

April 2015 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

By the time of our next meeting, the Mayoral election will be over. Whether we have a new mayor or one on his second term, the city's problems will continue. There are no magic bullets.

It's up to us to stay on top of things and drive the necessary changes. We do that by staying involved, by speaking as individuals and by speaking as a neighborhood. If your neighbors aren't members, bring them along to a meeting. Encourage them to get involved. If you're a member who doesn't come to meetings (and we know there are a lot of you), come to one. Get yourself involved. If you're a member and you don't like what SLN is doing with respect to zoning, come to a meeting and change it. Get yourself involved. If you want to have influence on how our neighborhood evolves, come to a meeting and speak up. Get yourself involved.

Speaking of involvement, South Lakeview Neighbors is having our annual clean up the neighborhood day on Saturday, April 18th. Walk down your block and pick up the litter-bottles, cans, doorknob hangers, menus, etc. Afterwards, come on over to the Sidestreet Saloon at noon for a beverage and to talk

about the yuckiest thing you had to pick up.

Meantime, spring is here. See you all in the bleachers. (What? No bleachers/)

Steve Stern

Meeting At a Glance Tuesday, April 14

Athenaeum Theater 2936 N. Southport

7:00PM - Doors open 7:30PM - Meeting begins

AGENDA

- 1. SLN Bylaws Change
- 2. Farmbar purchase of Wellington's
- 3. Appeal Your Real Estate Assessment

SLN Bylaws

We have two bylaws items on which to vote: The size of a quorum for a bylaws vote and how committee members are insured. See below for more.

Farmbar purchase of Wellington's

FarmBar currently has operations in Evanston and Chicago. Unlike the previous Wellington

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deal, all reports are that this is a done deal. The owners will give a preview of the alterations to the current site that will be required and discuss the menu to be offered.

Appeal Your Real Estate Assessment

You should have just received your latest assessment. Now that you've had a chance to take a deep breath, Andrea Raila will speak to us abut how to appear your assessment. This will go well beyond just how to fill out the forms. She'll talk about the specific things you need to do for a successful appeal. There will be time for questions. You can read about her practice at http://www.taxestoohigh.com.

AT THE MARCH MEETING

LAKEVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Heather Way Kitzes, recently married Executive Director of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, addressed the membership. Heather started out informing the membership about two Chamber tools/programs.

BikeFriendlyLakeview.com gives you useful information on biking in the Lakeview area. Equipment, safety clothing, route planning and security issues are addressed. The site will also list bike friendly businesses that offer free coffee or discounts to bike riders.

The Lakeview Chamber and the East Lakeview Chamber partnered to create the idea for the Belmont Theater District. Within walking distance for SLN members, the Belmont Theater District encompasses more than 20 Theater Companies and over 100 bars, restaurants, hotels and cafes. For information on performances go to: www.BTDChicago.com; facebook at f/BelmontTheaterDistrict Twitter at t@BelmontThtrDist.

Lastly, Heather addressed the upcoming changes coming to the Lincoln/Southport/Wellington intersection known as the Lincoln Avenue Placemaking Plan. The Chamber had previously held open houses and an on-line survey regarding this underutilized area. More than 250 participants indicated that Lincoln Ave from Belmont to Diversey needed to be more people/pedestrian friendly and have more greenery. The Plan was developed with support from the consulting firm Site Design Group. It identifies smaller budget, shortterm improvements to be made over the next three years. In Fall 2014, all the trees on those blocks were pruned, sidewalks were weeded and neighborhood banner identifiers were installed. This Spring, after contracts and permits are obtained, planters will be installed on all four blocks. To create a colorful visual effect. 38 Lakeview branded stools will be installed.

Starting later this year, the Lincoln/Southport/Wellington intersection will have the two pedestrian islands removed. There will be painted curb extensions extending the pedestrian space out into the street at the corners. This will calm traffic passing through the intersection, reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians, bring the corners closer together and provide additional space for landscaping and seating. See the Lincoln Crossing Plan rendition later in the newsletter.

Some other quick items:

• #11 Lincoln Bus - doubtful with CTA



- funding cuts from the State.
- Whole Foods going into Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland, but building it is going to take awhile. Current lease at Ashland and School is for 5 years.
- SSA funds to be used for snow shoveling of intersections: looking into for 2016.
- Transit Oriented Developments (TOD)

 being built at Lincoln and Roscoe:
 Chamber is in favor to increase density to help business and reduce number of cars owned by the occupying renters.

