Please take note of our new and repeat advertisers and try to patronize them. Tell them you saw their ad in the South Lakeview Neighbors Newsletter.
The meeting was started with a reading of two email messages sent to SLN by a DIAG neighbor that could not be in attendance. Issues noted were:

- patrons leaving with alcohol
- patrons leaving alcohol containers on residents window ledges, sidewalks, etc.
- trolleys dropping off drunk, screaming people at 9, 10, 11 PM at night, and then the trolley parking while still running in front of houses on residential blocks instead of in front of the bar. The trolleys often have blasting music while arriving and parking. Noisy drunks then boarding and leaving on the trolley.
- bar windows open past 11 PM at night

At that point the owners addressed the membership. Mr. Marks was the primary speaker. Mr. Marks said Big Onion operated six bars. He informed the membership that they have owned Jack's/DIAG for about 2.5 years and that the DIAG is a new concept they developed for the bar. Mr. Marks recapped the results of the Department of Business Affairs inspection noting the following things have occurred at the bar:

1) Remove speakers from the patio
2) Disconnected subwoofers and had a sound person check the bass level
3) Ordered another dumpster and scheduled an extra garbage pick-up
4) Order "Respect your neighbor" signs
5) Power washed alley
6) Will pick up trash near the bar.

The owners said this was the first time they were aware of the trolley noise issues. They informed the membership that the trolleys show up unannounced to DAIG. They said there have been instances where the trolley patrons were already too drunk and were not allowed to enter DIAG. This has caused some loud altercations between DIAG, the party trolley and the trolley driver which all occurred outside the bar.

The floor was opened to additional comments or complaints from the membership. Additional complaints issued by residents were:

- Bingo or trivia night emcees blasting their miked voices out of the open windows during the weekdays
- Inside speakers seeming to be turned-up on the weekends around midnight causing
actual vibrations in an across street neighbor house
- Halloween decorations vandalized, sod torn out of parkway, Christmas decoration light electrical cord cut off at the plug
- Patrons blocking the sidewalk while smoking or socializing outside DAIG
- Bag/corn hole games on the George St. sidewalk blocking the sidewalk and adding to outside noise. Also bag games being conducted in the beer garden adding to overall noise factor.
- HVAC/exhaust fan constantly running adding to the din of noise.

The owners told the membership they want to work with the neighborhood and be a good business, but some of the complaints are not getting to the owners. They noted that DAIG has been hosting fundraisers for area schools and organizations. The members complained that it is not the responsibility of the residential neighborhood to always call all hours of the night when their lives are being disrupted, but the owners responsibility to pro-active and address issues before complaints arise. The owners distributed their business cards and told members to call directly with complaints. Short-term fixes may include the doorman to start wearing orange vests so entering patrons are aware of their presence, decrease loitering outside DAIG and extend the patrol of the doorman to farther down the block to prevent vandalism and identify potential trouble-makers when leaving DAIG.

Ms. Gomez addressed the membership regarding the Deleterious Impact-Public Nuisance Ordinance of April 2007. The Ordinance provides tools for bars and communities to work together to address concerns that have a negative quality of life for residents. If issues cannot be resolved to the community's acceptance, proceedings can lead to the bars liquor license being suspended or revoked.

The owners are taking this meeting information and intend to respond to these issues. It was agreed that DAIG and SLN will meet again in February 2014 (next membership meeting) to update the issues. In the meantime, Ms. Gomez stressed that neighbors must call 911 if there is an issue. This will allow documentation for Deleterious Impact issue to occur. Do not call 311. Call 911. Also contact the Alderman's office. In the meantime, the owners contact information is as follows:

- Ryan Marks (w) 312-643-5296 (c) 407-227-7096 email = ryan@bigoniontaverngroup.com.
- Erik Baylis (c) 484-410-1444, email = erik@bigoniontaverngroup.com.
- DIAG Bar 773-404-8400.

It was noted that Mr. Marks and Mr. Baylis stayed after the meeting was over and had conversations with the members that registered the complaints during meeting.

**Update from DIAG - November 29,2013 from Erik Baylis:**
DIAG and their sound experts met with 4 different neighbor groups to address noise level issues. DAIG has had the "master music" turned down, so now it is not possible to go louder than what the neighbors said they could not hear. DIAG has expanded weekend security and now has two extra yellow vested security guys outside and two extra inside. Outside security is quieting the crowd as much as possible and cleaning debris for two square blocks. The whole property and surrounding area is being powerwashed every week. "Please respect our neighbor and leave quietly" signs are now inside and outside.

**Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare)**
Patrick Corcoran, Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace Regional Outreach Coordinator. Of course a super hot topic with the government shutdown by the Tea Party and the website rollout failing miserably. Mr. Corcoran's presentation dealt with some upcoming requirements and navigating the website. Commencing January 1 and with a moving deadline requiring every US citizen to have a health insurance policy by Spring 2014, or face fines or penalties that may be accessed through individuals tax returns.

Mr. Corcoran directed members to Illinois website which is www.getcoveredillinois.gov. Coverage under the law is based on income, not assets. There are levels of coverage ranging from platinum/gold/silver and bronze. Coverage will be provided by current health insurance companies, like Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Coverage will have 10 essential benefits such as wellness care, ambulatory and prescription drugs. Premiums will vary on your percentage of coverage versus your deductible. Depending on your income level. you may receive governmental assistance for your premiums or out-of-pocket costs. Information you will need to access the website will include your...
Social Security number and your 2014 estimated income. You may also need your current policy number. You really cannot go to the site and just look around. By logging in, you basically open an account.

The Act is too complicated to summarize the thousands of requirements. Certain organizations have been designated by the State of Illinois to assist in the process. For information on the process call 866-311-1119 from 7AM-7PM, Monday-Friday or go to the website and dig-in. Do not attempt to complete your application during half time of the Bears game.


Lakeshore Sports Physical Therapy - 2929 N. Southport
Angela Wilson Pennisi, PT,MS,OCS represented Laskeshore before the membership. In business for 13 years and located on Southport for the last seven years, Laskeshore offers a variety of health services. The main core of the business is the Physical Therapy Care. This is normally orthopedic and sports rehabilitation after surgery or injuries. This would require a M.D.'s medical order for the physical therapist to perform certain services.

In addition to physical therapy, Laskeshore offers out-of-pocket Wellness and Performance services. These include, personal training, massage therapy, Feldenkrais (movement re-education to assist in posture control or relaxation and relief of pain) or group exercise classes.

Lakeshore is more than an injury or surgery recovery service. Your physical therapist can help you maintain function and mobility across the lifespan.

SLN would like to thank Ms. Pennisi for taking time to explain the health benefits available to the community.

Visit the website at www.lakeshoresportspt.com or call for information at 773-665-9950 for more information or schedule of classes.

WIEBOLT PLAYLOT - 1700 W. Nelson
During Spring 2013, then SLN officer, Ernie Toth started the process of submitting a grant request to the Friends of the Park for rehabilitation funds for the Wiebolt Playlot on Nelson. Ernie's efforts have come to fruition and The Friends of the Park have awarded SLN the grant. The Friends of the Park will rehab the Playlot based on predetermined design and equipment placement based on the size of the Playlot. This rehab is to occur over a 4-6 week period in Spring or early Summer 2014 and is expected to be completed by July 2014. Volunteers will be needed for one day to help install the wood fiber floor surfacing at the Playlot. Details on the date for volunteers will be in subsequent newsletters. Congratulations to Ernie for his efforts.

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Either use the attached membership form or go to the SLN website www.slnneighbors.org to pay with your credit card on PayPal. But do it now.

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Articles or Announcements
Submit articles or announcements to Bill Haderlein at least 2 weeks before the monthly meeting at: info@slnneighbors.org.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) public meetings
As previously reported in the October 2013 SLN newsletter, BRT is coming to Ashland Ave. The 16 mile stretch from 95th Street to Irving Park Road is the site proposed by the City and CTA officials.
Highlights of BRT are dedicating one-lane of Ashland to larger bus only traffic, eliminating a lane of car traffic in each direction, left hand turns and parking on one side of the street. According to Inside-Booster, public comments close December 20, 2013. The public meetings to be held are:

- Tuesday, December 10 from 6-8PM - Benito Juarez Community Academy at 1450 W. Cermak Rd.
- Wednesday, December 11 from 6-8PM - Pulaski Park Field House at 1419 W. Blackhawk (1500 N.)

