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May 2017

FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

Late Night Musings from Barry Avenue

Even though we all experienced a mild winter by Chicago standards I am looking forward to more spring weather days. I'll do a few DYI projects around the house, take some longer walks with my dog, talk with the neighbors, fix up my old Trek bike and enjoy the rest of the summer. The temptation is there but I caution everyone to be careful using ladders...better yet avoid and don't use them at all. Hire someone to hang the patio lights, install the motion detectors, security cameras etc. Spring of 2015 I fell off a tall ladder, grabbed a safety line to break my fall but tore out my right shoulder, rotor kuff and bicep muscles. I had a great Northwestern surgical team, dedicated physical therapists, did lots of gym work and it still took over a year to fully recover. Be very very careful.

May is our last membership meeting for this term and it will be a informative one. At our March membership meeting we heard about new STRATEGIC policing directives from Commander Marc Buslik. At the April meeting we heard about more local TACTICAL crime fighting efforts from Sgt Mary Heine. This months' meeting we will hear about immediate PERSONAL home protection from Ann Grubber, Ashland Lock and Security. She is going to give a brief talk and answer specific questions about securing your home and avoiding break-ins, the largest crime statistic in the SLN area.

Also, two local restaurants will be briefly 'introducing" themselves. Bakin & Eggs, a local favorite breakfast spot, will talk about its "revamping". A couple of doors north a new MEETING AT A GLANCE TUESDAY, May 9, 2017

ATHENAEUM THEATRE 2936 N. SOUTHPORT 6:30PM - Member socializing 7:00PM - Meeting begins

Agenda

- 1) Ashland Lock Home Security
- 2) New restaurant presentations
 - Bakin' & Eggs (new manager)
 The Diplomat
- 3) Chicago Cubs Neighborhood Operational Update
- 4) Election of Officers and Directors

restaurant, Chicago Diplomat Café, will highlight their offerings. This is a Georgian/Persian modestly priced upscale looking dinner place located where the Turkish restaurant on Lincoln used to be. Come early and enjoy some samples from both served in the theater lobby.

Wait - there is still more. Heather Way Kitzes, Manager – Government & Neighborhood Relations Chicago Cubs, will update us and answer questions on everything regarding the team, park and concerts. She is a great speaker and a straight talker, a friend of SLN and represents the team well. Bring your comments and inquires.

Also at this meeting the general membership will briefly vote on the approval or rejection of the

2017/2018 SLN officer and board member slate. You can read more about the complete slate elsewhere in this newsletter. From the SLN nominating committee I have been asked again to lead the top of the ticket. It is not something that I ever sought or lobbied for [actually suggested others be considered] but at the urging of the charming long time resident and SLN matriarch Ann Sykowski I accepted. With your approval and the help of the board I will look forward to another interesting year serving all starting with our September meeting.

Just a comment from the last meeting. Farm Bar, a very popular well run restaurant/bar at the corner of Wellington and Lakewood made a passionate pitch for an outdoor café license located on the front parkway. After intense discussions the final vote was slightly in favor of rejection. Alderman Waguespack subsequently has granted Farm Bar approval for their application. Now, I enjoy seeing people enjoying themselves in an orderly manner. Maybe it's derived from my youthful years spent in working in family run corner dinners. The more outdoor café's the better... in busy areas. I still think that the immediate residential neighbors should not have to sacrifice their quiet evenings to accommodate this application. I wish a better answer existed.

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Jeff Heath Fionn McManigal Mike Salvatore

Bill Haderlein Jeanne Haderlein Steve Stern Ed Silverstein On an up note, mark your calendars for our July 11 summer party. Free food and drink for members, family and friends who live within our boundaries.

As always thanks and take care and feel free to let me know what you think, Sam

MAY 2017 MEETING PREVIEW

Ashland Lock & Security Solutions

Ashland Lock is a leading provider of integrated security solutions right here in the area. They are an Illinois-licensed hardware and security contractor and certified woman-owned business. They will make a presentation for simple and complex home security solutions.

Restaurant Presentations

Bakin' & Eggs', located on 3000 Lincoln, new manager will present some menu changes being implemented at the restaurant.

The Diplomat Cafe on the 3100 block of Lincoln is now open. The owners will present its Southeast European/Georgian cuisine.

Chicago Cubs - Neighborhood Operational Update

Heather Way Kitzes, Manager of Government & Neighborhood Relations Chicago Cubs, and former Executive President of Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, will give us an update and answer questions on everything regarding the team, park and concerts.

Election of Officer and Directors

Here is the slate to be voted on for the 2017-2018 term:

President: Sam Samatas 1st Vice President: Bob Blitstein 2nd Vice President: Fionn McManigal Recording Secretary: Bill Haderlein Treasurer: Ann Sychowski Corresponding Secretary: Steve Stern Directors: - David Duggan, Michael Valitchka, Greg Brown, Amy Rosenwasser, Bob Taugner, Susan Radzinowicz and Mike Salvatore Candidates for all positions can be nominated from the floor.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee. Some wine and Mountain Dew, pizza and some healthy dipping veggies were consumed. It still took us two hours to come up with the slate.

