A few words from our President:

Musings from your Acting President:

It seems like everyone is talking about the increase in neighborhood crime these days as they should. Here are my thoughts. **GO TO CAPS MEETINGS!** The SLN boundaries cover parts of three different police beats 1931, 32 and 33. [See CAPS report for your exact boarders]. I have been going to 1933 meetings [east of Lincoln to Halsted] for decades and generally the only attendees from SLN are myself and one other person that I bring. The CAPS officers always ask “how can we help?” I can honestly say that they have helped me immensely over the years. They have dealt with problem building owners and tenants, eliminated loud parties, along with inspectors forced buildings to meet codes or be sold, eliminated drug deals with tactical teams, arrested suspicious characters with outstanding warrants in the streets/alleys, provided extra drive-bys, conducted home security analysis etc. For a specific issue the beat officers would even stop by my home at night and ask if all was right. Bottom line: Get to know your police. They want you to be their eyes and ears: see something – say something, make the call with as much detail as possible.

At our May meeting we will have two voting issues that all should contemplate ahead of time. The first sounds esoteric and perfunctory but is extremely important. A change in our by-laws is being proposed by the board that will reduce the eligibility to vote at meetings by brand new members from a 60 day waiting period to being able to vote the same night that they join, 0 waiting time. The pro is that concerned SLN residents can vote timely on a specific issue, the con is that the vote can be “stuffed” by local ringers [bar customers, developer friends, etc]. Membership needs to decide by a 2/3rds vote.

The second issue is a proposed 16 seat sidewalk café for the 404 Wine Bar/Diag on Southport near George. This is 7 day operation with a 10pm closing time. Personally I am against the expansion of sidewalk cafés in primarily residential areas and Diag already has an outdoor venue. A membership vote will be taken either approving or not recommending for the

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alderman’s consideration.

In addition, the nominating committee has developed an officer/board member slate for the 2016-2017 year. The general membership will be asked to comment and approve.

May 10th will be our last scheduled membership meeting for this fiscal term. I have been filling in as acting President and coordinator for the NDRC for the last few months and it has been a pleasure as well as a privilege. SLN has a talented and dedicated group of volunteers that are trying their best to make our little part of Chicago safe, diverse, vibrant and peaceful. I am thankful for their time and help and for your involvement, thoughts and considerations at the general meetings. I think there is form of satisfaction in being part of something that is greater than ones’ own immediate self-interest.

Please have a safe summer with your friends and families and I look forward to seeing all at our summer party at Wills Northwood’s Inn on Racine/Nelson July 12.

Sam Samatas

AGENDA

1. 404 Wine Bar/DIAG street cafe permit for Southport.
2. By-law change. No 60 day waiting period to vote
3. Restaurant/business presentations: Left Coast Food & Juice Wine shop/small plate restaurant 2806 N. Racine
4. Take Back Lakeview - Crime meeting results
5. Election of Officers and Directors

404 Wine Bar/DIAG: Street Cafe Request

404 Wine Bar/DIAG will present plans for a street cafe to be located on Southport in front of the 404 Wine Bar and service patrons of that establishment.

The immediate area will be flyer on the issue.

This is a VOTING ISSUE. The results will be forwarded to the Alderman's office.

By-law change: 60 day waiting period to vote at SLN meetings

Article III-Membership currently reads:

"To vote on any issue, other than a zoning change request, one must be a member for at least 60 days prior to voting."

For clarification: a non-member resident living within one block of a zoning change issue can vote on that issue only.

The Board has voted to delete the 60 day waiting period, allowing a resident who meets all the age and residency requirements, including proof of residence.

Meeting Preview

Athenaeum Theater
2936 N. Southport

6:30 PM - Doors open
7:00 PM - Meeting begins
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and payment of membership fee, to able to vote immediately on all issues.

There will be a discussion and a membership vote. For this by-law amendment to pass, the vote must be by a 2/3 majority and a quorum (24) must be present.

