A few words from our President:

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

A few thoughts for our readers...not in any order of importance.

Last month SLN Organization held a primary candidate political forum which I had the pleasure to facilitate and where the neighborhood residence had an opportunity to meet, listen and question candidates who are competing in the March 15th primary election. Candidates included challengers for US Senate, US Congress, Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Illinois State Rep and a judicial candidate. Post event reviews indicate that event was well received, interesting and informative. This should not be considered an endorsement but the in person representations for states attorney, and county clerk and US senate were especially passionate, fact filled at times intense. On behalf of SLN I urge everyone to make time to review your polling location and vote in the March 15th primary.

Our meeting March 8 [new 7pm start time] should be equally interesting to the neighborhood at large. Mike Salvatore of Heritage on Lincoln will talk about a proposed local bike race, Flo restaurant [Ashland/George] will introduce themselves, Donna Moore - candidate for States Attorney competing against Anita Alvarez will speak and take questions. Also, Axios Architects will present their new residential proposal for the empty lot at 2800 N Lincoln [Lincoln/Diversey/Racine]. THEY ARE SEEKING AN UP ZONING APPROVAL WHICH REQUIRES A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO BE HELD AT THIS MEETING. If this matters to you I urge you attend, join if required, listen and question if needed.

Another of my assumed duties is to coordinate SLN’s NDRC – Neighborhood Development Review Committee. This is a very talented and impressive group with detailed expertise in zoning, legal, architecture and construction. In my opinion SLN is very lucky to have the benefit of these unsselfish past and present volunteers. If you have relevant technical knowledge and experience, care about the future of the neighborhood and would like to exert some influence on what and how property is developed feel free to contact me about joining this working group. Current projects under review, besides 2800 N Lincoln include 3 condo units at 1615 W. Barry and a church conversion to residential units at 3142 N Racine. You can read a summary of these projects elsewhere in this newsletter.

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See you at the meeting. Sam

Meeting Preview
Athenaeum Theater
2936 N. Southport
6:30 PM - Doors open
7:00 PM - Meeting begins (Note the early start time!)
Member Socializing - 6:30 to 7:00 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.

March 15 Primary Election - candidates
At newsletter release date, Donna Moore for Cook County States Attorney has committed to attend.

2800 N. Lincoln Ave - zoning change
Developers are interested in the vacant lot located at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Diversey. The project is a four story, six unit condo building. The project has a contemporary design with adequate parking. The developers are requesting a zoning upgrade from B-2 to B3-3. This will be a voting issue.

Lakeview Bike Race
Mike Salvatore of Heritage Bicycles is resurrecting his bid to bring a competitive bike race to the Lakeview area. Now that Mr. Salvatore has last year's knowledge of the ins and outs of bringing an event like this to Lakeview, he is getting the process going well in advance. This would be an all day event held during the week.

Flo Restaurant located at 2901 N.Ashland
The owner of this newly opened modern Mexican restaurant will introduce his concept to the membership.

AT THE FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING
The news is 24/7 Republican and Democratic Presidential primary information. However, State, Congress and Senate primaries will also be held on March 15. Nine candidates for various positions appeared before the membership on a very cold night. By the amount of photo flashes by the photographer, it was evident that the meeting was being covered by local or internet news.

The position that had the most candidates was the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

1st Vice President Sam Samatas started the meeting with a quote from Teddy Roosevelt: "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where one could have done better. The credit goes to the man in the arena, who at best knows in the end the
triumph of high achievement and at worst, if he fails, fails daring greatly, so his place shall never be with those cold timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

Clerk of the Circuit Court (in charge of Cook County Court System operations):

Diane Shapiro for Republican candidate. Ms. Shapiro is a former Democrat who switched to the Republican Party. Top Republican vote getter in previous local elections. Ms. Shapiro strongly indicated that Court as run by incumbent Dorothy Brown is mismanaged with tons of waste, using an out-dated carbon paper system supplemented by an old computer system. Find her on Facebook.