Sam Samatas-Chair, Greg Brown, Susan Radzinowicz, Ann Sychowski David Duggan, Steve Stern and Bill Haderlein

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

AT THE APRIL 2017 MEETING

Special surprise guests at the April meeting were Alderman Scott Waguespack and Director of Business and Community Affairs, Elizabeth Gomez. They were there strictly for observing the proceedings.

Sgt. Mary Hein from 19th District Community Policing Office

Staying on the "meet your law enforcement officials" program, SLN's guest for the April was Community Policing Office (formerly CAPS) officer for the 19th District, Sgt. Mary Hein.

Sgt Hein has been working in the District putting on seminars for grammar school kids to teach them how to avoid being victims. This is in response to the mugging of several grammar school kids near Wrightwood Park. The District is also putting together Youth Councils for kid events in the community.

The District is working closely with bars and liquor stores to reduce robberies of their patrons when they leave the establishment. The District is passing out safety tips stressing patrons to be aware of their surroundings when leaving and avoid walking on side streets unless necessary and definitely stay out of alleys. The criminals know that many of the potential victims will be impaired by their drinking and easier to rob.

Robberies are down 14% and burglaries are down 26% in the 19th District. Sgt. Hein noted that these categories are down even more in the SLN Beats. The District has established some new Burglary/Robbery Teams that identify and target potential offenders. A juvenile offender has been recently arrested, whose fingerprints tie him to eight different burglaries, which means he probably was involved in double that number.

Calling 911 - Sgt. Hein encourages us all to call 911 if you see someone acting suspicious. Looking in yards, gangways or windows. Ringing doorbells, jiggling door knobs, walking in alleys or going into your neighbors yard qualifies as suspicious. If your gut tells you something is wrong, call 911 before you regret not calling. Be detailed in your description of the perpetrator. Head to toe descriptions are good. Criminals will commit the crime and ditch their jacket or hoodie to avoid identification. Note the criminals shoes and any facial irregularities.

CAPS meetings: if you cannot attend the CAPS meeting for your Beat due to scheduling issues, Sgt. Hein recommends attending any CAPS neighboring Beat meeting as the information does cross over.

Questions and Answers:

Q: A member called to find out where a recent specific crime occurred, but could not get the info. A. Police can only give out address block ranges

for the privacy and safety of the victim.

Q: Are door to door newspaper sales people or kids from out the area selling candy to raise money, legitimate or just casing the neighborhood? A: A little bit of both. Though they may be legitimate, they could engage in a burglary crime of opportunity if they see something they can get.

Q: Is panhandling a crime, as it is on the increase at neighborhood intersections.

A: It is not illegal in Chicago, but any aggressive panhandling like impeding you while walking is an arrestible action.

Q: Homeless? person sleeping over night in a car.

A: People are not allowed to sleep over night in cars or in the parks.

Q: In last month's meeting, Commander Buslik said stops are up in the 19th District. How can that be when all the news says they are down?

A: Chicago does not and never used a stop and frisk policy. An officer needs to have a reasonable

belief that the people being stopped have committed a crime or are about to commit a crime. The District's Tact Teams are using less identifiable unmarked cars, like drug dealer cars or junkers, so as not to alert the criminals that police are in the area.

Recent DePaul Student shooting - Sgt. Hein reports that crime did not occur. The student was involved in a fight over a gun at an apartment. The gun went off and hit the student in the leg. He fabricated the mugging and shooting story to the police.

Sgt. Hein's final crime advice:

Thefts are the biggest concern in the SLN area. Just common sense. Do not leave any windows open or unlocked if you are not home. Do not leave emergency keys near your back door. Lock your garage. Don't keep best stealing items like bikes in your garage. Register your bikes and engrave your tools and yard equipment.

Have your packages delivered to work or where someone is home. Your package can be stolen and criminals know you are not home.

Join your neighborhood group. Join your block club. Get on email tree of your neighbors. Put "We Call Police Signs" in your window.

Contact information: Community Policing Office Phone: 312-744-0064 Email: CAPS19district@chicagopolice.org Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS19 Sgt Mary Hein Phone: 312-744-0064 Email: mary.hein@chicagopolice.org

Farm Bar - Street Cafe

TJ Callahan of Farm Bar again addressed the SLN membership. A couple of years ago, he addressed SLN to introduce the Farm Bar. Last Spring, he came for a street cafe. Approved by the membership vote, but denied by Alderman Waguespack due to requests from the immediate neighbors. Now again for a street cafe license approval for the 2017 season.

T.J. reiterated the Farm Bar philosophy of locally sourced produce and humanly raised beef. T.J. stated that the Farm Bar needed the street cafe to stay competitive attracting patrons that insist on alfresco warm weather dining. T.J. noted that the restaurant could stay open until 2AM under its current license, but they close at midnight. Plans for the street cafe have been changed from the 2016 application. 18 total seats (25 last year). Open 7 nights per week and Saturday and Sunday for brunch. Closing time will be 9PM (10PM last year). The tree will remain in the parkway. Customers must be eating to consume alcohol in the street cafe.

