

June 2015 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

What's more important? Polka-dots or street crime? From the volume and emotional level of the discussions I read on Facebook or hear at Starbucks, it seems that there's a lot more energy going into complaining about the place-making at Southport and Wellington than the robberies, shootings and murders in and near our neighborhood. Where are our priorities?

Chicago is broke. Illinois is broke. We are not going to get 1,000 more cops on the street. We are now playing a game of shifting resources on a sinking ship; resources go where the wheel squeaks loudest. If we want more cops, we are (that is YOU are) going to have to start going to CAPS meetings to make your concerns known to the new District Commander. South Lakeview Neighbors will do what it can, but the people who allocate resources care about numbers and the more each of us reaches out to the Mayor, our Alderman, the District Commander, and others, the more we count. Let's agree to put effort in those directions.

Yes, the place-making polka-dots do look a bit silly. Let's give it a chance and suspend judgment for a few weeks until the project is done and drivers become used to the new traffic patterns. It's an experiment and the City and the neighborhood needs a chance to evaluate the results. It will slow down traffic – that's one of its goals. Slower traffic makes the intersection more pedestrian friendly and, it is said, that will encourage Lincoln Ave. foot traffic to cross Wellington. Let's see how it goes.

Meantime, I look forward seeing you around the neighborhood!

Steve Stern President@slneighbors.org

SPECIAL MEETING: JUNE 9, 2015

ANTHENAEUM THEATRE 2936 N. SOUTHPORT 7:00PM - Door open 7:30PM - Meeting begins

Agenda

** Schuba's Liquor License Application & Beer Garden in Parking Lot

Save the Date:

SLN SUMMER BASH - Tuesday, July 14 @ Wills Northwoods Inn - 6:30PM to 8:30PM in the beer garden

1505 West Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

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Schubas - Patio liquor license

Schubas has recently been sold. The new owners are applying for a Patio Liquor License for a planned Beer Garden to be located in Schubas parking lot south of Schubas and The Harmony Grill (owned by Schubas).

The new owners will present their plans for the Beer Garden to the membership at this Special Meeting (SLN does not have scheduled meetings in June, July or August).

The immediate area will be flyered. A vote on the issue will be taken. The results will be forwarded to Alderman Waguespack.

At the May Meeting:

Lincoln/Southport/Wellington Intersection - Lincoln Hub

A lot of commotion was generated, as the SSA#27 work on this intersection was being set-up. Complaints posted on SLN's Facebook page and direct comments made to Board members of SLN warranted an update on the progress of this project.

Lee Crandell of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and one of the Commissioners of SSA#27, a local businessman, addressed the membership. The Commissioners of the SSA are appointed by the Mayor to oversee the use of SSA funds. Mr. Crandell presented an overview of the background of the project: 1) information gathering from residents, 2) planning by the design group and 3) presentation of the plan at Chamber Open Houses held in the neighborhood. The goal of the Lincoln Hub is to: 1) calm traffic for safety reasons and to get drivers to notice the intersection, 2) create a people place for

neighbors and local business customers to meet and socialize, 3) create a buzz for the area to attract future businesses to locate in the area.

The floor was open for comments. Here is a summary:

- Question about on-going maintenance, Answer - paint has a 3 year warranty. Bollards are easily replaced if knocked over. The SSA is in charge of maintenance and can react more quickly than CDOT.
- Question on snow plowing plans made sure there was enough room for plowing and snow storage. There will probably be some manual snow shoveling by the SSA workers.
- Comments on traffic or the Hub:
 - When more than one car is turning left, other cars cannot get around, causing increased back-ups at the intersection.
 - Cars heading south on Southport are speeding around backed-up cars on the wrong side of the street and tearing down Nelson to get around. A safety hazard.
 - Wellington heading east, is now backed-up all the way to Ashland in the morning during rush hour and Alphonsus Academy school start. Normally, it is only to the middle of the 1500 block of Wellington.
 - Big increase in traffic on north bound Southport during PM Rush hour.
 - Increase in cars traveling on residential side streets and alleys to get around the increased traffic delays.
 - Bollards on Wellington in front of the Church and S&G's may cause



- more bike/car confrontations as wrong-way bicyclists head west on one-way Wellington.
- Will people sit in the Hub during the blazing hot sun, with no shade from any trees?

Almost all comments were negative from residents who live in the immediate area. One bike rider felt the intersection is improved for biker safety.

This editor has listened to many on the street comments from neighbors, business owners and those who have been commuting through the intersection. It is a very live issue, with strong opinions being expressed.

Mr. Crandell told the membership that the intersection is a work in progress. After all the planters are installed and the painting is done, drivers will be able to visualize the intersection more clearly. Mr. Crandell noted that drivers are driving more slowly through the intersection, in non-rush hour periods. There were many suggestions that the lights be timed to reflect rush hour traffic issues. He noted that this was the first project of its kind for CDOT. As the bollards are not permanent, the configuration can change. The design was somewhat affected by the two pedestrian islands that have been in the intersection since the beginning of time.

The SLN plan is to see how it goes for the summer and give comments when we reconvene in the Fall.

In the meantime, comments can be emailed to:

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce: SSA27@lakeviewchamber.com

South Lakeview Neighbors: info@slneighbors.org or SLN's Facebook page

(see later in newsletter).

