

December 2014 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

It looks like winter has come. I guess we'll wait 'till next year for both the Cubs pennant run and side-street pothole repairs. Our next event is the annual Holiday Party. We appreciate, thank and give a big hug to the folks at Will's Northwoods Inn for their generosity. I hope to see you there in your festive apparel.

We should also take a little time to think about those with less reason to be festive. At the November meeting, Sarah Rubin, Marketing & Communications Manager for the Lakeview Pantry, told us that the pantry serves 3,800 clients each month and that 9% of Lakeview's total populate is 'food insecure'. Please bring a donation for the pantry to the Holiday Party. They're happy to accept non-perishable goods, but would prefer a check, in whatever amount you like, payable to "Lakeview Pantry". South Lakeview Neighbors will be working with Lakeview Pantry next year, organizing volunteers and helping in whatever way we can.

On the mundane site, we were hoping to

remove the broken urns at the entrance to the South Lakeview playlot on Wolfram. The contractor hopes to get to it soon, weather permitting. The urns will be removed and stone caps will be placed on the columns.

Our next meeting is in February. We've penciled in the Lakeview Chamber/SSA 27 to talk about the upcoming project at Lincoln & Wellington plus whatever information they can share about the development at Belmont and Ashland. We expect that there will be at least two zoning matter to discuss, and maybe – just maybe – we can get some mayoral candidates to stop by.

Enjoy your winter! -- Steve

HOLIDAY PARTY: DECEMBER 9, 2014

WILL'S NORTHWOODS INN 3030 N. RACINE 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Drinks / Food prepared by Will's Kitchen Liquor Basket Raffle / Split the Pot Raffle

In the heated tent and back bar area. Plenty of seating and hooks for your coats .Mini burgers and appetizers including Wisconsin cheese curds from Will's kitchen. Open bar-

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beer, wine, well drinks and pop. Members, family and friends are invited.

NOTE: your membership dues must be paid and up to date in order to attend the Holiday Party.

HAPPY HANUKKAH - 12/16 WONDERFUL WINTER SOLTICE - 12/21 MERRY CHRISTMAS - 12/25 HAPPY BOXING DAY - 12/26 HAPPY KWANZAA - 12/26 and HAPPY NEW YEAR

SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS ACTIVITIES

AT THE NOVEMBER 2014 MEETING

In recognition of Veterans Day, the following Veterans in attendance were recognized by the membership:

Rudy Karall – WWII Joe Semerling Daniel Clifford

SLN thanks you for your service to the USA.

The Veterans were treated to a drink on the house compliments of the Athenaeum Theatre.

Wellington Bar - potential new owner presentation

Howard Blumenfeld is in the process of buying the Wellington Bar. Mr. Blumenfeld likes the Lakeview business and the property. His vision is more restaurant, less alcohol. It would be a small plate neighborhood and is looking to bring his concept to the area. He is in the process of buying the \$9-\$12, small pour concept. He plans to be open for lunch and dinner. Dinner would be from 5-10PM. The bar area may stay open longer for socializing, but he does not see a focus on being open late at night. Families would be welcome and that might entail revising the current liquor license.

Mr. Blumenfeld confessed that he has no restaurant experience but his partner has been in the industry for many years, most recently in California.

The concept is not set and Mr. Blumenfeld has been visiting other establishments getting ideas. The kitchen would need to be enlarged and the bar size would need to be reduced. The SLN Membership offered the following suggestions:

Rose Angelis concept, tapas, good wine selection, fewer TVs. Neighbors of the property voiced their opposition to outdoor seating. Mr. Blumenfeld's timeline is to finalize the purchase before December 31 and open by March 1, 2015.

Lakeview Pantry - www.lakeviewpantry.org

Sarah Rubin, Marketing and Communications Manager addressed the membership as to the Pantry's operations and funding needs.

The Pantry's mission is to eliminate hunger and poverty in our community by providing food to fill the basic needs of hungry people; increasing the independence of its clients through self-help initiatives and other



innovative programs; and raising awareness of hunger and poverty and working towards solutions to eliminate them.

