east side of Lincoln Ave between the alley and the Golden Apple Restaurant? An open space experiment that some love. However some people don't, like the idea due to the loss of street parking to those evil parking meter people that had to be compensated for lost revenue by putting up meters on the 3000 block of Ashland. How about safety when a car crashes into those sipping their coffee? A discussion of the project and a vote (?) will occur at the September meeting.

AT THE JULY 2012 MEETING – Social Party @ Will's Northwoods

A good 50+ members, families and friends attended the 3rd July Summer Social. Will's Northwoods reserved the beer garden for what turned out to be a cool evening in a super hot summer. Weenies and brats were supplied by Wills. The alcohol and pop were donated by SLN. President David Duggan gave his usual entertaining speech. In addition, a presentation was made by Bridgett Gibbons representing the Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group Building that is just opening on the 1300 block of Belmont. The Northwestern Group is slated for SLN's November meeting to present a comprehensive overview of the services that will be rendered by the physicians and offices in the building.

Annual Report of alcohol consumption at the Party. Beer still rules with 51 drinks. However, the big brands are being over taken by Leinenkugels Sam Adams and other micro brews. 7 pints of Moose Drool were consumed. Good luck on that. Wine is coming on strong (25 glasses) as less of the SLN membership are recent college fraternity members, circa 1970's. Gin and vodka, the great cooling summer drinks came in 3rd with 15. Who drank all that Beefeaters Gin? Finally, what is Moscato? We had a great time. Some old timers came out of the wood work, State Rep Ann Williams was there, some reps from Alderman Waguespack's and Commissioner Fritchey's office were in attendance. Thank you to Wills Northwoods for their generous use of the facility and the sausages.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News
Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330
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Notice all those metal grates missing from around trees on Lincoln Ave. People are stealing them for scrap. Chicago Police Officers arrested two people stealing tree grates at Milwaukee and Irving. The officers tracked the offenders and found the stolen materials going to a junkyard owned by IME, Inc. at Cicero and Augusta. A goldmine of sewer grates, tree grates, sewer construction rings and other stolen items were recovered.

Ward Night - still the first Monday of the month (except on Holidays) from 5P to 8PM. Get in line to discuss your issues with the Alderman or his staff. Feel free to email or call the Ward office with any requests. You do not need to wait until Ward night to meet. The Ward office is open for you to stop in and make a request.

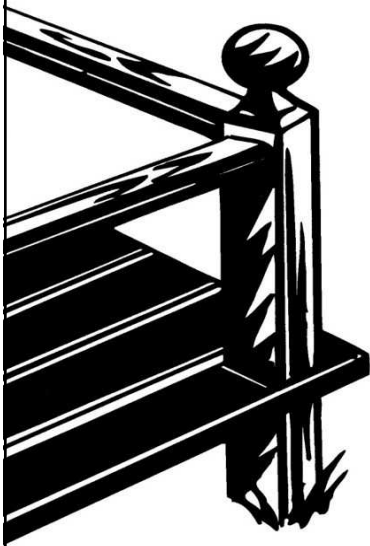
Flu Shot – 32nd Ward Office is hosting a Flu Clinic – come by and get your flu shot Tuesday, Sept 25th from 9 am – 3 pm.

As Clint Eastwood reminded us at the Republican National Convention, politicians work for us.

State Representative Ann M. Williams
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Coffee & Conversation with State Rep Williams and Senate President John Cullerton. September 22 from 10AM to 11:30AM at Safari Cup, 3404 N. Southport. Talk to your representatives about what matters to you.

Small Business Resource Workshop – September 29 from 9AM to NOON at DePaul University, 2250 N. Sheffield, Room 314A&B. With Senate President John Cullerton. Talk to governmental and private entities on resources available for capital lending, marketing, tax credits and other information.



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Legislation issues:

Medicaid Cuts – the State has a \$2.7 million shortfall. The General Assembly took unprecedented steps to reduce the shortfall through utilization controls, rate cuts to providers and the elimination of certain programs. Ms. Williams fought to maximize funding for the most critical services, seniors, mental health and HIV/AIDS funding. A \$1 cigarette tax was passed.

