

November 2015 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

I looked up and the trees had all turned. When did that happen? In Chicago, the seasons change when you're not watching and present the results as a fait accompi. Maybe I was distracted by the Cubs. In any case, we're headed into a long season of a political game of chicken that has the potential to damage, if not destroy, the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. In a recent piece in the Tribune, Eric Zorn says "It's time to pick a side." We can't throw up our hands and walk away, because the game is being played with our schools, our taxes, and our futures. You're a member of South Lakeview Neighbors because you care about our neighborhood and our city. We each have to hold our legislators and leaders accountable for charting a way out of this mess. We live here; we can't walk away...

Thanks. Now I'll step off my soapbox! On the bright side, it looks like something's about to happen in the former Muskie's space. People with blueprints were standing around, pointing at things. SLN has been contacted by a developer about his plans for the northwest corner of Lincoln and Diversey. FarmBar (in the old Wellington's space) will be opening soon, and a new restaurant is coming into the former Fiorentino's space.

South Lakeview is a vital, attractive neighborhood and a good place to live. We have a lot to be proud of.

Finally, don't forget to shovel your sidewalk! Winter is coming.

Steve Stern President@slneighbors.org.

Meeting Preview

Athenaeum Theater 2936 N. Southport

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

AGENDA

- 1. CAPS Rep Sgt. Jason Clark
- 2. Local Grammar School Principal presentations
- Lincoln Hub @ Lincoln/Southport/Wellington : Yes or No secret ballot vote on the Configuration

CAPS Representative - Sgt Jason T. Clark

CAPS Sgt Clark will give a presentation regarding neighborhood burglaries and robberies.

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Sgt. Clark is a 20 year veteran of the police force. Sgt. Clark started his career in the 23rd District. He has worked on various tact teams, robbery/burglary teams, saturation teams and a narcotics task force with HUD/OIG. He was promoted to sergeant in 2005. He has been stationed in the 19th District since July 2008.

Local Grammar School Principals

SLN has invited the principals from Burley, Jahn and Agassiz to attend the November meeting to update the membership on the academics and operations of our local schools.

Lincoln Hub (Lincoln/Southport/Wellington) - YES or NO vote

We had a May 2015 meeting complaining about the new design. The SLN survey results were revealed and we had a discussion with comments at the October meeting.

Now SLN Board just wants to know: If you had to chose, would you prefer to:

- 1. keep the current intersection configuration or
- 2. return the intersection to its original design.

This will be a secret ballot vote.

As the by-laws state

- Article III-Membership: To vote on any issue, other than a zoning change request, one must be a member for at least 60 days prior to voting.
- Voting must be in person.

So, to vote you must be a renewing member with dues paid in full before this meeting or a new member as of the September 8, 2015

meeting.

Results of the vote will be forwarded to the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and Alderman Waguespack's office.

Member Socializing - 7:00 to 7:30 in the Athenaeum Lobby.

The Athenaeum opens its bar for members to purchase some beer, wine or pop before the start of the monthly meeting. Come a little earlier to the meeting for some member socializing. Your purchase helps support the operations of The Athenaeum Theatre. Thank you and see you there.

AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

S&G Restaurant - liquor license application John Boudouvas, the face and front man for this long established family restaurant located at Lincoln and Wellington addressed the membership. S&G is seeking an incidental liquor license to enhance the customer's eating experience. As S&G is within a certain distance to St. Alphonsus Church and The Alphonsus Academy School, the liquor license comes through the State of Illinois instead of the City of Chicago.

S&G will be serving mainly beer and wine for its lunch and dinner customers. John would like to offer Neighborhood Theater goers drinking options prior to attending a play or event. John envisions mimosas or bloody marys for late weekend breakfasts or brunches. Though the license allows for hard liquor to be sold. John does not foresee much of that being done, except on request



S&G has received the support from the Church and the School. Alderman Waguespack wanted S&G to appear before SLN to get our approval. A voice vote was held. Those in attendance unanimously supported the application. None against and no abstentions.