Chamber Update: Executive Director departs: After 13 years, Executive Director Heather Way Kitzes resigned and is taking a position with the Chicago Cubs and the Manager of Government and Neighborhood Relations.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

Nominating Committee for 2015-2016: Officers and Directors

SLN is looking for volunteers from the general membership to serve on the Nominating Committee to set the 2015-2016 slate. The tentative meeting date is Thursday April 23 @ 7PM at a site to be named. I If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, are interested in becoming an Officer or a Director or can nominate a candidate for the Board, contact SLN at the general email address of info@slneighbors.org. 2nd Vice President is

the Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee.

3rd Annual SLN Neighborhood Cleanup and Get Together - 4/18/2015

Saturday, April 18 is the official Citywide Clean and Green Day. SLN is organizing our 3rd paper litter clean-up. Simply volunteer to pick up paper, litter and the general winter garbage that is laying around on the grass parkways and street gutters for your block only. All you need is a garbage bag and your hands. I like to wear disposable vinyl gloves which you can purchase at Sherwin Williams on Ashland Ave.

Contact Bill Haderlein at chicagolanddeck@rcn.com to let us know which block you are attacking.

Start time: 10AM Saturday morning. Meet at east end of your block Timing - takes about 1 hour

POST CLEAN-UP SOCIAL @ Sidestreet Saloon: All volunteers are invited to meet up for some drinks and general garbage talk. Who will have the best litter story?

PLACE: Side Street Saloon (George & Greenview) TIME: NOON (sharp)
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Summer Seasonal Jobs

Chicagoland Deck Cleaning & Sealing is looking for seasonal summer help. See article at end of newsletter.

Rat Elimination Tournament - Year #2

See article later in the newsletter for details.



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Lakeview Citizens Council Election

Congratulations to SLN Director Mark Anderson for being reelected to LVCC Secretary and former SLN President David Duggan being elected to LVCC Director.

SLN By-Law Change

For years, most committee members have also been officers and directors of SLN. However, in recent years, some committee members and chairpersons are not on the Board and want to make sure they will be insured under SLN's Director and Officers Insurance.

By-law changes to be voted on at Membership Meeting:

- 1. 1) Article V-Officers/Directors: To be included in this section will be Para(c) Committee Personnel In all instances, appointed committee chairmen and appointed committee members shall be considered officers of South Lakeview Neighbors for the purposes of carrying out their committee duties and responsibilities.
- 2. 2) Article IX Liability Insurance:
 South Lakeview Neighbors shall carry
 sufficient Liability Insurance to insure
 all Officers and Directors from any
 liability in carrying out their duties of
 the organization. South Lakeview
 Neighbors shall indemnify all Officers
 and Directors from any losses
 occasioned by the performance of
 their prescribed duties.
- 3. Article VII-Meetings, Section 3: Quorum: Change quorum from 30 to

SLN on Facebook

If you are on Facebook, consider joining our Facebook group. The URL to access the group is

https://www.facebook.com/groups/southlakeviewneighbors/

Looking forward to interacting with you online.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meetings

Sam Samatas attends the Beat 1933 CAPS Meetings. He reported that the most recent meeting was one of the shortest in history as there was no crime spikes in the SLN area. However, CAPS loaded Sam up on some general information that follows:

Top 10 Crimes for Beat 1933:

- 1. Theft \$500 and under
- 2. Battery simple
- 3. Theft over \$500
- 4. Deceptive Practice credit card fraud
- 5. Battery domestic battery simple
- 6. Criminal Damage to property
- 7. Criminal Trespass to land
- 8. Assault simple
- 9. Theft retail theft
- 10. Theft pocket picking

FAQs about criminal complaints

1. Why do I need to sign complaints to have someone arrested? Whenever someone is arrested for a crime there



must be a complainant that signs the complaint. The complaint explains what crime was committed, when and where the crime was committed and is signed by either the victim or a witness.

- 2. What if I don't sign the complaint? Without a signed complaint the police cannot make an arrest and must usually release the offender.
- 3. What if I don't show up to court? If a complainant fails to show up in court the charges against the offender will be dropped.
- 4. What if I'm afraid to go to court? The 19th District has a group of citizen volunteers who are Court Advocates and will support victims. In some cases an officer from the 19th District CAPS office will accompany the victim and Court Advocates.

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine No meeting in April. Meetings held at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 7:00PM.

Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln

Next meeting is on Monday, April 13th at New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM.