Public Employee Pensions – nothing has passed, but Ms. Williams believes any proposal must be (1) constitutional, (2) fair to employees who have paid into the systems year after year, (3) provides for future fundings and (4) must address the current liability.

Legislative Scholarships – this program has been abolished. Ms. Williams did not participate in this program and is glad to see the elimination of this unnecessary and costly program.

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Seen at the Democratic Convention on TV.

Lathrop Homes – Diversey and Clybourn
Preliminary plans were presented for three development scenarios. Not as much density as expected. One version's maximum height of the new buildings presented is 28 stories. Other scenarios have buildings that are 12 to 14 stories

high. Two scenarios have some historic existing buildings preserved. Total residential dwelling spaces is between 1,322 to 1,610. I do not know how many people that converts to. 47,000 to 71,000 square feet of retail space depending on the scenario. The estimated zoning density is mostly RM-5 with some RM-4.5. The Alderman's office believes a neighborhood group meeting will take place as soon as September 18.

CAPS MEETINGS

With the consolidation of the 19th and 23rd police districts, there are new beat boundaries and CAPS meetings dates.

East of Lincoln is Beat 1933

Meetings back to once a month. Next meeting is September 13 (2nd Thursday).

Illinois Masonic Hospital - 7PM.

Sam Samatas reports from the last CAPS meeting that our area still has a low-level crime, but muggings, breaking & entering and vehicle thefts are all up. Staff levels are down. Report all suspicious behavior directly to 911. Contact by email = Thomas.walsh2@chicagopolice.org.

Between Lincoln and Ashland is Beat 1932

Meeting dates are 9/10, 10/1, 11/5 and 12/10.

New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM

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West of Ashland is Beat 1931

19th District Community Alert – Recently the 19th District has experienced numerous catalytic converter thefts. The thefts occurring during the evening and overnight hours. Jeeps, Honda Elements and Ford Escapes are being specifically targeted due to their higher ground clearance, which allows the thief to easily reach and remove the catalytic converter by using a cordless saw. If you see an individual carrying a cordless saw and/or a catalytic converter, please call 911 immediately.



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NOTES WHILE WALKING AROUND the NEIGHBORHOOD by Bill Haderlein

In the Ashland Wolfram strip mall, 7-11 is open and Jet Pizza is scheduled to open. That would make this center 100% occupied.

The Ashland Bar at Wolfram is for sale or lease. The prior owner appeared before SLN for a street café about 2 years ago. A change in bar ownership never seems to work out in favor of the neighborhood.

Fuji Buffet (Hibachi, Seafood and Sushi) in the Post Office mall is closed. The second restaurant to bite the dust at that location.

Kabbalah, the religion of Madonna, did not close on Lincoln Ave. It has relocated to the 3000 block of Ashland.

Dona Torta and the Nails place at Barry and Ashland are still closed due to fire damage back in May 2012.

3111 N. Ashland, formerly the temporary site of Bank of America, has a building permit and now a sign in the window for Little Green Tree House for Growing and Learning. Go to www.littlegreentreehouse.com for more information.

Boost Mobile @ 3172 Lincoln at the triangle is closed. A highly visible location for some great business.

PowerSculptFitness at 3148 N. Lincoln. Pictures of exercising woman on all the windows, which leads me to believe it is a woman's fitness center. Thank you. Formats include trx, bosu and fusion. How about 50 push-ups and 50 pull-ups every night? WWW.powersculptfitness.com.

Ganesha at 3113 Lincoln. To open Fall 2012. Yoga, pilates and dance. [Facebook.com.ganeshachicago](https://www.facebook.com/ganeshachicago).

Omar's Oriental Rugs at 3045 Lincoln is going out of business. 80% off. Everything must go. Is that sign new or I am in a time warp when it comes to oriental rug stores going out of business?