The Pantry is a 501C not-for-profit. Ms. Rubin told the members that though Lakeview is an affluent neighborhood, 1 in 9 live below the poverty level. The Pantry serves people with food needs who are living from the Lakefront to Damen Ave. and Montrose to Fullerton. The Pantry will verify addresses to keep your donations going to those within the boundaries. If someone is from outside the boundaries, they will get food, but will be referred to a Pantry nearer to their residence.

The Pantry is funded 77% by individuals with the remainder coming from Grants and Foundations. The Pantry has a staff of 13 and over 800 active volunteers. Pantry clients normally come directly to the Pantry; however, The Pantry has home delivery three Saturdays a month to those that cannot make it to the Pantry.

Donations are made in two ways: 1) actual food of new or unopened items or 2) cash donations. Cash donations are preferred because the Pantry can purchase specific goods that clients need most. A \$1 donation equals 10 pounds of food for the Pantry. A \$50 donation can provide nutritious meals for a family of four for two months.

Other donations: The Pantry also accepts clothing, household items, personal hygiene, bathroom supplies and cleaning supplies.

Volunteer opportunities are also available. You will have to attend a training day to

become a volunteer.

The Pantry's main site is at 3831 N. Broadway 773-525-1777 and its smaller location is located right in our neighborhood at 1414 W. Oakdale 773-404-6333.

For the Holidays, please go to the Lakeview Pantry website at www.lakeviewpantry.org to get all detailed information about The Pantry's mission and operations. You can make a donation on the website and denote that you are a member of SLN.

Let's help those in our neighborhood that really need it.

Veterans Day tidbits by Victor Giustino

Local neighborhood historian addressed the members from the floor with some Veterans Day info:

- 1) Lincoln Ave. was called Little Fort Road as it led to a fort in Waukegan
- 2) During WWII, Navy Pier was used for submarine training and over 50 planes crashed in Lake Michigan during flight training maneuvers.

Food at Monthly Membership Meeting - DIAG Bar

Thank you to DIAG Bar and manager Tim McCauley for the mini Turkey sliders brought in before the November Meeting (also brought in food in October). Members are starting to skip their dinners and snack before the meetings.



Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

Heather Way, Executive Director, was under the weather and could not attend. She will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

Neighborhood Development and Review Committee (NDRC)

1424 W. Diversey

Joe Semerling, NDRC Chairman, has informed SLN that they are reviewing plans for a rezoning of 1424 W. Diversey from RS-3.5 to RT-4 for the purpose of building a 3-story/2-unit residential condominium building.

Reduce Your Junk Mail

SLN Member Ernie Toth has a submitted a link that will allow you to opt-out from Red Plum advertising that is dropped at your house and winds up littering the neighborhood. Go to:

https://www.redplum.com/tools/redplum-postal-addremove.html

Block Captain Program - now 17 blocks covered

SLN continues recruiting members to deliver a monthly membership meeting announcement to mail boxes or email addresses on your block. The idea is to get the message out to our non-member neighbors that all meetings are open and all can attend and eventually join SLN. This old-fashioned method is working and getting new people to the meetings and joining SLN.

Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address, info@slneighbors.org.

SLN on Facebook

If you are on Facebook, consider joining our <u>Facebook group</u>. Within Facebook, search for South Lakeview Neighbors – Chicago and ask to join the group to get started participating in the discussions there.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meeting - as reported by Bill Bauman

CAPS meeting Beat 1932 (east of Ashland and west of Lincoln). November 10th, New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill

All crime numbers are down for the month of October. The highest category is thefts, mostly from cars. They are smash and grab, to take anything visible in the car. Never leave anything in your car. Someone asked about the theft of catalytic converters, and it was reported that a ring was broken up and the incidents were way down.

Talking about robberies on the street, the officer said that the criminals know that most people are carrying small, valuable phones. The victims that are wearing earbuds are 1: showing that they have the device, and 2: making themselves unaware of their surroundings. The police recommend not walking alone, staying in well-lit and populated areas, be aware of your surroundings, and if anyone wants to rob



you, give up your property, it's not worth it.

