



September 2015 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

To the north of us, a massive hole in the ground will soon become the 2nd largest Whole Foods in the city. Another hole, next to the Paulina L, will become a transit oriented development. To the south, a new building will rise next to the Apollo Theater. To the west, we have the potential rebuild of Lathrop. To the east, we have the continuing redevelopment of Wrigley and its surrounding area. Polka dots aside, big developments seem to be skipping our area. Is this good? Will the seeming upsurge in single family housing replacements keep us a vital and desirable neighborhood? We all can see that Lincoln Avenue, especially the stretch between Belmont and Wellington, is fading. Some of this is due to the lack of public transportation. Some may just be the cycle of decline, rediscovery and redevelopment. This is what I see as the milieu in which South Lakeview Neighbors begins another year.

We start our year with the annual State of the Ward. Please join us to hear Alderman Waguespack's take on our neighborhood, the 32nd Ward and the state of the finances and future of the City of Chicago.

Steve Stern / President@slneighbors.org

Meeting Preview

September 8, 2015

Athenaeum Theater
2936 N. Southport

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

AGENDA

Alderman Waguespack - State of the Ward

All members & new members joining will receive a FREE DRINK compliments of SLN before the meeting starts.
Get there early.

Meeting Preview

As has been the tradition since the Ted Matlak days, the reigning Alderman will address the membership on issues affecting the SLN community and city-wide issues. If you want to ask the Alderman an question in advance, please submit your question with your name to the SLN email address at: info@slneighbors.org

AT THE JULY SUMMER PARTY @ Wills Northwoods Inn:

a/k/a: Ice Station Zebra - July 14

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I was deciding whether to wear my Florida Keys t-shirt or my tighter Nassau Bahamas t-shirt from last November's vacation. My eldest son has recommended I start wearing medium size t-shirts because large is too baggy and makes me look like a bum. It didn't matter, because when I walked out the door and that northeast wind hit me, I had to go with the zipper-up sweat shirt. Most years people go into the bar to get out of the heat. This year they went into the bar to get out of the cold.

Nevertheless, Wills' newly remodeled outside bar in the beer garden was great and the food was fantastic and abundant. Big crowd with lots of new faces in attendance. The beer and conversation were flowing freely. I don't know what others were talking about, but as one of party greeters, most people wanted to talk about the Polka-Dot Park at Lincoln/Wellington/Southport.

Thanks to Will's Northwoods Inn for their generous use of the beer garden and preparation of the eats.

OTHER SLN INFO

2014-2015 SEASON IN REVIEW:

SLN works with our elected officials, police commanders and various neighborhood associations to bring issues before the neighborhood for an open discussion. SLN flyers the neighborhood on voting issues, so non-members can attend meetings and voice their opinions.

SLN has monthly membership meetings in September, October and November. We then

have our Holiday Party in December and take the month of January off. Monthly membership meetings start up again for February, March, April and May. Emergency voting meetings are called as needed. The meetings are now held in The Athenaeum Theatre, usually in main stage depending on the topic and expected attendance. The Athenaeum opens its cash bar for our meetings and members are allowed to bring the drinks into the meeting, a very nice addition. The acoustics in the theater is fantastic, so if you stopped coming to meetings that were held in the Church basement because you couldn't hear what was being said, come to the September meeting with Alderman Waguespack and take in the new digs. All members and prospective members will get a FREE DRINK compliments of SLN at the September meeting.

Here is a RECAP of the 2014-15 Season

September - annual appearance by the 32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack.

October - Candidate forum for the local November election including an appearance by Mayoral Candidate Bob Fioretti.

November - Residential zoning change vote; Wellington Tap new owners plan, Lakeview Chamber of Commerce area update and Lakeview Pantry Holiday Food Drive appeal.

January Special Meeting for 1424 W. Diversey zoning change. It was a very contentious meeting pitting neighbors on the 1400 Block of Wolfram opposing a zoning change request that met the requirements of 2008 Overlay Zoning revision voted on and approved by SLN. This issue is still being reviewed by the Alderman.



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February - Aldermanic election candidate forum with incumbent Scott Waguespack and opponent Elise Doody-Jones going toe-to-toe over neighborhood and city-wide issues.