Flour & Water, an Urban Bistro at 2965 N. Lincoln by the People space. Just opened. Menu in the window. Looks cool. Mrs. Haderlein likes sloppy joes with tater tots for lunch. I don't think it is on the menu here.

Discovery Center moved from that dilapidated building to 2855 N. Lincoln, that brick loft development south of the Elbo Room.

Lakeview Speech Therapy, LLC at 2927 Lincoln. A temporary sign. A permanent business?

At State & Chicago Realty, 2816 Lincoln, there is small sign for a Russian Passport Service. How about an SLN spy going over there and checking it out. Send me an email when you can go.

Palette Bistro at Southport and Wolfram is closed.

Diag Bar & Grill (Jack's Bar and Grill) at Southport and George. Same owners rebranding the bar. Diag is the student quad-like area at the University of Michigan. So it's a Michigan bar. Remodeled. Bags in beer garden. 9 outdoor TV's = sensory overload. Live music on Wednesday. Can they do that? It's getting hard to run into to someone in a bar that's not from another State. Whatever happened to the great opening line "what grammar school did you go to?"

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Halloween Party – The Advisory Council is looking for volunteers to chair this popular children's Fall event normally held in early October. Anyone interested contact SLPAC President Jennifer Roche at jenniferroche@yahoo.com

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Octoberfest – September 28, 29 and 30 (Friday night, 5pm to 11pm, Saturday, 11am to 11pm and Sunday, 11am to 7pm). There aren't many Germans left from what was once the center of German ethnic neighborhood at Lincoln/Belmont and Ashland. Zum Duetschen Eck, Metro Club, Kunz Delitcassen, Social and Lincoln Turner Halls all gone. However, the neighborhood puts on its virtual lederhosen for what was rated by USA Today as one of the top Octoberfests in the USA.

The copper top of the steeple has been completed. It will be interesting how long it will take nature to change it to the green patina of the remainder of the steeple. A good reason to stay in shape and increase your fiber intake.

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See website for more info

**RESTAURANT REVIEW – by Joni G
Maza, 2415 N. Ashland**

On a very warm summer day we walked to this bright and cheery restaurant. There were only 10 tables, some for two, most for groups of four or more. There was a large room air conditioner over the doorway and dripped on you when you entered and exited. It was on (I believe from the drips I acquired), however it was still quite warm in the room. The front windows face west and on a sunny late afternoon you are served some heat with whatever you order. The walls were covered with interesting art that actually told a story as your eyes traveled around the room. Nice touch.

The menu consists of all Lebanese food. When asked about their wine, we were briskly told that they only carry Lebanese wine, so we asked for a cold white to help us cool off. Surprisingly the wine was from Chile. The waiter-host dismissed our comment and quickly asked if we were ready to order.

The food was delicious and nicely presented. Each course was served with a bit of a wait in between which was fine with us. Other tables did not seem to mind either, since there was only the same waiter-host for everyone. The restaurant quickly filled up on a mid-week early evening.

For our appetizer we had Lubich which is green beans with garlic, shallots, tomatoes served with a

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pomegranate sauce. This was very good and I wished there was more than the small starter portion. We shared a Fatouch salad. This too was good with an interesting combination of sumac, pined nuts and herbs. The Lentil soup on a hot day was surprisingly cooling, maybe due to the fresh lemon squeezed right in at the table which made it taste really refreshing. I ordered a mixed grill kabob with steak, chicken and veggies which was a little over done for my preference. The traditional Lebanese dish called Kayala with lamb and medium hot spices was excellent and best of the main courses. For dessert we tried the delicious baked couscous and figs stuffed with pistachios and topped with an apricot puree.

When we were able to get more than 30 seconds of the waiter-host, possible owner and maybe head cook's attention, I asked if he had any red Lebanese wine. He offered us a taste and we graciously accepted and glad that we did.

All in all Maza's food is fantastic. Their service was quite brisk and for a full small restaurant with this one person doing it all, made him unpleasant and quite over-extended. With the memory of poor service, I may not crave for good Lebanese food too soon.

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