Editor Breakfast Note: As a Sunday morning regular at S&G, I suggest you give the eggs with Pork Belly a try. S&G added pork belly to the menu this summer. It is extra thick and fattier than bacon. It is seasoned and served cooked, but not crispy. Eat one and half pieces and take the rest home. Forget that crap you have been hearing on the news. Bacon and pork belly in moderation is not only good for you, but you will be a much happier person for consuming it.

State Rep. Ann Williams - State of Illinois budget issues

Ms. Williams presented her views on the budget impasse. Governor Rauner arrived in Springfield as a fresh face looking to change the status quo of the State doing business. The Governor attempted to make some major changes to the State's Pension programs, but those proposed changes were deemed to be unconstitutional. That spending reduction loss combined with decreased revenues due to the roll back of State Income Tax caused a huge gap in the budget. In prior years, Ms. Williams felt that the Dems and GOP would get together and hash out a budget. The Governor is not budging from his reform agenda including redistricting issues, freezing property taxes, workers compensation changes, term limits and collective bargaining with the State unions and these issues may be opposed by the Dems, causing the stalemate. The State has maintained about 90% of its operations at this point by a Court Order requiring

salaries, housing payments and mental health operations, among other items be paid, despite the lack of budget. Ms. Williams is optimistic as there is dialogue under the surface. She believes the impasse is more about politics and not policy.

Ms. Williams and some of her associates are proposing that future budgets not have a deficit. She says there is no revenue estimates being set before the budget process begins. She believes that the State perform some sort of cost-benefit analysis of new programs. The State does have a "rainy day fund," but is not being considered in the current budget. However, she warned that many State vendors are not being paid currently and individuals that receive some sort of State payments are starting to feel the effects of the budget impasse.

Congressman Mike Quigley - DC Update

In January, Mr. Ouigley was selected to the House Intelligence Committee. That committee meets with the CIA, FBI and the Military and briefed on very serious USA safety issues. Most recently, he had to travel to South Korea and was in Yemen during the recent coup. He was lodged in a siege-proof hotel and traveled in a bomb-proof car. Mr. Quigley is also the only Illinois congressman on the Appropriations Committee. He noted that he is 20 years younger than the average Committee member. As a member on the Committee, he is trying to direct federal funds back to the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago. Transportation funding is a big issue in this Committee. However, the mindset of cars and driving has to be changed as people under the age of 30 are living in metropolitan areas, not buying cars (really what they are doing is borrowing their parents car when they need one), using public transportation, riding bikes or using Uber for transportation.



Most new buildings are being built near public transportation, corporate headquarters are moving back downtown and retirees are moving back downtown. Mr. Quigley said that more people take the CTA in a month than take Amtrak in the entire year. So appropriations have to reflect this trend.

Mr. Quigley then spoke to what he feels about the mission of government.

He believes that government cannot function as a too far left or right entity. The elected officials have to come more to the middle to make things work for the majority of voters. He feels the Tea Party is "out of their mind" and that this minority of Republicans is controlling the US Government.

Mr. Quigley believes government needs to be streamlined. We have too many townships and school districts. We have fire department districts next to each other competing for operation funds. Government needs to be more efficient.

Gun control - after every mass tragedy, everyone keeps talking about gun control. However, to this date no votes or debates have taken place on the floor.

Q&A - Syria, USA and Russia - He thinks the President feels things are very dangerous for any US personnel in this area. He sees no scenarios that are the lesser of two evils. With Russia coming in, there is an extraordinary stalemate as to what to do in this area. You break it, you own it.

Lincoln Hub - intersection of Lincoln/Southport/Wellington (Polka Dot Park)

SLN President Steve Stern went over the

results of SLN's unscientific survey.
Questions were asked on a scale of 1
(strongly opposed) to 10 (strongly in favor),
which means that 5.5 is average.
Do you support the idea of traffic calming:
4.87 all people, 5.14 SLN members
Do you support the HUB design:
3.5 all people, 3.78 SLN members.