There are still reports of packages being stolen off porches. Do not have packages delivered when you are not home. This also shows the bad guys that no one is there.

The police request that we all have our address on our garage, so they know where the police are in the alleys. They would like us to have lights or motion detectors in our gangways, so we know if someone is there, and the police can more easily find the bad guys. And make your home look occupied when you are away by leaving a TV on, or get a light that mimics a TV.

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine

Next meeting is on Tuesday, December 9th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 6:30PM.

Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln

Next meeting is on Monday, Dec 8th at New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM.

Beat 1931 - east of Ravenswood & west of Ashland

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 17th at the 2452 W. Belmont Police Auditorium at 7:00PM.

Dates/times may change and you can call the office at 312-744-0064 with questions.

Police Commander Voulgaris wants all to know that he can be contacted directly on his email and he will return your message. Email elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org.

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

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The Alderman's report on the 2015 City Budget:

Budget was passed by a vote of 46-4.

There are public budget meetings that last a couple of weeks where the department commissioners offer their budgets. Some small departments have budgets in the low millions and others have massive budgets over a billion dollars.

Budget Issues/Problems according to the Alderman:

- 1) "Scoop and toss" budget used where city bonds are extended by 30 years. Deferring \$110 million in payments due, costing the taxpayer over \$230 million in additional interest payments.
- 2) City 911 Tax was altered to make way for \$50 million in past due pension payments.
- 3) Neighborhood investment not adequate for pot hole repairs, street repaving and tree trimming.
- 4) Police force not sufficiently staffed. \$95 million budgeted for police overtime instead of hiring and training the appropriate amount of policemen.
- 5) The typical resident will pay nearly \$481



in more fees and taxes when compared to 2011.

6) TIF (Tax Increment Financing) reform was left off the table. Over \$1.5 billion is sitting in TIF accounts, while taxpayers are paying more. Over 30% of the City is captured by TIFs, the most of any American city. The TIF must be revamped and spending on projects like the DePaul Arena for the McPier taxing body must end.

7) CPS loses tens of millions on bad bond deals, as reported in detail by the Chicago Tribune, and the taxpayer has to pick up the tab. The Administration is not being vigilant on how money is being spent.

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Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

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19th Annual Southport Holiday Stroll

Bring the family and enjoy festive lights, vintage carolers, Santa and Mrs. Claus and plenty of holiday cheer. Plus, participating Southport businesses will open late, offering refreshments and shopping incentives. Location: Southport Ave, from Addison to Belmont. Date: Friday, December 5th. Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm.

JollyPalooza

It's time for our Annual JollyPaLooza on Lincoln Ave. Join us for Santa and Mrs. Claus, vintage carolers, special refreshments and offers at merchant businesses and plenty of Holiday Cheer!

Location: Lincoln Ave., from Diversey to Addison. Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Button & Zipper

This year, Button & Zipper raised the bar. Their goal is to collect and donate 1,500 coats between now and early spring 2015. We hope you'll join us in helping Chicago's homeless adults and at risk youth stay warm this winter. It's easy. Dig through your closets, pull out any gently used coats or



jackets that you and your family no longer wear and drop them off at 1409 W. Addison.

Lakeview Gift Card Holiday Promotion

The Lakeview Chamber is launching a new Lakeview Gift Card Dec. 5-6 with a Holiday Promotion. As a reward for shopping locally, for every \$100 in Lakeview Gift Cards you buy, you'll get a free \$20 Bonus Card*! Save on your holiday shopping by using the Lakeview Gift Card and your Bonus Cards to purchase your gifts, or buy a Lakeview Gift Card as a gift for a friend and keep the Bonus Card to treat yourself! You can spend your gift cards at more than 75 participating Lakeview businesses. *For complete details about the program, rules, and participating merchants, please visit http://www.ShopDineLakeview.com . Lakeview Gift Card is issued by Sunrise Banks, N.A. St. Paul, MN 55103 member FDIC.

