A few words from our President:

Some musings from Barry Avenue.

I hope all of you and your families have had a safe and enjoyable summer. I don’t know if it was climate change or just weather but to me it seemed more humid than normal and the A/C has been running longer.

The next couple of meetings should be very interesting to our membership. In September we will welcome Scott Waguespack, our 32nd Ward Alderman, who will speak on the “state of the ward and city” followed by Q & A time. Scott is part of the “reform caucus”, a frequent guest on WTTW Chicago Tonight and one of the few city council members who is not considered a rubber stamp for the mayor.

Also at our September meeting our new police CAPS officer, Sergeant Mary Hein, will briefly introduce herself to SLN and will field a few questions. She replaces Sgt. Jason Clark who has been promoted to Lieutenant over beat operations. Many of you got to know Jason over the years and we congratulate him on his promotion. If any reader has a specific “hot topic” question for Sgt. Hein or Alderman Waguespack feel free to send it to me and I will forward it to them to prepare a detailed response.

Finally, the new owners of 1444 W Diversey will be making a presentation for their renovation plans. Long time residents will know that zoning changes to the 1400/1500 blocks of Diversey have been a source of controversy and acrimony between nearby neighbors and for various members. Initially the owners were seeking a zoning upgrade from RT-3.5 to RT-4 to accommodate a building length expansion, a third floor addition, the conversion of 2 units to a total of 3 and relief from a third parking spot requirement. Your NDRC, Neighborhood Development Review Committee, reviewed their initial proposal in detail and did not recommend approval based solely on technical zoning reasons. Speaking for myself I am looking forward to their presentation.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR SEPT 13th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE 3rd FLOOR THEATER due to previous main theater booking. Easiest way is to take the elevator up as you enter the building. Theater is at end of hall.

Mark your calendars because our October 11 meeting will be equally jam packed mainly with a political orientation by direct elected representatives. Our Congressman Mike Quigley will speak on relevant updates. We will also have a debate between our DEM State Representative Ann Williams and REP challenger Gary Mandell. If possible GREEN Party and REPUBLICAN challengers to Mike Quigley may speak.
briefly. The evening of Oct 11th in the old theater has the potential to get a little intense.

As a side note I enjoy running into and talking with neighbor members as I walk my dog in the evenings. If you see me around the neighborhood, eating at the Golden Apple, having coffee at Starbucks or shopping at Jewel feel free to stop and say hello. If there is a topic or concern that you think SLN should address and has the ability to improve upon let me know either in person or via email. This is your neighborhood, your organization... which is one of the most active and effective ones... and your time. Let us all be amiable and use them wisely.

Thanks and take care, Sam

SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING PREVIEW

ALDERMAN SCOTT WAGUESPACK - STATE OF THE WARD
The Alderman will give the membership his annual update on the Ward and City of Chicago operations.

NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY (formerly CAPS) OFFICER
Our new 19th District, Sgt. Mary Hein will introduce herself and give a brief presentation on this year's meetings.

1444 W. DIVERSEY - Zoning Change
Owner requests zoning change from RT-3.5 to RT-4. Owner wants to 1) elongate the current building, 2) add a third unit to the current building, 3) convert the basement to a dwelling unit, 4) add a roof deck on top of the 3rd floor and 4) renovate the building.

This will be a voting issue. The immediate area around the project will be flyeried so non-SLN members will be alerted to the meeting and be able to vote.

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

OCTOBER 2016 Pre-preview
SLN has lined-up the candidates running for the Illinois State Senate seat and the US Congress seat for a meet the candidate/debate forum. October 11, 7PM @ The Athenaeum Theatre.

AT THE JULY SUMMER PARTY @ Wills
Northwoods Inn - 7/12/2016
It was hot. Will’s did the set-up so SLN attendees could stay in the A/C or go outside. By the time the sun set, there was a breeze and it was very comfy in the beer garden. Big crowd, well over 60 in attendance and many under the age of 60. Lots of new faces and a great time was had by all. Good to see some Cubs and Sox players in the All-Star Game for a change. Thanks to Wills Northwoods for holding the event. You really should go by to see their...
outside bar while the weather is still good.

2015-2016 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 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.

RECAP of the 2015-16 Season

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

October - Presentations from State Rep Ann Williams and US Congressman Mike Quigley; discussion of Lincoln/Southport/Wellington "traffic calming" intersection; S&G Restaurant liquor license request.

November - Presentations from 19th District CAPS rep and local grammar school Principals.

February - Nine candidates for various positions (Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cook County State Attorney, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and Illinois State Representative) appeared before the membership.