Motto to adopt HAVE a HAPPY SUMMER at the LINCOLN HUB!

Herdegan Funeral Home - new Owner Plans

The new owners ChiArch, represented by Vince Bertucci revealed the somewhat surprising plans for the former funeral home.

The property is being redeveloped as a retail property. The existing building will remain intact. A one story addition will be added in the parking lot east of the building. The facade of the new building will be similar to the older building. The interior will be totally gutted. Windows and entrances will be added on the Southport side. There are no tenants currently lined-up, but the developers envision working with 3 tenants on the ground level, such as a restaurant or yoga studio and possible additional retail or office space on the 2nd floor.

No zoning change was required for these improvements. The building, constructed around 1912, is not a landmark building. Building permits are in process. This editor noticed that the sign on the building has been changed from "for sale" to "space for lease."

When asked about the parking lot to the north, Mr. Bertucci said that property was not part of the funeral home development. He was elusive as to whether that would be used for customer parking. He noted, that the retail building does not require any parking spaces.

I think I speak for the neighborhood, that we



are very pleased the building and the facade are remaining. The neighborhood is slowly losing all architectural connections to its historical past.

Wrigley Field Scoreboard Noise

Residents in the SLN boundaries have clearly been hearing the new giant scoreboard and announcer most specifically during the Cubs night games. Ms. Heather Way-Kitzes, formerly of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, now the Manager of Government and Neighborhood Relations for the Cubs addressed the membership.

Ms. Wav-Kitzes stated that the Cubs have been working to solve the noise issues. The score board sound system was reconnected to the older legacy system to reduce the sound. Speakers are being repositioned down to the playing field. It is still being worked out which sound system to use during the National Anthem, batter walk-up music, in between inning music and the 7th inning stretch rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Ms. Way-Kitzes said that over 1200 emails or phone calls have gone out to residents regarding the noise. She noted that the persistent northeast winds during this cool Spring have carried the noise to the SLN neighborhood. However, she noted that the intention is to keep the noise within the ballpark and the Cubs are taking the noise issue very seriously. The on-going rehabbing of the ball park through 2017 is affecting how the situation is being handled.

Comments to Ms. Way-Kitzes can be forwarded to: neighbors@cubs.com.

#11 Lincoln Ave. Bus

47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar is leading a charge to get the #11 Bus reinstated.

Jeff DeLong, Director of Marketing & Development for the Athenaeum Theatre, attended a meeting sponsored by the Alderman Pawar. Mr. DeLong reported that the Alderman has joined forces with a Southside group that had a similar interruption in the middle of a bus route, like Lincoln Ave., that negatively affected their own neighborhood.

Twenty-four mostly hand-picked people, attended this first meeting. A plan is being hashed-out by the two groups. Petitions will be generated for residents and businesses to sign. A FaceBook page and Website regarding the issue will be developed to move the message along. Still in the very early stages.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

Election of Officer and Directors

Nominating Committee chairperson Sam Samatas presented the slate for the 2015-16 season to the membership. Opportunities for nominations from the floor were offered. No nominations from the floor. Mr. Samatas asked for a motion from the membership to accept the slate as presented. A motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Here is the Board for the 2015-2016 term:

President: Steven Stern

1st Vice President: Sam Samatas 2nd Vice President: Jason Klein



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Directors: Returning - Mark Anderson, Robert Blitstein, Greg Brown, Robert Taugner, Joan Gatz, Greg Newman, David Duggan, Susan

Radzinowicz, Michael Valitchka.

New Directors: Amy Rosenwasser and Sharon

Dugan

Corresponding Secretary - OPEN POSITION: this Officer position was intentionally left open. SLN is looking for a social media savvy individual to fill this position to be involved with SLN's Facebook and Internet reporting and recruiting issues. Former 2nd VP Lisa Voigt handled most of these issues, but has moved out the neighborhood.

Any SLN Member interested in this position can contact SLN through our email address at: info@slneighbors.org.

ANNUAL SLN SUMMER BASH -Tuesday July 14

Date: Tuesday, July 14 Time: 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Place - Will's Northwoods Inn, 3030 N. Racine

in the Beer Garden

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SLN on Facebook

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

Looking forward to interacting with you online.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meetings

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine Next meeting is Tuesday, June 9. Meetings held 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, June 8 at New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM.

Beat 1931 - east of Ravenswood & west of Ashland

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 17 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.

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Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

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45h Annual Women's Health Fair hosted by 11th District State Representative Ann Williams, Senate President John Cullerton and 12th District State Representative Sara Feigenholtz

When: Saturday, June 13, 10am-1pm

Where: Lakeview YMCA @ 3333 N. Marshfield

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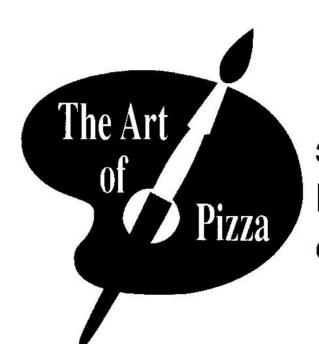
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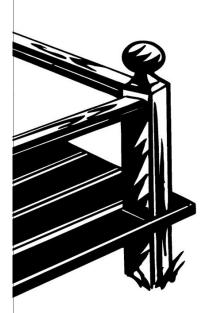
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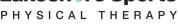








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