

SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBOTZS

December 2015 Newsletter

A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

I'm writing this the morning after Thanksgiving, contemplating whether to have a turkey sandwich for lunch or just skip to the pie, cake and cookies. We have something to be thankful for. Thanks to the fine work of the 31/11 Bus Coalition, the #11 bus will be coming back in 2016. Let's hope it's the shot in the arm needed to re-energize our section of Lincoln Avenue. When the bus shows up, encourage people to use it. If no one rides it, they'll take it away again.

In my opinion, South Lakeview Neighbors is at a crossroads with respect to its ability to deal with development, zoning and changes in the neighborhood. For years, we used the mechanism of the NDRC - the Neighborhood Development Review Committee - to work with the city and developers to maintain a character for our neighborhood, under the principle of "a tangible benefit for the neighborhood". I'm looking for some new people to reconstitute the committee and, under that principle, work with developers, the alderman, the SLN and the immediate neighbors of proposed developments to find solutions that are good for the entire SLN area. The choices are hard: projects set precedents, people vs. projects, and so on. The goal is maintain the SLN area as a vital

and viable place for a wide variety of people, encourage economic development and keep it a place where we're happy and proud to live. If that interests you, please contact me at president@slneighbors.org.

Steve Stern

HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 8, 2015

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

- Drinks
- Food prepared by Will's Kitchen
- Raffle donations to: Lakeview Food Pantry Athenaeum Theatre Restoration Fund

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Will's Northwoods Inn - 3030 N. Racine Tuesday, December 8: 6:30PM to 8:30PM In the heated tent and back bar area. Plenty of room to spread out and hooks for your coats. Will's kitchen has been given the green light to put together a great spread with items not normally on the menu. Open bar - beer, wine, well drinks and pop. Members, family and friends are invited. **Bring your next door neighbor and**

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Membership Dues (per person) \$10.00 -Seniors (those over 60) \$5.00 September 1 through May 31



recruit them to be an SLN member.

Holiday donations by SLN: Please note that the Board has voted to donate all the proceeds from the liquor basket and splitthe-pot raffles to the Lakeview Pantry and the Athenaeum Theatre Restoration Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity. NOTE: your membership dues must be paid and up to date in order to attend the Holiday Party.

HAPPY HANUKKAH - 12/6 WONDERFUL WINTER SOLTICE - 12/21 MERRY CHRISTMAS - 12/25 HAPPY BOXING DAY - 12/26 HAPPY KWANZAA - 12/26 HAPPY NEW YEAR - 1/1 BILL HADERLEIN BIRTHDAY - 1/11 That takes care of all the big Holidays

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

CAPS Rep. - Sgt. Jason T. Clark

Sgt. Clark has been on the force for over 20 years and CAPS rep for the Town Hall District at Addison and Halsted for the last several years.

The Sergeant encouraged us to attend CAPS meetings. CAPS meetings are now every other month, but will have specific crime and safety/prevention topics that will be discussed.

911 vs. 311.

Chicago's 311 Call Center has become a national model. By using 311, when appropriate, you will ensure that more of police officers remain on the street. Generally, 311 calls are non-emergency situations that do not involve a crime in progress or an immediate threat to life or bodily injury. Specifically, call 311 when: 1) the offender is no longer in the area and is not expected to return immediately and 2) the victim of the incident is safe and does not need medical attention. The Sergeant urged parents to teach their children how to call 911. If you call 911 and are frustrated by the operator, either ask for a supervisor or hang-up and call back to get another operator.

Holiday Safety Tips

Sgt. Clark handed out a custom flyer he made combining general information from CPD Headquarters and his personal advice from his 20+ years experience. Here are some highlights:

- 1. When shopping, put presents in your car trunk and out of sight to prevent car break-ins.
- Do not have packages delivered to your empty house. Criminals follow UPS & Fed Ex trucks this time of year. Having the package put in the back is also no good.
- Shovel your sidewalk. Unshoveled walks indicate you are not home and the house is ripe for burglary. In addition, close your drapes so burglars cannot see what type of property you have.
- 4. Do not advertise on Facebook that you are going out of town.
- 5. Use your house alarm, even if you are home. Burglars are looking to avoid a home invasion.
- 6. Leave lights on in your house for that "occupied appearance."
- Let a trusted neighbor know if you are going out of town and return the favor to create a "neighborhood watch."