March - Lakeview Chamber of Commerce update on pending Lincoln/Southport/Wellington intersection project.

April - Real estate tax appeal process presentation; Farmbar purchase of the Wellington Tap and operation plans

May - Herdegan Funeral Home developer plan for conversion to a retail site; Wrigley Field noise issue with a rep from the Cubs addressing the issue; Lincoln/Southport/Wellington polka-dot park neighborhood complaint and observation forum.

OTHER OTHER SLN INFO

Corresponding Secretary - Open Position

SLN still needs to fill this position. It was intentionally left open at the year end. We are looking for an internet-facebook-social media savvy person to market SLN in these and other relevant manners. Lisa Voigt, who had been doing this for the last several years has moved downtown and is no longer on the Board.

Anyone looking to volunteer or wanting more information should contact SLN using the general email address: info@slneighbors.org.

What's New or Gone in the Neighborhood - by Bill Haderlein, SLN resident 1986 - present

So often we trudge back and forth to the

Jewel, Dunkin Donuts or the Foot Massage Parlor without really noticing what is going on around us. Each year, for the first newsletter, I take a slow deliberate walk on Lincoln Ave. and Southport to see what's really happening.

- Ashland at Oakdale and George was wiped out this summer by the sudden closing of Fiorintino's Italian Restaurant, along with Radio Shack closing and Pier 1 moving.
- Tuesday Morning on Lincoln Ave. closed leaving a huge vacant space plus The Gap that closed last year. You could fit a Walmart Express in that space.
- Rice Bistro building south of the Chase Bank was demolished. This parcel goes to Southport on the east. No zoning change requests at this time.
- Rumors are that the Church of Scientology at Lincoln and Southport is moving out. No future Tom Cruise or John Travolta sightings in SLN are anticipated.
- Powell Books on 2800 Lincoln was demolished and already being rebuilt. Did anyone ever go into Powell's? Another day care center is going in the first floor. The SLN business district is becoming the Day Care Center of the North Side. Those giant red rolling things they transport the kids in are getting in my way when I ride my bike on the sidewalk to avoid all those damn Divvy bikes.
- Urban Veterinary Care on 2900 Lincoln closed. All animal patients are being referred to nearby Vets.

So my stroll did not find much new activity, but there were some gems:

- Sleepy's, the mattress store, at the



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corner of L/B/A, is up and running. Now L/B/A is the site of mattress wars between Sleepy's and American Mattress across the intersection.

- Bras Galore @ 3141 N. Lincoln. I cannot walk by here without looking in. Somebody help me.
- Smallcakes Cupcakery & Creamery @ 3054 N. Greenview across from Starbucks. Just opened and the family lines are starting to form.
- Farmhouse Restaurant @ Wellington & Lakewood to open in Fall 2015.
- Gino's East at Lincoln & Diversey is being remodeled, so they are staying.
- Don Chef Bakery on Diversey west of Tuffy's Auto Repair has replaced Fritz's Pastry. Sign says 3rd generation bakers and Chicago Critics Pick 2012.
- Herdegan Funeral Home is being converted to retail so that is an unknown at this time.

More has left the Lincoln Ave. business district than has come. If we focus on the residential streets of SLN we see a different story. Older small frame houses are being demolished (not always a good thing) and being replaced with frame houses that fit better into the landscape than the big brick boxes built the last building craze of the early to mid 2000-2007 period. Families with kids are moving back into the neighborhood. My block is teeming with little kids, when 10 years ago there were none. Burley and Alphonsus grammar schools are filled to capacity and have stellar reputations. Let's not lament on the lack of walk-to-shopping, because more and more are buying everything on-line. Go with flow and enjoy the ride.

Next month: SLN will take on opinions of the Lincoln/Southport/Wellington

people space a/k/a Polka Dot Park.

Here is as best as I can remember a conversation I had with former SLN President Perry Castrovillari during the Spring at S&G Restaurant regarding a local business closing.

Perry : Tuesday Mornings moving
Bill H : Your moving on Tuesday
Perry : No, Tuesday Mornings moving
Bill H : Are you moving to Wisconsin?
Perry : I not moving, Tuesday Mornings moving.
Bill H : Who's moving on Tuesday.

Remind you of any of anything?