Jacob Meister for Democratic candidate. Mr. Meister is a practicing lawyer, who has experienced first-hand the broken system at the Circuit Court. He described it as a paper-based system with massive file warehouses. Files are missing or information is removed from files. He suggested we talk to any lawyer that has to use the current system to confirm how poorly the Court is run. Mr. Meister believes that the cost of modernizing the Circuit Court will be recouped in operational savings. www.JacobMeister.com

Dorothy Brown incumbent for Democratic candidate. Being able to follow her challengers, Ms. Brown was able to tailor her talk to refute the claims that the department is outdated. Using an Ipad, she went into a convoluted description of how to file using a mobile app. She defended the carbon-paper system as being preferred by the attorneys. She indicated the Supreme Court has mandated electronic filing. Ms. Brown gave the longest talk by far of any candidate, but in my opinion, said the least.

Cook County States Attorney

Due to the Leqwan McDonald police shooting video, this has become the hottest race for the March primaries.

Kim Fox for Democrat candidate
Ms. Fox is currently the chief of staff for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. Ms. Fox was a Cabrini Green resident in her early childhood. Her family got out of the projects and she went on to graduate from Lincoln Park H.S. and law school. Ms. Fox feels that society has to be proactive dealing with children through education and early intervention and not jailing juveniles but reforming them. She touched on the overcrowding at Cook County jail stating that over 70% of the inmates are in for non-violent crimes. Many have mental health issues that need treatment, not incarceration. Ms. Fox was a very smooth speaker in her first bid for elected office.

Ms. Anita Alvarez was scheduled to attend, but she sent a representative to tell us that she was delayed at her previous appearance.

U.S. Senate candidates

James Marter for Republican candidate. Mr. Marter is a business owner of a software consulting company. As a small business owner, he has experienced the challenges facing an owner. Mr. Marter opposes Obamcare and predicts companies will drop employees hours to avoid the Obamcare mandates. On immigration, he believes that the current laws in place need to be enforced. On education, he believes it should be controlled on the local level without
federal government meddling. He view himself as a constitutional, liberty loving American. He supports the 2nd Amendment, owns a gun and has a concealed carry permit. www.Marter4Senate.US.

**Chris Aquayo** for Veterans Party of America. A veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Mr. Aquayo has entered the race to protest the government's reduction of veteran benefits. He is a centrist that is tired of voters being mistreated the politicians in Washington. This is his first foray into the political system.

**U.S. Congress candidates**

**Rob Sherman** for Green Party
Mr. Sherman got right to what he believes are the top three issues of the upcoming race: 1) Jet noise over residential areas. 2) Red light cameras and 3) the need for anti-bullying laws. Mr. Sherman is an atheist and did not stand for the pledge of allegiance at the SLN meeting because the words "under God" which were added during the Cold War in the 1950's. Mr. Sherman was by far the most energetic speaker and wore a green hoodie that doubled as a walking political ad.

**Deidre Baumann for Judge-Circuit Court of Cook County**
Ms. Baumann was a last second addition to the list of attendees. She is an attorney representing clients against the government and big corporations for 23 years. Raised in Rogers Park and a Lane Tech grad. www.deidrebaumannforjudge.com.

**Editor Note:** These forums that SLN has been having (we even had one featuring judicial candidates only) are not always exciting or flashy but they are always interesting. Our country has a huge government with many electable positions to be filled. I wonder if there will ever come time, that due to the mud-slinging, facebooking and tweeting, that there will not be enough candidates. You have to give up a ton of TV time to run for office.