A summary of survey comments followed:

- 1) The polka dots are awful
- 2) I am in favor of slowing traffic
- 3) Execution needs to be re-thought
- 4) Tacky

Lee Crandell, Executive Director of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce gave a brief update. He noted that surveys from residents and businesses showed that responders wanted more of a town square atmosphere. More people friendly. More greenery. The design was about reinforcing this intersection as part of the community. The original configuration was tweaked. Some bollards were moved to alleviate the left-turning vehicle backing up issue. The City declined to adjust the signal timing, as suggested at SLN's May 2015 meeting. The Chambers and SSA 27's plan is to gather input and find more common ground as to what is next. He stated that is still considered a temporary installation.

Comments from the crowd:

- 1) Design is not traffic calming, but traffic creating. Never seen traffic worse at the intersection in 30 years of living in there.
- 2) People are tripping over the curbs as they are covered with paint, and people cannot determine the landscape.
- 3) In favor of the project due to shorter crossing for pedestrians.
- 4) No one will come to hang out at the intersection if there are no stores to go to.
- 5) The HUB makes it harder to drive to the



area.

6) I avoid driving through the intersection at all possible times.

7) The intersection might be safer, but the rest of the neighborhood is less safe as people are speeding down side streets and alleys to avoid the congestion, especially during morning and evening rush hour periods, Academy school dismissal and Cub games.

SLN member Luis Monje informed the Chamber that his on-line petition has 615 signatures opposing the reconfiguration. He wanted to know what kind of feedback the Chamber is looking for as a majority of people are opposed to the Project.

No real conclusion to the subject, other than what was said was said. The intersection will remain as is. For how long? Who really knows.

SLN is investigating how we can be hooked into CDOT to have some input for a more permanent solution.

Personally, this Editor intends to visit the intersection upon the first major Chicago snow storm to see how the bollards stand up to the snow plow trucks.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

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.

Block Captain Program - 18 blocks covered

The block captains get word of monthly membership meetings to non-members the old-fashioned way, by putting flyers in mailboxes. Some also use email to reach their immediate neighbors. This has worked in recruiting new SLN members. However, the current roster is only covering about 50% of the SLN territory. 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

SLN on Facebook - updated information 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

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 10th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 6:30pm-7:30pm



Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln

Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 9th at the New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Beat 1931 - east of Ravenswood & west of Ashland

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 18th 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

Community Alert

There have been a rash of "drive-by muggings" in the surrounding areas. Common elements include two to three black youths sitting in a car, usually in an illegal spot, waiting for target walking home from a bar/party between 10pm and 4am. The police urge that you call 911 with a description of any suspicious vehicle or persons. All local residents are also urged to watch your neighborhood and turn on your porch light at night.

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330

www.ward32.org , email = info@ward32.org

Fall Leaf Reminders from the Alderman's office

- 1) Yard waste should not be thrown in the Blue Carts
- 2) Keep city sewer drains clean and clear of the heavy leaf and garbage debris
- 3) Leaves and debris MUST NOT be swept or blown in the streets. Landscapers are required to pick up all leaves and debris that

they blow around. If you see anyone not doing so, please gather the location and name of landscaper and call 311 or 312-744-8618 to let Streets and San know.

City Leaf Collection

- 1) The Dept of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) is coordinating dedicated bagged leaf and other yard waste collection this fall to assist residents in clearing their yards, parkways and storm drains of leaf debris
- 2) Residents can call 311 to request separate bagged leaf collection
- 3) The collection is taking place now through November
- 4) Leaves and other yard waste should be bagged separately from garbage in the black carts and separately from recycling in the blue carts
- 5) The bags should be left in the alley or at the curb for collection
- 6) A DSS truck will collect the bags based on 311 requests and take it to be composted

State Representative - Ann Williams.

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Elected School Board Forum
Rep. Ann Williams invites you to join her for
an open discussion on legislation supporting
an Elected School Board, and how it can
improve and enhance the Chicago Public
School system. This discussion will take
place Wednesday, Nov. 11th, from 6:30pm to
8:00pm at the Athenaeum Theater at 2936
N. Southport Ave.

U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

Lakeview Pantry - Trivia Night Fundraiser Friday, November 13

At Matilda: 3101 N. Sheffield Tickets include trivia, first drink free and other discounts for the night. Proceeds go to support the Lakeview Pantry. For more information go to: www.lakeviewpantry.org/ylbtrivia.html.