Common sense street safety:

1. Do not walk and text, especially at night. You are not paying attention to

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people around you, while you are advertising that you a have a \$200-\$500 smart phone that can be snatched and grabbed, often with physical harm to yourself.

- Do not take short-cuts through alleys or walkways. Stay on well lit and traveled areas.
- Carry purse close to your body with clasp nearest you. Never leave purse in shopping cart or unattended while you shop.
- 4. Keys: do not carry keys in your purse. Keep keys in your pocket. When returning home, have your keys ready in your hand ready to unlock your door.
- 5. Carry wallet and cash in your front pocket.
- Always lock your car even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes. Always lock your car doors as soon as you enter your car. Always drive with your car doors locked.
- 7. Be alert of suspicious persons loitering in parking lots.
- 8. Be careful of strangers following you into your building. Never, never let a stranger into your building.

Sgt. Clark took some Q&A.

- Q:Street light out. A: Call 311 and your Alderman.
- Q: Garbage can/garage arson. A: Call 911 if you see anyone suspicious hanging out in your alley. Note: arrest of a minor was made on this item.
- Q: Less cops on Beats in our neighborhood. A: Less police now cover larger beat areas.

Sgt Clark handouts included a map of the three beats that cover the SLN boundaries. See the CAPS section of the newsletter for dates and location of the January 2016 meetings.

The January topic will be Theft from Autos.

Community Alert Handout:

Theft of Tire and Rims from Autos in the 19th District.

Unknown offenders have removed all four tires and rims from vehicles. Prevention will include installing locking lug nuts on your vehicle. Pay attention to suspicious persons who appear to be working on a vehicle parked on the street late at night or early morning hours. Call 911 and provide a description of the offenders and any vehicle description, license plate information, as well as direction of flight.

Local Grammar School Principals

Jahn and Burley Grammar Schools Two of our local school principals took time out of their busy schedules to visit SLN and give the members an update of the academics at their schools.

Jahn Elementary School at Wolcott and Belmont, Principal Michael Herring In the last two years, Jahn has improved its rating from a level 3 school to a level 1 school. Jahn is currently designated as a world language school. Jahn was chosen as one of only eight schools in the nation to take part in a federal LADDER Grant. The Grant helps support the English Language Proficiency Standards in 23 States. Principal Herring commented that if/when the Lathrop reconstruction begins, the school could have an influx of an additional 100 students and he has been meeting with representatives on this issue.

Call 773-534-5500 for additional information or school tours.



Burley Elementary School on 1600 block of Barry, Principal Catherine Plocher.

Burley is a neighborhood school and 100% of the neighborhood is invited to attend, then any excess would be for magnet students. Currently about 3/4 of the students are from the immediate neighborhood. Burley has a literacy and technology emphasis. and has been a Technology Magnet Cluster School. Parent initiatives are working on getting all students Apple I-pads. Since 2013, Burley has been named an Apple Distinguished School for its innovative use of technology. The school offers Spanish, music and an after school program.

Call 773-534-5475 for more information or school tours.

The two principals indicated that all the area principals communicate with each other and support each other. They commented that every area school has a different focus and not that one school is better than another school.

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

For informational purposes only, SLN conducted a private ballot vote for the SLN members in attendance at the November meeting.

The results of the vote were as follows:

If you had to chose, would you:

1) I prefer to keep the current design intersection (**12** in favor)

2) I would prefer to return the intersection to its original design (**26** in favor).

This information will be forwarded to the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and the Alderman.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland Streetscape

On November 16, 2015, the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) hosted a meeting to show three preliminary renditions regarding our fine neighborhood intersection to an invited group "Task Force". Representing SLN were President Steve Stern and Recording Secretary Bill Haderlein. 44th Ward Alderman Tom Tunney, 32nd Ward Chief of Staff Paul Sajovic, representatives from 47th Ward Alderman Pawar, the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and representatives from West Lakeview Neighbors and Roscoe Village Neighbors were in attendance.