**OTHER SLN INFORMATION**

**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 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.

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 - submitted by Sam Samatas
CAPS meetings will now take place every two months and each meeting will have a specific theme as well as continuing arrest data review and strategies to address identified problems. The topics for 2016 are:

March - Garage burglaries
May - Residential burglaries
July - Street Safety/Robberies
September - Back to School safety
November - Seasonal crime trends

CAPS meeting schedule - March 2016:
Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey
Next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th 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, March 14th 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, March 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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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

Craft Beer & Food Pairing
Central Lakeview Neighbors (our neighbors to the east) are sponsoring a Craft Beer & Food Pairing Night out:
Sunday March 6
Matilda - 3101 N. Sheffield
Starting at 4PM with the first course of dinner at 4:30PM.
$40.00 per person
Purchase tickets on Matilda's website at:
www.matilda-babyatlas.com

Lenten Fish Fries at St. Alphonsus
The popular Friday Fish Fries are back.
Friday, March 4 & 18
In Church basement. Enter off of Southport. 6:00PM-9:00PM
Fried cod, mac-n-cheese, chips and cole slaw.
$12 for adults, $6 for kids under 12.
Games and prizes for kids.
Trinity Irish Dancers both Fridays at 6:30.

Western Ave Overpass Bridge Coming Down
A full closure of the Western Avenue bridge over Belmont will start on the evening of Friday, March 4th and last through the weekend and Pulaski Day on March 7th.

Construction Schedule and Traffic Impacts:
Stage 1 - five months
Western Ave reduced to one lane in each direction from George St. to Cornelia Ave. for viaduct demolition and removal, installation of temporary pavement and river bridge repairs. Access will be maintained to all business in the construction zone.
Accelerated demolition of the viaduct decking requires a full lane closure of Western Ave on the weekend of March 4-7. During the first phase of construction, no left turns will be allowed from Western to cross streets between George and Roscoe Streets.

Stage 2-3 - approximately eight months
Two lanes of traffic in each direction on Western. Belmont reduced to one lane in each direction at the Western Ave. intersection; roadway installation and rehab; sidewalk and curb work.

Stage 4-5 - approximately four months
Two lanes of traffic in each direction on Western and Belmont; median work; repaving.

Upon completion of the project in summer 2017, Western Ave. will have three lanes of traffic in each direction during rush hours, with the curbside lane available for parking in some areas of the corridor during non-rush hours. The project will also provide roadway improvements along a 1.27 mile stretch of Western Ave. from Logan Blvd to Waveland Ave.

The Overpass was built in 1961, in part to serve visitors to the Riverview Amusement Park. Riverview closed in 1967. So the Overpass survived 49 years beyond the reason for the construction.

Garbage Collection Fees
The City passed an ordinance as part of the 2016 Budget that implements a $9.50 per month per dwelling unit garbage fee for residential properties currently receiving City-provided garbage service, effective January 1, 2016. Beginning this April, Chicago residences that receive garbage collection services provided by the Department of Streets and Sanitation will begin paying a garbage service fee of $9.50 per month per dwelling unit. The fee is
attached to the water bill and will pay for a portion of the costs associated with weekly garbage collection provided to residences.

**Lathrop Homes - revised/final plans(?) revealed**

The revised plan is a compromise between all new and historic preservation renovations. The plans calls for 1,116 apartment units to be built over three phases. The unit breakdown proposed is 400 public housing units, 222 affordable units and 494 market rate units. The public housing will be scattered in every building throughout the development. The Lathrop Homes buildings north of Diversey will be almost totally renovated and adapted for such things as the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The 3 story building at the southwest corner of Diversey and Damen will be demolished and replaced with a 4 or 5 story building.

The area south of Diversey is still not finalized. That area will include more new buildings, 50,000 square feet of retail and a riverwalk. A high-rise building is not in the plans.

The project is being approved in phases in order to get the north section of the project going.

**Restaurant Review by Joni G**

The best and worst of times for restaurants in South Lakeview

We bid Mirador at the corners of Wolfram and Southport a fond adieu. They gave it a good try while they lasted, for just one year.

Farewell also to A-Plate on the east side of Southport just north of Diversey. I really liked their nouveau twist on Thai.