Restaurant Presentations:
1) Left Coast Food & Juice

The owners will introduce their health-focused fast casual restaurant concept. Expected to open in Spring or early Summer. The restaurant is located at Lincoln and Lakewood on the former Muskie's Hamburger site and the adjacent Cleaning 2000 dry cleaning business.

2) Wine Shop / Restaurant - 2806 N. Racine

Local business owner Meteo Ramos will present some conceptual ideas for a wine shop/restaurant he is considering at the above address. He is looking for neighborhood feedback before committing to the project.

"Taking Back Lakeview" - Neighborhood Crime

April 27 held at Athenaeum Theater

Ms. Elaine Osgood, who is Sales Manager for Big Onion tavern group that owns, among other bars, DAIG, took it on herself to organize an independent forum regarding fighting neighborhood crime in the Lakeview area. The meeting was held April 27 at The Athenaeum Theater. She promoted the event on Facebook. Ms. Osgood will present the ideas or results of that meeting to the SLN membership.

Election of Officer and Directors

Here is the slate to be voted on for the 2016-2017 term:

- President: Sam Samatas
- 1st Vice President: Bob Blitstein
- 2nd Vice President: David Duggan
- Recording Secretary: Bill Haderlein
- Treasurer: Ann Sychowski
- Corresponding Secretary: Steve Stern
- Directors: Returning - Mark Anderson, Greg Brown, Amy Rosenwasser, Bob Taugner, Susan Radzinowicz and Michael Valitchka,

New Directors:
- Jeff Heath
- Fionn McManigal
- Mike Salvatore

Candidates for all positions can be nominated from the floor.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee.

We had some red and white wine, pizza bread, a cheese wedge and some chocolate covered almonds. Two and half hours later, we had our slate.

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AT THE APRIL 2016 MEETING

Farm Bar Street Cafe Permit

T.J. Callahan, partner in the newly opened Farm Bar Restaurant @ 1300 W. Wellington presented the Farm Bar's plan for the street cafe license to be located in front of the establishment on Wellington.

As prelude to the cafe permit presentation, Mr. Callahan gave an overview of the Farm Bar operations including that 90% of the menu offerings are from locally sourced farmers and providers, closing at midnight instead of 2AM as their license allows, striving for a family and kid friendly establishment and investing in the neighborhood with over $3,000 in donations to local establishments.

Mr. Callahan noted that the Farm Bar would be at an economic disadvantage in the outdoor eating months if they could not offer al fresco dining. The patio would consist of 18 seats, 25 is allowed. The hours would be designed to have the patrons off the patio around 9PM during the week and 10PM on the weekends. No music will be piped to the patio. Landscaping would result in a net upgrade to the current parkway. Ms. Elizabeth Gomez, Director of Business and Community Affairs for Alderman Waguespack's office weighed in supporting the proposals.

The discussion was open to comments and questions. The discussion was dominated by neighbors who lived next door, across the street or very nearby the Farm Bar. Those neighbors voiced very high concern about noise from the patio that is more noticeable at night, waiting in line noise, front of restaurant traffic, increased outdoor smoker noise as the Farm Bar's capacity will increase and cleaning up noise after the patio closes. Most comments from the attendees were in opposition as the patio is being placed in a high residential area, as opposed to being on Lincoln or Southport like most other patios. Mr. Callahan was very insistent that the Farm Bar will work with the neighbors to make the situation as good as possible for all parties.

Note that the immediate area had been preflyered by SLN regarding the proposal.

A ballot vote was taken.

In favor of the Street Cafe: YES=35, NO=20.

The Alderman was informed of the vote results.

3142 N. Racine - Church Conversion zoning change

The new owner/developer of the property is looking for a zoning change to convert his Church building into a 6 unit apartment building. The Church building has been totally vacated and the pastor has moved out. The owner's architect presented the

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plans. The top floor will be a large apartment that the owner's son and family will live in. That unit will include a greenhouse on the roof, as a way to bring natural light to the lower apartments. Three standard apartments will be on 1st floor, a large loft unit and a duplex unit will be units number 5 and 6. The footprint of the building will remain intact, except that a corner of the building will be cut into to provide the required 1 to 1 parking ratio. The architect touted the plan explaining that under the current conversion plan, a unique building is being preserved in the neighborhood, as opposed to being demolished and replaced with a cookie-cutter 6-8 unit condo building.