CDOT asked the Task Force for initial feedback on the plans. CDOT is in process of obtaining Federal Funds for the intersection. CDOT will be conducting public meetings possibly starting in early 2016. CDOT has asked the Task Force to assist in getting the word out on public meetings. CDOT also requested that at this time, details of the plans not be revealed.

No 11 Bus on Lincoln Ave is Coming Back

See Neighborhood News section of this newsletter

or





7:00 Meeting Start Time

At the November Board Meeting, the Board voted to test an earlier 7:00PM start time for the monthly membership meeting, commencing with the February 2016 meeting.

SLN takes the month of January off to recharge the batteries.

Corresponding Secretary - Open Position SLN still needs to fill this position. We are looking for an internet-facebook-social media savvy person to market SLN in these and other relevant manners.

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 the word out for the monthly membership meetings to nonmembers 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.

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/southlakev iewneighbors/

Looking forward to interacting with you

online.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

Please use the renewal form in the newsletter or go SLN's website at www.slneighbors.org where you can renew by PayPal. As a not-for-profit organization, SLN still incurs expenses for the newsletter, flyering, meeting rental, insurance, etc. A tremendous amount of volunteer time is put in by the officers, directors and block captains to put on the meetings and produce the monthly newsletter

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meetings

CAPS meetings will now take place every other month and there will be a special topic each month. The topic for the upcoming January meetings will be "Theft from Autos".

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey Next meeting is Tuesday, January 12th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 6:30pm.

Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln, from Belmont to Fullerton Next meeting is Monday, January 11th at the New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7:00pm.

Beat 1931 - west of Ashland, between Belmont and Fullerton, to the Chicago River. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 20th 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



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Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

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1) Winter Parking Ban Starts Dec. 1st at 3:00 am

In our area, only on Milwaukee Ave, is there no parking AT ALL from Dec. 1st thru April 1st between 3:00am and 7:00am. There is also the 2" snow ban that applies to Ashland, Damen, Belmont, Diversey and Lincoln. When snow is over two inches deep, there is NO parking on these streets from 3:00am to 7:00am from Dec. 1st thru April 1st.

2) Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks According to the Municipal Code of Chicago (4-4-310 & 10-8-180), property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Frequently asked questions:

Q: How long to I have to clear the sidewalks? A: 1) If the snow stops falling before 4pm, you have three hours to clear except on Sunday or 2) If the snow stops falling after 4pm or on Sunday, you have to clear before 10am on the next day.

Q: How much snow do I need to clear to comply with the ordinance?

A: The City of Chicago Municipal Code requires individuals to clear a 5 foot wide path along the sidewalk, where conditions allow. This width provides mobility and access to pedestrians in wheelchairs, people with children in strollers, students walking to school and individuals with assistive devices.

What is the best way to remove show from the sidewalk?

A: 1) Remove snow and ice along ALL

sidewalks adjacent to your property including any ramps to the crosswalk, 2) Move snow to your yard or the parkway adjacent to your property, 3) Do not push show into the street, 4) Do not cover the crosswalks, 5) Do not block alley entrances, and 6) Do not pile snow around fire hydrants.

Q: What happens if I don't clear my sidewalk?

A: The fine for failing to do so ranges from \$50 to \$500 for individuals and from \$100 to \$1,000 for businesses.

State Representative - Ann Williams.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

CTA announces No.11 Bus on Lincoln Ave. is Coming Back - as Pilot Test

Subsequent to a public hearing held on November 16, the CTA has announced there will be a "pilot" (test) return of the No.11 Lincoln Bus between the Western/Lawrence L stop and the Fullerton L stop. This section of the route was eliminated by the CTA four years ago, as being redundant with the Brown Line service.

The "pilot" bus service is expected to start in Spring 2016. CTA President Dorval Carter clarified that this does not mean the route is back for good. The CTA will work with the community and Alderman Pawar (47th Ward) to determine what service will be provided during the pilot. The pilot will be paid for out of fund reserved just for such "test cases" and will not require additional budgetary resources.