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

Court Advocacy Program

District 19 has a "Court Advocacy" program which asks local residents to show up in court in a small group, usually at Belmont/Western, to represent community interest in specific criminal court hearings for repeat perpetrators of local crimes - burglaries, break-ins, muggings, gang activities, assaults, etc. The purpose is to insure that a message of concern to the hearing/sentencing judge by the local residents is made and which may have some effect on the outcome of the hearing or sentencing. The process is very simple and is relatively short. Cook County will be conducting some brief training to familiarize



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registered volunteers in the process. This year the training/registration will be:

Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30pm
19th District 850 W. Addison Headquarters
Free visitor parking in garage east of building
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lori.trier@cookcounty.org

CAPS Meetings

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of
Racine Next meeting is Tuesday, September
8th. 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, September 14th
at New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM.

Beat 1931 - east of Ravenswood & west of
Ashland
Next meeting is Wednesday, September 16th
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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Popular Low-Line Market to Expand

Due to its rapid growth throughout 2015, the popular Low-Line Market in Lakeview will expand with additional vendors beginning August 27, encompassing a larger footprint beneath the Southport Brown Line CTA Station. Now in its third year, the Low-Line Market is a conveniently located prepared food and farmers market operated by the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Whole Foods Market and L3 Capital LLC. Featuring locally sourced produce, flowers and artisanal foods, the Low-Line Market has garnered a reputation for unique and quality products. As part of its expansion, the market will also welcome upcoming performances from local musicians. The Low-Line Market is open Thursday evenings, June 4 - Sept. 3, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Sept 10 - Oct 8, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. For additional information visit



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Sam Adams Lakeview Taco Fest

- When: Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 19th & 20th from Noon - 10:00 pm
- Where: On Southport between Addison & Roscoe

Taco Vendors: Café El Tapatio, Café Tola, Crosby's Kitchen, Dive Bar, D.S. Tequila Co., Flaco's Tacos, Meat Restaurant, Mystic Celt, New England Seafood, Newport Bar & Grill, Pony, Taco Joint and Tacos Nietos
Entertainment: Wedding Banned, 16 Candles, Too White Crew, Catfight, Rico, and more

Will's Northwoods Inn - Musky Fest 2015

Will's Northwoods, host of SLN holiday and summer parties and site of SLN Board Meetings, will once again crown a Musky Queen. Musky Fest 2015 will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12th all day. This classic street festival features great food, cold beer and live music all day.

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Block Captain Program - 17 blocks covered, looking to cover more blocks
The block captains get word of monthly membership meetings to non-members the old-fashioned way. By putting flyers in mailboxes. It does work. Some also use email to reach their immediate neighbors. However, the current roster is only covering about 50% of the SLN territory. Some prime blocks that need covering are: 1200 Barry, 1200 and 1700 Wellington, 1200, 1300 and

1500 George St., and 1400 and 1500 Oakdale. If your block is already taken, you can be assigned to a close neighboring block.

Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address, info@slneighbors.org. if you are interested in becoming a block captain. I will then tell you in private the huge benefits of being a block captain.

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

Restaurant Review by Joni G

Joni G. is attending a Palate Enhancement Convention out of town and will reappear next month with a scathing restaurant review.



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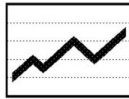
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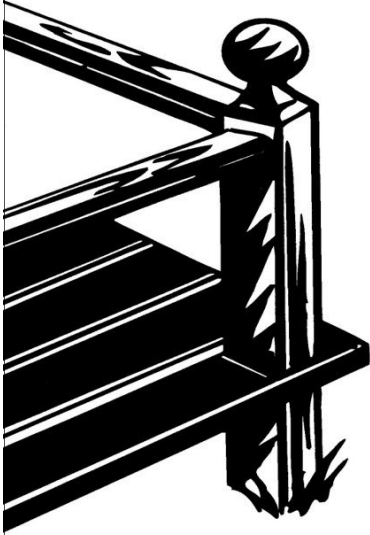
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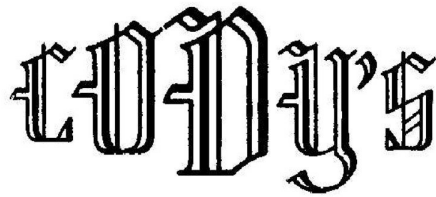
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