March - Vote on zoning change for 2800 N. Lincoln Ave; discussion on Lakeview Bike Race and vote; presentations from owners of new restaurants Flo and Snaggletooth.

April - Presentation and vote on Farm Bar Street Cafe permit; 3142 N. Racine Church Conversion zoning change; Estate Planning & Trusts presentation; Restaurant/business presentations from Beef & Barley and Punt & Plume Wine Bar.

May - 404 Wine Bar/Diag street cafe permit discussion and vote; vote on by-law change re: 60 day waiting period to vote; restaurant/new business presentations from Left Coast Food & Juice and Wine Shop/Restaurant at 2806 N. Racine.

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Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address = info@slneighbors.org. If you are interested in becoming a block captain.

Renew your Membership - NOW
Please use the renewal form in the newsletter or go to SLN’s website at www.slnneighbors.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 run an organization like this.

(Note: if we have your email address, we’ll send you a reminder right after September meeting that will include a link to personalized renewal form.)

SLN on Facebook - Get on It!
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.

What's Happening on the Street - by Bill Haderlein

When not sitting on my front porch, I take a daily walk around the neighborhood. My favorite path is up Southport to Irving Park and back. Let's face it, the people walking around or eating and drinking on Southport are better looking than in the rest of the neighborhood. However, before the SLN season starts, I like to take a slow walk around the SLN boundaries to see what is new.

This year, my wife toured the side streets and inventoried that 16 new houses are
currently being built in the SLN boundaries. Who knows how many were completed in the last year. Knock down the old, and replace with the new.

On the business streets of Lincoln, Belmont and Ashland, three major projects will shortly affect the neighborhood. Of course, there is Whole Foods with what I would imagine, will have several live food eating options within the store. I don't see my family converting from the so convenient Jewel, but I'm sure we will all probably trek on over to see it when it opens in Spring 2017.

The three vacant lots located on the 3000 block of Lincoln, which were the buildings that burned down several years ago and were subsequently demolished, are finally being rebuilt. The building permit indicates 3 levels with an office on the first floor and nine condo units. The building will have a 16 car garage and a six foot high wooden fence (I guess in the back). The vacant lots have been an eyesore and the construction is welcome. The developer said he does not have a tenant for the first floor at this time. We will see if the developer will be willing to leave the first floor office/retail vacant, as long as the dwelling units are sold or rented. Expected completion is Spring 2017. I can't really remember what burned down there.

Herdegan Funeral Home has a fence around it and the first floor is gutted. Work seems to have stalled out. This editor has made several calls to the leasing agent and left voicemails looking for information, but no one has returned my calls. Nearby neighbors and Facebook indicated that a mattress store will be the anchor tenant. That's good news because I am just sick of having to go all the way to Lincoln, Belmont and Ashland for the two mattress stores there. Mattress store wars in SLN. Look out.

2964 N. Lincoln, just south of Chase Bank, has a very sharp looking brick building. The building has a turn in it and fronts Lincoln, while the back goes to the lotline at Southport, where the garage is located. It replaced a dilapidated frame building. Again, in accordance with the zoning, office/retail on ground floor with two, probably large units above. The east view will give the owners a great view of who is eating at the Golden Apple, so you can pop over and chit-chat. The west view will be of St. Alphonsus Church. An architecturally impressive view, with obvious religious undertones. I recommend Sunday Mass, in moderation, followed by restaurant breakfast. Leave Mass early to get a good seat.

The old Powell Book Store on the 2800 block of Lincoln seems to be taking forever to finish, but it looks like it is getting close. Supposedly another Kiddie Day Care business/franchise will occupy the building cementing SLN as the Day Care Capital of Chicago.

Everyone keeps saying they want more restaurants in the area. Last SLN season, Gino's East Pizza (plaza now open), Snaggletooth Bagels, Left Coast Food & Juice, B&B (Beef & Barley), Flo Restaurant and Farm Bar all appeared at a SLN membership meeting. We need to support our local restaurants especially the advertisers in our newsletter: The Art of Pizza, Wills Northwoods Inn (yes it is also a great bar restaurant), Golden Apple, Honey Baked Ham and the S&G Restaurant, soon to get their liquor license.

On the health front, as we have progressed from walking like apes to erect human beings, we are now digressing to hunched over, neck aching aliens due to our smart

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phones. To the rescue, The Joint, a chiropractic place located in the Jewel shopping mall and Physio Partners at 2869 Lincoln have both recently opened up. Both offer "legitimate massage" services unless you are good with Happy Foot Massage. This editor and former Bear Matt Forte are big proponents of the chiropractic profession. That's how we both stayed on top all these years.