A ballot vote was held.
Do you support the zoning change as presented for the conversion to a 6 unit apartment building?
YES=38, NO=4.

**Estate Planning & Trusts Presentation**

Mr. Mario Correa, Esq. gave the membership a summary of the pitfalls of not having a plan for potential disability for yourself or parent, the benefits of pre-planning your Estate or Trust, the benefits of preparing and funding a Living Trust, inheritance issues and the problems of "do it yourself wills" or "cheap plans." Mr. Correa stayed after his talk to answer questions that members might have.

SLN would like to thank Mr. Correa for his time in coming to the SLN meeting. Anyone interested in making an appointment can contact him at 773-489-8500 or www.correalaw.com

SLN disclaims any responsibility for services provided by Mr. Correa to any SLN members or individuals reading this newsletter.

**Restaurant/business introductions:**

**Beef & Barley (B&B) @ Wellington/Ashland**

Mike Hartman, manager of Beef & Barley, formerly the Temple Bar, explained the rebranding of this establishment to be more of a restaurant than a sports bar. B&B has developed a more upscale menu, pulling ideas from various different areas of Chicago. Seating is more intimate with more 2 or 4 person high tables. The noise level has been reduced to a more conversational level. The beer and wine list has been upgraded.

See Joni G's positive review at the end of this newsletter.

**Punt & Plume - 1324 W. Wrightwood**

This newly opened establishment occupies the old grocery store at Wrightwood and Wayne. The owners did a gut-rehab to that space. They are specializing in hand-bought wines in the $15-$40 per bottle range. Wine tastings are held Thursday and Fridays from 6-9PM and Saturdays from 3-5. The store also offers craft spirits, local small batch brews, cheese and meat samplings and cigars. The "punt" is the indentation at the bottom of the wine bottle and the "plume" is
the ash at the end of cigar.

773-698-6290 or www.puntandplume.com

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

Ingelligentsia Cup Bike Race - this Summer Alderman Waguespack has approved the Bike Race as presented at SLN's March 2016 meeting.

2800 N. Lincoln Ave (Vacant Lot) Zoning Change

Correction to the printed newsletter
The development for the vacant lot at 2800 N. Lincoln Ave., as presented at the SLN's March 2016 meeting, has been approved by Alderman Waguespack' office and will begin the zoning change/permit process.

The zoning change as presented at our last meeting been applied for and the Alderman’s office has become their review process. It is expected that some secondary changes will be needed to comply with 32nd ward guidelines but the 4 story 6 luxury unit condo building concept will remain the same.

SLN Summer Get Together 7/12/16 @ Will's Northwoods
Mark your calendars for the Annual SLN Summer party to be held at Will's Northwoods Inn on Tuesday, July 12 from 6:30 to 8:30. Drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers and chef surprises for all SLN members,

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:

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

Community Relations Strategy (previously called CAPS)
Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of...
Racine, Belmont to Diversey
Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10th 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, May 9th 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, May 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.

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Alderman Tom Tunney 44nd Ward News
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Lake View High School’s BoosterPalooza
Join us at Lake View High School’s Booster Palooza fundraiser. All community members are encouraged to attend this important fundraiser and show your support for our neighborhood high school’s athletes and coaches. BoosterPalooza will take place Friday, May 6th at 5:30-8:30pm at The Piggery at 1625 W. Irving Park Rd. $30 in advance or $35 at the door.

State Representative - Ann Williams.
Office located- 1726 W. Belmont, 773-880-9082
www.repannwilliams.com
Chief of Staff Colleen Smith email = colleen@repannwilliams.com

Below is a brief legislative update from State Rep Ann Williams on the budget and some recent developments.

