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This organization, led by trusted officers and board members commit to move our neighborhood in the best direction. We will strive to keep pace with all of the changes and challenges that surround us daily. In addition, we hope to bring innovative solutions and ideas to shape our neighborhood in different ways.

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#### MEETING AT A GLANCE September 17, 2013

Location: Basement - St.Alphonsus Church,1429 W. Wellington Agenda: 7:00PM – Doors open 7:30 – Meeting begins

1) Alderman Scott Waguespack - State of the Ward address

ages will bring a diversity of thinking and approaches.

Everyone here wants our neighborhood to the the "BEST" environment for our families, our friends and our community.

If there are any recommendations for advisory speakers, please let me or any board member know so we can schedule their time slot at an upcoming meeting.

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#### **SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING PREVIEW**

#### ALDERMAN SCOTT WAGUESPACK

Since the 1990's, the standing Ward Alderman has appeared before the SLN Membership at the first meeting of the new meeting year in September.

Alderman Waguespack fresh off his NO vote on the speed camera issue, will present his State of the Ward/City presentation and question and answer period.

Alderman Waguespack has been the go-to-guy for Chicago TV news for independent analysis on various controversial City council votes. Members, family and friends are invited to this always informative annual meeting.

#### **SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS - BUSINESS**

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING BLOCK CAPTAINS - WANTED

The SLN Membership Committee is recruiting members to distribute flyers to your neighbors on your block to announce the monthly membership meetings including the meeting agenda. The idea is to get the message out to all our non-member neighbors, that the meetings are open and all can attend.

The Block Captain would be emailed a flyer that could be printed off and distributed. We are looking

for members to be responsible for your block only. About 35-40 houses on both sides.

This Program will commence with the November 2013 meeting. As of this time, almost all the officers and directors have volunteered to be Block Captains. If your block is already taken, we can assign a neighboring block.

Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address at info@slneighbors.org. Leave your name, email address and the block you wish to cover. There is power in numbers.

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ideas from the membership for topics or speakers that the Members would be interested in.

# AT THE 7/16/13 SUMMER FLING - Will's Northwoods Inn

The weather in July was pretty cool and temps were below average, but not on July 16. Man was it hot in Will's Beer Garden. Until the sun went down, the SLN elders hung out in the air-conditioned bar. But as the night progressed, we all made it outside to enjoy the warm summer night. Will's supplied the hot dogs and brats. SLN picked up the tab on the drinks. The attendance was well over 50, which included some BABIES. Future SLN members. President Perry Castrovillari gave a short welcoming speech and was featured in the next day's addition of Patch.

The bar bill reflected the diversity of alcohol tastes. A good amount of wine drinking. Cool summer gin drinks, but no vodka. Leine's Summer Shanty took the prize for most drunk beer, but only 10 total. Premium beers Stella Artois, Smithwicks and Sam Adams combined for 15 total. Ciders are on the rise, thanks no doubt to the commercial during the Super Bowl. As a statement that Americans are no longer happy with the status quo and we want better and different things that our parents enjoyed, consumption of the major beer brands, Coors Light, Miller Lite and MGD were down, though I personally pounded down two quick beers to beat the 8:30PM cut-off.

Thanks to Will's great staff. Be sure to visit Wills for their Wisconsin-based dinner menu and the popular Friday Night Fish Fry. For you closet Packer fans, all Green Bay games are televised at Wills. Don't expect to get a seat and do not wear your Bears jersey

#### FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

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Enforcement is a necessary reminder that traffic laws can keep our entire community safe. Chicago is a bike friendly city and we encourage more people to cycle rather than drive. All cyclists should be wearing a helmet and have working bike lights. According to the Bicyclist Safety Laws,

bicyclists must obey all of the rules of the road. If you fail, you may be fined from \$50-\$200. Motorists who fail on violating bicycle safety provisions may be fined \$150-\$\$500, Both motorists and bicyclists should take each other into consideration when sharing the road.

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# Affordable Care Act Information Seminar - ObamaCare

Congress Quigley will be hosting this seminar which is designed to provide attendees with important information about how the new health care reform law will affect you and what benefits it can provide. The seminar will feature speakers with the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace and the Small Business Administration. The seminar will take place Thursday, Sept. 12th at 6:30PM at DePaul University: Cortelyou Commons at 2324 N. Fremont St.

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Deadline to appeal your assessed value is September 30.

#### **CAPS MEETINGS – Sam Samatas reporting**

The recent CAPS meeting for Beat 1933 primarily dealt with the jump in crime along the Halsted corridor north of Belmont... Boystown and spilling into Beat 1924. Many residents are complaining that five social service agencies in the areas are attracting people who come into the area and later cause problems leading to street crimes and in some cases "a culture of depravity" as specified by some residents. There have been 156 robberies this year in the area and complaints have soared on number of officers assigned and slow response Commander Voulgaris, District 19, is directly involved and is now saturating the area on weekends at night and early morning and has shifted administrative officers to walking the beat and patrolling the Belmont Red line stop.

Beat 1921, 1922 and 1931

Next meeting is Sept. 18 at the Police Auditorium at 2452 W. Belmont at 7PM.

Future meetings will be held on the  $3^{\rm rd}$  Wednesday of every month.

Beat 1933 and 1924

Next meeting is Sept. 12 at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium at 7PM.

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#### RESTAURANT REVIEW – by Joni G The Bentley Tavern, 2834 N. Southport

The Bentley Tavern has a very charming new look to it, reminiscent of a cross between and ole English tavern and a stately library. The lighting is subdued; music is low to afford a nice conversation level, even while a family with a few toddlers sat at the table next to us. The owners of this new corner tavern and eatery remarkably made some nice changes to what once was The Palette Bistro.