Finally, not sure if anything is going on at the triangle parking lot at Lincoln and Diversey (SLN zoning change vote at March 2016 meeting). Heritage Bikes and General Store has an interesting US flag display in their windows. Bras Galore on 3000 block of Lincoln is still open, though I have yet to see anyone in the store, and I do go by there fairly frequently.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meetings

SLN is looking for members to attend CAPS meetings and report to the membership either through the newsletter or at the membership meetings.

Contact Bill Haderlein, editor at email=chicagolanddeck@rcn.com if you think you will be a regular CAPS meeting attendee.

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:

- 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, September 13th 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, September 12th 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, September 21th 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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2) BANGS - a local arts and crafts market
The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce has partnered with a local arts and crafts market called BANGS (www.bangschicago.com) to bring their pop-up market to the Lincoln Hub area this fall. BANGS will take place Friday, Sept. 30 from 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 1st from 11am to 9pm and Sunday, Oct.2nd from 11am to 6pm at the intersection of Lincoln/Southport/Wellington. 20 or more vendors will be selling their goods (handmade jewelry, art, etc.). Neighbors are invited to attend a special reception on the St. Alphonsus Church patio and Saturday, October 1st from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. There will be no street closures or parking restrictions as the event will take place on sidewalks only.

Court Advocacy Training
Learn how to become an effective court advocate. Represent your neighborhood when it needs you most. Court advocates play a vital role in demonstrating that the community cares and will not tolerate crime. This program is being presented by the Cook County State's Attorney's Community Justice Center North in conjunction with the 19th and 20th Police Districts. It will take place Thursday, September 15th at 6:30pm at the 19th District Chicago Police Department at 850 W. Addison in the Community Room. RSVP by September 8th to 773.334-4066 or lori.trier@cookcountyil.gov.

My Life in South Lakeview by Joni G.
(Note: Joni Gatz, life-long SLN resident, member, officer and restaurant reviewer and her husband Bill Baumann are selling Joni’s family house. Here are her reflections on life on 1500 Wolfram).

Riding my sting ray bike, handle grips held
firmly, I raced west on Wolfram Street toward a wooden plank ramp and nailed it. Do not remember my landing. Fearless days in the early sixties led to reckless ways in the seventies.

Always returning home no matter the time gone by. Sometimes days, weeks, the longest a whole year-on a relationship passed. This old house was where I dreamed of living forever. Working in the garden as my father had before me, eventually having enough income to be able to invest in improvements all while keeping in contact with my neighbors, who at the time were not transient. Most my age and with families of their own. I was, for the majority of time, one of the few single gals on the block. For some reason the boys I grew up with on my block did not stay, however a couple of girls still remain on the same block and in the exact same house to this very day!

I have seen changes in the neighborhood and the surrounding businesses. From my recollection most have been positive. Others talk of the days when there were gangs and police nearby most of the evenings, especially during the summers for a few years. This time I do not recall. The police presence I remember in those days were friendly cops riding single in sedan squad cars pulling up to ask how our parents were and what our plans were for the summer. They actually knew our first names and talked to us as if they cared. Some of the same patrol officers also walked the beat at the corners of Lincoln, Belmont and Ashland. We knew them by their last names and trusted that we were safe.

Kids played in the streets and alleys when I was a youngster and even though I was too old as a teenager, they still rode their skateboards and played ball and hide and seek. From my younger days until I felt too grown up to join, all kid activity was suspended when the street lights went on. Sometimes you could hear a parent calling out their front door at this time, “Dominic, time to come in now”.

Our neighborhood boundaries were ruled by ASHLAND AVENUE. No one too young was allowed to cross this very busy street. So of course, that was the best risk you could do at the time, as long as you returned when the street lights went on. Appleton Electric Company on Paulina was a haven for us youngsters when they started going out of business. They left offices unlocked with pads of paper, desks, chairs and broken windows. We brought our own pencils and began pretending to be grown up and running an office. Kids would ride up the truck ramps on their bikes, jumping off the loading docks and “reporting to” whoever was the first to take the “boss” position in a vacant office. For the first time, after waking and daring to cross Ashland during the busiest traffic time (morning rush hour), I was the boss with my own pencils. I waited a long time before any others arrived. I decided working in an office was a boring job.

Another first for me is now. Moving from my family home of over 100 years, and in almost 5 decades, changing my address on my driver’s license, with the post office, subscriptions and all my bills. I guess I have an office job after all. My roots have grown deeply in South Lakeview and will remain.

-Joni G.
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