1) State Budget Update – Though Illinois remains without a state budget, last week some limited progress was made in passing a “stop gap” measure to provide partial funding for our public universities and partial...
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funding of the MAP grant program. Legislators from both parties must stand up for the constituents they represent, find consensus and move us forward and get a budget passed.

2) CPS Budget Crisis – It is clear that we need both short-term solutions to address CPS’ immediate crisis as well as a long term revamp of our school funding formula. In terms of the immediate cash crisis, I support shifting TIF surplus funds to our neighborhood schools. I am a cosponsor of the Distressed Schools TIF Surplus Act (HB 4560), which would allocate unused TIF funds and could provide $150-300 million for CPS for a short term fix.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

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1) #BikeLakeview and Win This May – Spring is a great time to #BikeLakeview, and throughout National bike Month in May, bike-friendly businesses are offering prizes every week to lucky winners. Visit www.bikefriendlylakeview.com to see a list of special offer and participating businesses. Then shop at one or more of those businesses by bike and share your experience on Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #BikeLakeview for a chance to win gift cards and other great prizes.

2) Celebrate Mother’s Day with the Southport Corridor – Southport Corridor shops want to help you celebrate the moms in your life! You’ll find deals at some of your favorite restaurants and boutiques, along with everything from pampering to mommy and me events. The Southport Corridor is the perfect girls’ day out shopping experience. Discover more than 20 clothing and accessory shops, including unique independent boutiques as well as your favorite national brands. Then take a break at a local restaurant or café, or pamper yourself at a salon or spa. See a list of participating businesses visit www.onsouthport.com.

3) Shop Local with the Lakeview Gift Card – Give the gift of Lakeview! Accepted at more than 80 local businesses, The Lakeview Gift Card will help you gear up for spring while supporting local stores, restaurants and institutions. You can purchase the Lakeview Gift Card online or by visiting the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce at 1409 W. Addison. Gift cards are available in any denomination from $5-$50 per card. For more info visit www.ShopDineLakeview.com.

Restaurant Review
by Joni G

Beef & Barley, 3001 N. Ashland

How can you resist trying a Manhattan with Woodford Reserve Whiskey and a Negroni

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made with Illinois Gin straight from the tap? That is right, I cannot. We ordered some craft cocktails that they draw just like the many beers they offer, along with canned and bottle beers, wine and ciders. So besides the ole beer on tap and the fried bar food that had been offered by the other restauranteurs that have graced this corner spot since it was Little Bucharest; Beef & Barley certainly delighted this reviewer and her guest on an early week night evening.

Four large screen TVs were on with sports, although there was no sound except for the hip music set at conversational level. The service this evening was only the bartender who was completely competent to tend to everyone. There were a few tables full and several folks seated along the bar. He was also very thorough and knowledgeable about all the beverages and menu.

Beef and Barley’s gastropub menu is comprised mostly of small plate offerings. There are specials every day although any day you can get a burger with a beer and a shot of whiskey for only $15! I would call this a working person’s special if I were naming it. I believe what makes Beef & Barley’s kitchen so special is that there is actually a chef and a sous chef working it who continue to develop an evolving menu.

I loved the Wings with tikka masala (an East Indian flavor) with cilantro and mint along with a gently gingered yogurt for dipping. My guest ordered the Corned Beef Rillette (AKA pate) with sauerkraut, sides of pickles, horseradish cream and mustard served with slices of rye toast for dipping.

We will return to try some current offerings such as Turkey Schnitzel with Kimchi and a sunny side egg. They do not offer desserts, however on Tuesday evening you can play Skeeball for free. So we took that exercise and fun along with another beverage instead of dessert.

Yes they do have a large Punch Bowl which is made with mixing 3 varieties of liquor, however it can only be served to a minimum of 4 people for a mere $40. Friday evenings they offer half price on bottles of wine. Guess I know where I am going on my next Friday and Tuesday evenings out.
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