On this chilly late summer evening, only four days since Bentley's grand opening on Aug. 31st, my dining partner and I ambled down two blocks to sample the wares of our new neighborhood restaurant. This evening was special for us, because it was our 12th wedding anniversary and we thought no holds barred, we are going to splurge. We were greeted warmly by a young woman dressed in an oddly bright plaid work shirt. Upon entering through the front door, we noticed all the young women working there were wearing the same "uniform shirt", along with all having their ponytails pulled to the right side of their shoulders. My first impression was a very modest "hooters" and I really emphasize the modest in my description.

It is our anniversary so onto a pre-dinner cocktail which Bentley's offers a full bar, many beer choices, some nice wines and specialty cocktails. All are within average neighborhood restaurant prices. The cocktails were made well and service was a bit on the too friendly side. However, they do want to make a good impression and get to know their neighbors. We did inform them that we were celebrating our anniversary and that we were neighbors.

Presentation of our appetizer of roasted beets, bleu cheese and frissee was crafted with thought and design. I ordered the soup of the season, which was pureed corn served in an impressive large bowl with a touch of watercress and some roasted kernels of corn, which were sweetened by the heat. So far thumbs up for two good dishes in a row. Service and food came out quite quickly, although this evening there were few tables full and only two seated at the bar. After our cocktails we ordered wine and our waitress presented it quite nicely while asking us about how we met and making pleasant conversation.

Onto our entrees, my partner had the seasonal vegetable pasta consisting of zucchini and eggplant on top of fresh rigatoni, although not homemade. An ample helping of goat cheese was mixed in, winning this dish another thumbs up for taste and portion amount. I, however, was craving something small and war, so I ordered the grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with frites. By the way, most of the dishes come with frites, earning the right to be named a tavern. First it came to me without the tomato and upon recovery, the "new" sandwich had sliced tomato placed inside my old sandwich, with my teeth marks in it. I have to say I am spoiled because I live with the best grilled cheese maker and am always willing to test another chef's ability to surpass. This was the



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worst grilled cheese sandwich ever. Really, maybe it should have been listed as for the indiscriminate children offering.

As the title of this review states, beautiful bookends at The Bentley Tavern, as our starter courses were wonderful and presented with intention to please, our dessert of 54% dark chocolate ganache with cherries and homemade ship cream served in a silver bowl to share was an exquisite end to what was the conclusion to our first dinner at The Bentley Tavern. Veronica, the general manager came to our table to apologize for the poorly made grilled cheese and congratulated us on our anniversary while giving us a \$20 off of our bill. We will definitely return to The Bentley and try other offerings on their menu. If you bring children I do not even recommend the grilled cheese unless they've been bad.

#### **NOTICED AROUND THE HOOD by Bill Haderlein**

Dormant for several years, the residential developers have been purchasing lots and demolishing houses to rebuild new, but somewhat more modest and in many cases wooden frame houses in the neighborhood. Don't blink as the housing stock is changing right before our eyes. Speaking of modest, check out the super mansion on the 1500 block of Wolfram. Maybe Hawk goalie Corey Crawford with his \$60 million contract will move in. Many high end houses are being built on the 2700 block of Lakewood south of the SLN borders.

The Lincoln Ave economy is up and down. Small businesses are opening as larger store fronts are closing. As noted in the restaurant review, Bentley's on Southport and Wolfram is up and running. Newer businesses on Lincoln include:

Burke's Patio and Tap (formerly Witts) at 2913 Lincoln has quietly reopened. Menu located at the door.

Payne Personal Training at 2914 Lincoln is adding to their sites farther south on Lincoln near Wrightwood. No Payne, no gain in the fitness business.

D-Space at 2920 Lincoln. Interior designers and designers of the People Spots on Lincoln and Southport and Addison.

Allstate Insurance at Lincoln/Barry/Greenview has been replaced with an eyebrow threading, facial and henna tattoo parlor. I prefer woman with bushy eyebrows.

Spotted on top of a cab, ad for The Admiral Theater Men's Club. Note to personal file, need to meet more men. Put on calendar.

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Painless Waxing Boutique at 3146 Lincoln. No explanation needed here, but I have been finding myself going by more often and checking out who is in the waiting room. No one I recognized yet.

Flagship Tavern and Grill just outside our borders on the northside of the 1600 block of Belmont. Pretty good crowd for an early Wednesday evening. Home of Miami University alums.

Dunkin Donuts now hiring friendly faces according to their sign. I'm not sure what world economists would make of this employment issue.

#### **CLOSINGS:**

Flourish at 3020 Lincoln has a big Store Closing sign in the window. Combined with The Antique Center a few stores down closing and the still vacant 3 lots from that fire a few years ago, it makes for a 3 property monopoly of vacant spots on the 3000 block of Lincoln Ave, while Southport between Belmont and Irving is booming. Is the Gap closing on Lincoln and moving to Southport? Target is coming to LBA or is it?

#### RATS:

The City is not really doing anything. We have killed well over 20 rats on our property this summer and my brother claims to have killed over 40 at his place on the 3000 block of Ashland. That's a lot of rat descendants wiped out. We need to take care of this problem on our own. Rat traps \$1.99 at Menards, latex gloves, peanut butter and plastic knife or spoon is all you need. Reusing the traps is OK if you can handle the disposal issue. Screaming helps me as the rat drops into a plastic bag. I like to empty the traps after I have my morning Dunking Donut coffee served by friendly faces.

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