Restaurant Review by Joni G

Fahlstrom's Fresh Fish Market, 1258 W. Belmont, 773-281-6000

What a fantastic experience. The place was packed on the 1st "soft opening" day, three days prior to the official opening on Monday, November 24, 2014. Everyone was gracious in the service area and accommodated us who did not have reservations. We chose to sit at the bar when two chairs opened up and therefore passed our place on the waiting list to others with the same blissful ignorance. The liquor license has not been obtained yet, so it was BYOB.

We began with Prince Edward Island mussels in a delightful garlic butter and parmesan cheese sauce. Admittedly this is a "soft opening", so I will give a "soft" disappointment on the size of the mussels. I was distracted by the woven toast on top for sopping up all the good sauce and made comment to Mr. Fahlstrom, who promised to get larger mussels on his next order.

The spinach salad I will return for any day of the year. The dressing was warm as well as the freshly made full slices of bacon. Adorned with 2 halved hard boiled eggs, I was in heaven.

Waiting for our entrées did take a very long time to arrive. I remind myself to be nice, this was the very first day for the public and we were in masses. While waiting we were taking note that the sound level at the bar as being very conversation friendly, with music at an enjoyable level. Also while seated at the bar, you had the opportunity to view one of two large screen TVs, which delightfully only had the food network on, therefore keeping you hungry.

My dining partner had the Ruby Red Tuna pan seared with house seasoned wasabi. It was excellently prepared to order. I had the Wam Bam Jambalaya with shrimp, Andouille sausage, the trinity of veggies, and craw daddies served over sweet corn bread. Had me playing a tune from Porgy and Bess, it was so good and resonant of southern Louisiana cooking.

Fahlstrom's carries 16 fresh fish daily and



change their offerings based on market availability. He also serves breakfast all day, with a slant to boxed cereals, some which I have not seen at our local lewel in ages. Another accommodation is his fresh Sea Plates to go or for a quick order served at the bar. These are very affordable and come with a choice of 2 sides. Prices for the sea plates range from \$10-15. The kitchen closes at 10 pm; however the bar will remain open until midnight accommodating actors and staff from the adjacent theatre district. Mr. Fahlstrom has been an active actor for over 30 years and plans to return to stage, screen and radio work once his latest venture launches successfully.

Sitting at the bar also provided us an opportunity to observe as the night slowly came to a close, watching the fish handling and cleaning up. The plethora of staff did a very thorough job. No concern of anything short of more than sanitary. All in all, despite a few "soft hiccups", we had a wonderful experience and will recommend and return to Fahlstrom's Fresh Fish Market often.

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A Klingon Christmas Carol, 12/4 - 12/21

Can three ghosts help Scrooge to become the true warrior he ought to be in time to save Tiny Tim from a horrible fate? Performed in the Original Klingon with English Supertitles.

Everything But The Reindeer, 12/18 - 12/21

A Chicago Inprov Production – a zany, unpredictable, ever-changing holiday variety show featuring improv, music, stand-up and storytelling.

The Santa & Mrs. Claus Show, 12/16 - 12/21

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Rat Elimination Tournament - by Bill Haderlein

Mike W. of 1500 Wellington is using the oldfashioned \$1 rat trap. He is baiting the trap



with hamburger meat scrapped off his grill. He enhances "modern urban existence" by sipping a glass of scotch or bourbon and smoking a cigar while keeping an eye on the trap. 26 confirmed kills since May 2014.

Bill H. (guess who?), also of 1500 Wellington and neighbor of Mike W., uses the easy to bait and set Catchmaster traps with Jif peanut butter as the bait. Do not mix your sandwich peanut butter with your rat bait peanut butter. Estimated kills in 2014 is 20+. Combined the middle of block at 1500 Wellington has almost 50 rat kills. That is a rat problem that the City is not taking care of.