SLN Director Robert Blitstein and his wife attended the November 16 public meeting.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

1409 W. Addison, 773-472-7171 email = info@lakeviewchamber.com website = www.lakeviewchamber.com

1) Lakeview Gift Card Holiday Promotion – Last year more than \$65,000 in gift cards were sold and distributed during the holiday season, driving additional traffic to local businesses.

Share the gift of a great neighborhood. The Lakeview Gift Card is available in any

denomination from \$5-\$500 per card and is accepted at more than 75 participating Lakeview businesses. You can order the gift card on-line at www.lakeviewchamber.com. Use code HOLIDAY any time in December to receive a free \$20 Bonus Card for every \$100 in Lakeview Gift Cards purchased. Save on shipping and handling by ordering a gift card in person at the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce office at 1409 W. Addison. To see a list of the participating businesses, visit their website.

If you are a business that is in SSA27 and accepts credit or debit cards and would like to be one of the participating businesses, signing up only takes a few minutes. If you are interested email Dillon Goodson at dgoodson@lakeviewchamber.com

2) Southport Holiday Stroll and Jollypalooza On Friday, December 4th from 5-9pm, all are welcome to kick off their holiday shopping with the Southport Holiday Stroll on Southport from Belmont to Irving Park. The merriment continues on Saturday, December 5th with Jollypalooza from 1-4pm on Lincoln Ave. from Diversey to Addison.

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy the festive entertainment, refreshments, special offers and giveaways and other surprises!

Youth Free Throw Shooting Contest All local boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of the 1st annual Free Throw Championship sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus. The local competition will be held on Sunday, Dec. 20th in the St. Alphonsus parish gym starting at 1:30pm. Space is limited so reserve your spot today at http://stalphonsuskinights.com/freethrow.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw



Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

Athenaeum Theatre - world class within walking distance

Call 773-935-6875 or www.athenaeumtheatre.org for a line-up of the November/December 2015 schedule.

Restaurant Review by Joni G Flo, 2901 N. Ashland

We were very sorry to see Fiorentino's Italian Cucina close, however the New Mexico cuisine restaurant, Flo is a delightful restaurant repurposing the same space on the corner of George and Ashland. Flo's original site, and still operating for 16 years, is on Chicago Avenue in the West Town neighborhood. We have visited it several times and were happy to see that they decided to open at another location right in our neighborhood, actually only ½ of a block from our house. What once was almost a monthly Italian dinner out will now be a New Mexican treat.

The owner, Leonard Sanchez and his wife have lived in the South Lakeview Neighborhood for 9 years and jumped at the opportunity to bring Flo to their neighbors when the space became available. They did not change much at the time we visited which was only 2 weeks since opening. The décor is simple and the heated outside room was the favorite for the evening, filling up fast. Music was an upbeat mix of classic oldies, and set at conversation level. Flo features New Mexico classic dishes, along with an affordable wine and beer list. Special Margaritas are featured from their full bar offerings. One of their classic dishes, which we will try on our next visit, are Sopapillas. A puffed flaky dough stuffed with classic New Mexico flavors, such as red chile and pork or veggies and beans. Their chorizo, a spicy sausage, is house-made. Two salad choices are Green or Caesar.

My dinner at Flo consisted of Carne Adovado, red chile braised pork with roasted potatoes and fresh sliced avocado, served with warm flour tortillas, which were good for dipping into the variety of textures and tastes. This dish is spicy, so if you prefer more mild tastes, you can order their Angus Beef Burger.

My dining partner ordered the Flo Bowl. Comprised of chicken, shrimp, house-made chorizo, zucchini, red pepper, onion and house-made poblano-tomato salsa served over a bed of brown rice. A much healthier choice than mine and not as spicy, however still providing a mild kick. Portions are large enough to have leftovers for lunch the next day. The average price for an entrée is \$14. Flo also offers vegetarian dishes and remember there is that Angus Beef Cheeseburger too.

Service was friendly and our wait person was very knowledgeable of the menu and proud of the house-made chorizo and sauces. On this evening which turned into a busy night, even Leonard was waiting on tables. We give Flo both thumbs up, recommend all to go and give them your business. This reviewer will be back not only because of the good food, but also the convenience of Flo's location to my backdoor.



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