In that space, almost immediately opening after A-Plate put up their closed permanently sign, we now have Snaggletooth. Opening was Saturday, February 20th, and each day they have sold out of their specialty, cured fish, within hours. Their concept is to make this a neighborhood eatery. Select your fish to go upon your choice of a variety of bagels and then apply your own schmears. Schmears consist of different spreads from berry jellies, cream and chives to mango butter. All of which are homemade on the premises or brought in from fellow chefs. They also offer Sparrow coffee and infused teas.

The day I encountered the owners/chefs, they were closed and preparing the new cured fish to begin their first full week of hopefully busy business. A review shall come only after I have the opportunity to taste what has been stated by another SLN member as delicious. Snaggletooth hours are Tues-Sunday, with intent to stay open 7 am – 7 pm, or until they run out of the cured fish.

Where Fritz Pastry once was on Diversey, west of Southport, hangs a sign claiming it is now Gorilla Sushi. Whether not yet opened, or closed the day I approached, I do not know. I could not find any reference to it on the internet so they may still be working on opening. Hope they will last longer than the coffee shop that filled in so briefly after Fritz moved their bakery to the 2200 block of Lincoln Avenue.

South Lakeview Neighbors are also waiting to see what an elite chef is doing with the old Muskie’s at the corner of George, Lakeview and Lincoln. Supposedly an adjacent building will be incorporated into the space.

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The most constant in my gastronomical universe is change.

**RAT control information - submitted by Block Captain Bobbie Tempkin**

Bobbie has been rallying her neighbors to deal with the SLN wide rat infestation. Here are issues we all need to address:

- Common alley rats carry and easily spread harmful diseases to humans and pets. In winter, overpopulations of rats will look for ways to gain access inside your home and garages. The city is trying to help with added bins and baiting.

- You may have noticed we have new garbage cans in the alley both blue and black. The cans that are eaten through or are inoperable are being removed. They city, however, has indicated there will be no progress in rat control unless the neighbors in this area change their current practices.

- I would think there are many of you while walking outside in the warm weather or sitting in the yard have seen rats running across the sidewalk, in the alley or in the yards. Baiting and traps are one answer in the fight to reclaim our block or at least to better control the rat population in and around our homes but the residents need to become involved as well.

- What YOU as neighbors should do:
  1. Don't over stuff garbage or recycle bins.
  2. Find bins with room, even if you need to walk a few more feet to your neighbors garbage bins.
  3. Make sure all trash/recycle bin lids are fully closed.
  4. Pick up ALL dog feces on parkway and backyards.
  5. NEVER set garbage bags on top of bins or on the ground.

- 6. Call 311 monthly to bait the alley when seeing rats.
- 7. Call/email Alderman Waguespack's office at 773-248-1330 or email at WARD32@cityofchicago.org to regularly notify about rat sightings and to order more garbage cans if your residence does not have enough.

Reminder on Laws affecting Quality of Life in the Neighborhood (Dogs, parking and litter)

**Parking Regulations:**

It is UNLAWFUL to stand or park any vehicle in any of the following places:

- 1) on a sidewalk or
- 2) on a parkway (except in case of emergency)

Any cars that have garages with direct access off the street (like townhomes at 3000 Greenview or single family homes on 3000 Paulina) cannot park on the sidewalk or in the parkway. It is a hazard to pedestrians, especially children. Call 311 to report illegally parked vehicles.

**Unleashed dogs**

Our pets are like family; however, Municipal code 7-12-030 states anytime you take your dog onto public property (excluding a city dog park), the dog needs to be leashed. Owners can be fined $300 per violation and up to $10,000 plus jail time if an attack occurs while your dog is off leash. Please error on the side of caution for everyone's safety and keep your dog leashed.

**Junk mail litter**

The RedPlum paper in plastic bags with ads galore that winds up in your yard and on the sidewalk and street can be eliminated. Call 1-800-874-2863, press #4(other), then #2 to instruct the Tribune to skip your house. Only an address is required.

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