Jim C. of 1300 Wellington uses a live trap purchased at a hardware store. He placed the trap by the rear of his garage. No bait needed. The rats enter the trap and it closes. Disposal of the catch is the nasty part. He mixes rat bait pellets with peanut butter and scrapes the concoction into the trap. It takes about 5 days for the rat to succumb, depending on the temperature. Non-rat catches can be released. Estimated kills over the past two years is 20.

Winter Plan? I have never set traps in the winter. You still see rats in the Winter, but where to set the traps? In you shoveled back sidewalk. Submit your plans and results to Bill Haderlein at email chicagolanddeck@rcn.com. I will publish the results in the newsletter.

Did you know that one female rat can produce well over 100 offspring in a calendar

year? Assuming that 50% of the 1500 Wellington kills where female, that is over 2,000 possible new rats eliminated in on our fine block.

"Lakeview Bank" Building is No More

Before all the bank mergers, the LaSalle/Bank of America Building was simply the Lakeview Bank. The Bank where my parents opened a savings account with my baptism/communion /confirmation/ graduation gifts. The Bank that I cashed my first paycheck from St. Andrew's Bingo set-up when I was in high school. Remember the long lines at the tellers on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning before the advent of direct deposit and ATMs.

Demolition is almost complete. The view is almost surreal. You can clearly see the side of St. Lukes and the homes on Melrose. A rare uninterrupted urban vista. Imagine if it was a park.

The property is owned by John Novak of Chicago-based Novak Construction, which performed the demolition. All reports indicate that a commercial retail, maybe some residential will eventually be built with a TargetExpress, having about 30,000 sq.ft of retail space versus the typical Targets that cover around 130,000 square ft., being the anchor. Bloggers relate that it will be similar to walking over to Woolworths, like in the old days. Will they have pet turtles for sale that the kids can look at when their mother drags her 5 little kids down to

Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland for shopping?



From Bill Haderlein-Editor

Pay Your Membership Dues - NOW

Go to the SLN website (http://www.slneighbors.org) to pay with your credit card on PayPal or bring a check to the Holiday Party.

NOTE: Only paid members can vote at monthly meetings. If you are receiving the email version of the newsletter, you still need to renew your membership.

Articles or Announcements

Submit articles or announcements to Bill Haderlein at least 2 weeks before the monthly meeting at info@slneighbors.org.

A Holiday Message from the Superintendent

The Chicago Police Department would like to give you a few suggestions to make sure that your holidays are safe and secure!

- Give your home that "occupied appearance" by leaving various lights on
- Let a trusted neighbor know if you are going to gone for longer periods of time
- Don't use short cuts through alleys or walkways. Always take lit and traveled areas.
- Always keep a hand free for emergencies.
- Shop with friends or relatives. There is safety in numbers.
- If you must take a purse, carry it close to your body.
- Cash should be carried in a front pants

- pocket. Don't display large sums of cash.
- Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or upon a counter unattended while you shop.
- Transfer valuables to the trunk of your auto before you reach your destination.
- Never leave valuables in plain view in your car.
- Keys should never be carried in your purse. Keep your keys in your pocket.
- Remain alert at all times!
- When returning to your car or home, have your keys in your hand ready.
- Use the "panic or alarm button" on your key chain if you fee fearful or suspicious.
- Be alert for suspicious persons loitering in parking lots.
- Always lock your car even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes.
- Lock your doors immediately upon entering your car and always drive with your doors locked.



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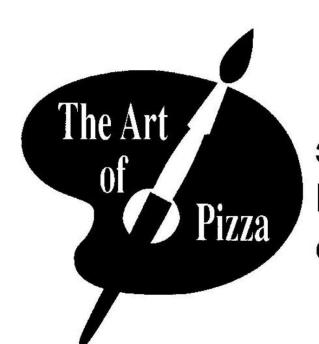
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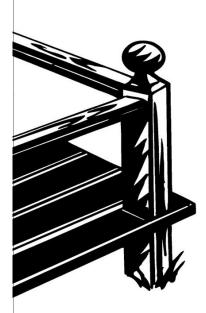
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