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community is highly educated, spends more
per household than other communities in the
region, and is home to a compelling mix of

singles and families who like to take advantage of what their neighborhood has to offer.

Users of the portal can view and map demographic data such as education levels, consumer spending, and age for Chicago's West Lakeview neighborhood. Custom demographic radius reports can be created by address. Businesses are mapped by industry showing their distribution and concentrations throughout the area. In addition, a listing of available storefronts is maintained on the site. WhyLakeview.com gathers community insights often sought by business looking to relocate, expand or rebrand into a 'one-stop-shop' business portal on the web

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Restaurant Review by Joni G

Smallcakes Cupcakery and Creamery, 3054 N. Greenview, 773-661-9634

Smallcakes is a fairly new business to our neighborhood and if you have not visited them yet, do not hesitate to walk over and buy a cupcake, cupcake shake, sundaes or waffle cone. I suggest walking so you can walk off the extra calories and also parking for free is limited. The way you get there does not matter as long as you go.

Yes, this is a unique gem in our neighborhood. A sweet tooth spot that will bring you back for more. My first cupcake,



which I brought home and shared with my husband, was a Caramel Crunch. A dark chocolate dough with caramel icing and a crunchy and salty pretzel on top. Oh Yum!

We returned together a week or so later to explore the other options and also allow time for the calories to dissolve since the prior consumption. We brought two cupcakes home this time; a Chocolate Cream, which was sooooo creamy you had to share and enjoy the savory chocolate wee cake. The second was a seasonal special Pumpkin Spice. A lightly cinnamon spice dough with a pumpkin icing. Also worth sharing because the size of these cupcakes are big enough to do just that.

We are returning soon to pick up our order of 12 mini cupcakes (they are so cute and less calories) for a weekend gathering with a few friends. I am sure everyone will want to return for more of a very sweet deal. Although these cupcakes are not cheap, they are not as costly as some other specialty cupcake shops I have been to. Have I mentioned that I love cupcakes? Smallcakes may have some of the best homemade cupcakes you will enjoy.

RATS RATS RATS - the time to act is NOW

by Bill Haderlein

Rats are roaming night and day. They are also burrowing around your home. As a community, if we do not act now before winter sets in, rats will burrow in for the winter and become entrenched or worse, rats will find their way into your house to keep warm. Rats have 4-7 litters per year with 8-12 pups per litter or 30-80 rats per year.

To control rats, you have to remove everything they need to survive: food, water, shelter and ways to get around.

The Number 1 source of rat infestation is providing a food source:

- Remove pet feces at least once a day
- Rats will eat dinner scraps and need only an ounce of food and water per day. Keep your garbage cans closed. Pick up fast food thrown on your property.
- Rats need to live within 100 to 400 feet from their food source. Eliminate the food source.
- Rats can survive on your grill grease. Clean your outside area with a bleach and water solution.
- Rats can get inside a space the size of a quarter. Seal up the outside of your house.
- Ivy and overgrown brush create ideal conditions for rats to create burrows. I have noticed rats coming out of those nice parkway planters people are having installed. Thanks a lot.

Alderman Waguespack's office at 773-248-1330 will work with you and the Bureau of Rodent Control to bait the area. In my opinion, THE CITY IS NOT GOING TO DO MUCH ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

Now is the time for individuals to strike. In 2015, I have killed well over 20 rats in my yard alone. In one night alone, 6 rats met the Grim Reaper. One of the dirty rat's blood was splashed against the garage siding, like a Quentin Tarantino movie. During the summer, one rat escaped down its hole with part of its foot still in a trap. Other rats that were still alive in the traps had their heads smashed in with a shovel, while I screamed like a crazed little girl. It's us or them.

What you need:

1) Rat Traps 4-5 is best - I found Catchmaster



traps available at Menards are the easiest to set. Sometimes they need a little prong adjusting with a hammer

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 morning (with your foot) or you might kill an innocent bird.

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

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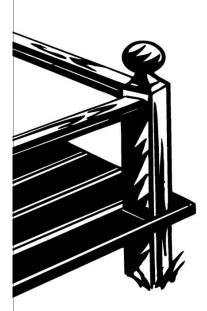
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