Beat 1931 - east of Ravenswood & west of Ashland

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 15th 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. Twitter = chicagocaps19 Email = caps019district@chicagopolice.org

Police Commander Voulgaris wants all to

know that he can be contacted directly on his email and he will return your message. His email is

elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org.

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first spotted in North America in 2002 in both Michigan and Canada and has since moved southward and destroyed more than 20 million trees in both locations as well as in Maryland, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The EAB was first confirmed in Chicago in June 2008 and 29th and State Street and has since then expanded its presence to many other parts of the city.

The City of Chicago has been working with our federal and state allies to implement and EAB Management plan to protect our urban forest while combating the spread. The plan has included injecting more than 15,500 Ash Trees with an internal insecticide. The City has also coordinated the release of thousands of incredibly small insects, or parasitoids, which kill off future generations of the EAB by laying eggs in their larvae and eggs

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

Herdegan Funeral Home is SOLD.

A venture led by Chicago-based developer Stonestreet Partners bought the funeral home for \$3.8 million. Developer David Trandel wants to preserve the building's ornate terra cotta facade, but gut the building out to make way for new apartments and retail, the Sun-Times reports. The condominium section will consist of 10 units.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

1409 W.Addison, 773-471-7171, info@lakeviewchamber.com

Free Property Tax Education Seminar - 4/9/15

10:00-11:00am at Ann Sather, 909 W. Belmont

In 2015, all Chicago properties will be reassessed for property tax purposes. On April 9th, the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Assn. of Realtors will present a property tax education seminar designed to equip owners with techniques to appeal their properties, the type of information needed for a successful appeal, and the timeline for appeals.

Given the city's aggregate tax rate continues to rise, making sure a property is valued correctly for tax purposes is crucial. You have the ability to impact your property tax liability. For properties in Lakeview, assessments will be mailed on April 8th and appeals must be filed within THIRTY DAYS at the Assessor's Office. A second opportunity to appeal at the Board of Review will occur later in the year.

Restaurant Review by Joni G

Joni G. and her eating companion will return next month for another insightful restaurant review.

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Articles or Announcements

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

SUMMER/SEASONAL JOBS

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RAT ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT-Round 2

by Bill Haderlein

THE CITY IS NOT GOING TO DO MUCH ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. You saw the Wrigleyville people whining on TV about the rats from the Cubs remodeling. Now is the time to strike. In 2014, myself and neighbor Mike Walsh combined for 40-50 rat killings, just in our back yards. The rats have been cooped-up all winter and will be having their Spring litter shortly. Rats have 4-7 litters per year with 8-12 pups per litter or 30-80 rats per year.

What you need:

- 1) Rat Traps 4-5 is best I found Catchmaster traps available at Menards are the easiest to set.
- 2) Bait peanut butter, cheese or cooked hamburger meat.

Miscellaneous - throw away vinyl gloves (@ Sherwin Williams) and plastic knives to apply bait.

I reuse the traps. Just open the trap and drop the dead rat in a Jewel plastic bag. Like taking a hook out of fish's mouth. Occasionally rinse off the traps in the alley.

HELPFUL HINTS

- 1) Rats need to touch surfaces as they move, so place traps along walls or your garage.
- 2) Position rat traps at a right angle from a wall with the trigger/snap end almost touching the wall.
- 3) Rats are often shy of new objects, so put your unset traps out for few days to a week for the rats to get used to.
- 4) Set a large number of traps. 1 is no good. Set 4-5 spaced about 15-20ft apart.



5) Using some bait on unset traps will attract more rats for a bigger kill when traps get set.
6) Set traps after dinner. Unset them during the day or you might kill a bird.

Once you get going and kill some rats, you will eagerly pop out bed each day to check the inventory. Maybe a few selfies will be sent out.

Email your kill numbers or stories to the SLN email at: info@slneighbors.org.

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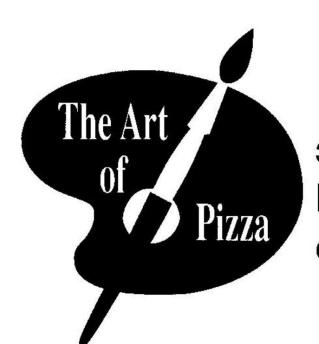
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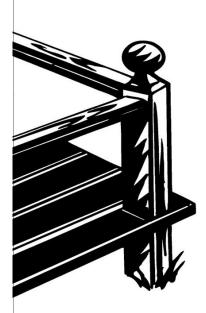
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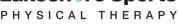








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