Go to BRTChicago.com for detailed information.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meetings
On month to month basis 2013 vs. 2012, crime is down in District 19 and has been recognized by Supt. McCarthy at last comstats review. Specifically:
- Robberies (mostly cell phones) down 38%
- Burglaries down 27%
- Thefts down 35%
- Motor vehicle thefts down 35%
- Major crimes down 39%

Total crime in all categories including the above is down 15%. This improvement is due to many outreach and public awareness programs but is mostly due to the emphasis on the "broken windows" theory, aggressively making arrests for minor offenses and the heavy utilization of "contract cards", the stopping, questioning and documenting of suspicious people and activities. Some examples of arrests include broken headlight at 1000 block of Barry, panhandling at 900 block of Belmont, domestic battery at 1100 block of George, physical contact at 3000 block of N. Lincoln. Also, 6 perps were charged with Burglary and 4 arrested for Robbery. Job well done.

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine
Next meeting is December 12th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 7PM. Next year the grouping will be different and 1933 will get its own CAPS meeting rather than combined with 1924 which is the Halsted/Clark entertainment district.

Beat 1935 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln

Winter Parking Ban starting 12/1/13 to 4/1/14:
The WINTER OVERNIGHT parking ban in the 32nd Ward includes Milwaukee, Kedzie and Division from 3AM to 7AM and is in effect ALL DAYS. The SNOW ROUTE ban goes into effect on all major streets when it snows 2 inches or more. Tickets are over $200 plus your car may be towed.

2014 City Budget
The Alderman and four other Alderman voted against the Budget. the main concerns were police and emergency hiring shortfalls being covered by excessive overtime, fiscal recklessness not addressing debt issues, addition of speed cameras without a clear agenda and TIF Reform. The Alderman notes the Budget predicts millions in new revenue. See the Alderman's website for more info.
development and implementation of desperately needed technology upgrades at the jail and in the courts.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

LAKEVIEW CHAMBER of COMMERCE
1409 W. Addison, 773-471-7171
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email = info@lakeviewchamber.com

18th Annual Southport Holiday Stroll - Friday, December 6 from 5PM to 9PM between Belmont and Addison. Enjoy businesses staying open late along with festive lights, vintage carolers, Santa and Mrs. Claus, sleigh rides and Holiday cheer.

Jolly Palooza on Lincoln Ave. - Sat. December 7 from 1PM to 4PM on Lincoln Ave between Diversey to Addison. More for the kids. Join Santa, carolers, special refreshments and offers at merchant businesses.

Lincoln Ave. Beautification Project : Public Input Open House - The Chamber is seeking input from businesses and residents on how to make Lincoln Ave. between Diversey and Belmont a more attractive place to visit, live and do business. Public Input Open House and a walking street audit: Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 6:30-8:30PM at JP Burke's Patio & Tap, 2913 N. Lincoln Ave. Whether you’re attending the meeting or not, please take the online survey by December 10th to register your opinions.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WVDRVRK or go to the Chamber website.
Any questions, contact Lee Crandell at 773-472-7171 or lcrandell@lakeviewchamber.com

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After a season of Chicagoland Deck workers tracking up and down my carpeted stairs and back room into my 2nd floor home office and me dripping coffee and dessert all over the living room carpet, the season was over and it was time to get the carpets cleaned. For the last several years, we have been using Magic Touch Carpet. Owner-operator Rich Rosequist has been a great find in the SLN ads. Magic Touch has also gotten deck sealer stains out of carpets on our customer's carpets where Chicagoland Deck had to go through customers houses to private decks.
See the ad in the newsletter.
Ph 312-485-5855
www.MagicTouchCarpetCleaning.com

City Scenes - by Bill Haderlein
Those who know me, are aware of my frequent walks around the neighborhood. Here are some recent encounters.
Wednesday morning 6:45AM 11/27/13: very angry man is walking diagonally across Ashland and Wolfram cursing loudly at a car making a left turn onto Ashland. He and I are heading to the 7/11. He politely holds the door open for me. I get a cup of coffee and he is front of me in line with a quart of MGD. He asks if I want to go ahead. I decline. He says "it's OK, I only live a 1/2 block away (pause), in a dumpster." The man emits some wild laughter.

Thursday morning, Thanksgiving 10:30AM on Lincoln near Fullerton: I am revving up my metabolism in anticipation of Thanksgiving dinner at 4PM. It is quiet and the streets are pretty empty. Five men of different racial make-ups and age are walking in my direction. The leader has a gallon of vodka under his coat. They pretty much force me off the sidewalk, pass me and one yells loudly across the street to someone, Happy Thanksgiving Moth-- Fu----- ! The greeting cheerfully echoed off the deserted street.

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