The floor was open for comments:

The immediate next door neighbor made the case, that this being a residential area, the immediate neighbors lifestyle will be heavily impacted by the dinner conversation, serving and noise from customers waiting to sit outside. The neighbor commented that her house already smells like hamburgers from Farm Bar when they open their house windows. The neighbor wondered when a working person is going to be able to work on their parkway garden if people are there at night and almost all day on the weekends.

Several nearby neighbors of 1200-1300 Wellington voiced similar objections to the noise the cafe will generate. Other comments from those not living near the restaurant supported the opposing neighbors saying that it would not be fair to ask some to endure the noise from a street cafe, so others can eat outside. There were no negative comments about the current Farm Bar operations from those opposing the street cafe.

Those in favor of the street cafe pointed to Farm Bar's excellent record and tremendous addition to the neighborhood. One person commented that outdoor cafes act as a deterrent to crime, by having more people outside in the summer. The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce supported the street cafe and said that a survey they took found the same.

SLN President Sam Samatas wound up the comments stating that generally, in most cases, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. He said he likes his current neighbor, but if his neighbor had a party every night, that would change his feelings toward them. He stated his opposition to the street cafe in a residential area.

A paper ballot vote was taken. All SLN members and any resident of the 1200-1300 blocks of Wellington and Nelson and 2900-3000 Lakewood were allowed to vote.

Approve of the street cafe : YES-19, NO-21.

A letter was sent to the Alderman's office with the results of the meeting, even though the Alderman was there.

THE ALDERMAN'S DECISION :

On April 13, 2017, the Alderman approved a test run of the patio/street cafe for this season.

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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.

Community Relations Strategy (previously called CAPS)

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 9th 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 8th 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 17th 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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/INFORMATION

Peoples Gas Main Replacement in South Lakeview

Peoples Gas will begin a main replacement on Southport between Wellington and Diversey and on George between Lakewood and a little west of Southport. The reason for this work is to address a poor gas supply issue that exists in this area. Peoples Gas will be upgrading about 2363' of 4" gas main and transferring about 201 meters. Some of the pre-meter marking work will be taking place in the next few weeks and then construction work will begin. This project should be completed with final restoration by 7/1/17. Parking will be

Real Estate Review for April 2017 within South Lakeview Neighbors boundaries: Compiled by Susan Radzinowicz. Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

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1640 W Diversey 2R	349,000	278,000	206
1339 W Barry #1	349.000	344,000	13
2851 N Southport #D	419,000	380,000	31
2840 N Lincoln #G	389,000	400,000	23
1232 W Nelson #2R	415,000	415,000	5
3108 N Racine #3	450,000	440,000	25
1726 W Belmont #1	445,000	445,000	1
2843 N Lincoln #205	449,000	454,000	4
1245 W George #301	469,000	463,000	3
1806 W Belmont #2	499,900	465,000	29
3025 N Lincoln #F	500,000	485,000	56
1238 W Fletcher #B	549,850	540,000	13
3140 N Lincoln #3	575,000	575,000	1
1739 W George	599,000	580,000	27
2929 N Lincoln #4	585,000	590,000	10
1400 W George	749,000	710,000	31
1352 W George #3	790,000	750,000	41
2740 N Racine #3	950,000	750,000	44
1650 W Belmont 2E	749,900	751,500	30
2946 N Racine #1	919,500	930,000	105
1736 W Wellington	1,150,000	1,050,000	26
1255 W Wellington	1,129,900	1,137,000	14
3121 N Southport	1,300,000	1,205,000	17
1532 W Nelson	1,649,000	1,555,000	14
1408 W George	1,879,900	1,895,000	4

Restaurant Review by Susan R. JP Burke's - 2913 N. Lincoln

JP Burke's (formally Witt's), located at 2913 N. Lincoln Ave, is a neighborhood sports pub offering tavern food and featuring a large seasonal outdoor patio. Their menu has items such as "bar bites", salads, soups, chili, sandwiches, wings and brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Daily, there is a special -beverages or food. There are many craft beers as well as bottles and cans, several wines and a full bar.

My dining companions and I began with some "bar bites", specifically, a wedge salad and Burke's Quezadilla (spelling theirs) which were acceptable. The wedge salad and Burke's Quezadilla was enough for 2 or 3 people: however, it was dry and somewhat overcooked. Toppings were an upcharge. The sandwiches are HUGE, can be shared, and are paired with either a side salad, tater tots or French fries.

If you want table conversation, this is a challenge. The pub is noisy and has several televisions, all playing simultaneously. Wait staff is friendly, helpful with answering questions and very accomodating.

If you are counting calories, you are in luck - the menu featured no desserts. Check out the patio with an adult beverage and catch up on some sporting events.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION:

Block Captain Program - members needed for the 2017 season. Volunteer now.

Still looking for block captains to flyer their blocks for the monthly membership meetings. Good exercise. Full benefits. Seven membership meetings per year (Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb. Mar, April & May).

We currently have 14 block captains 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

South Lakeview Playlot - Advisory Council / Committee

SLN is looking for individuals to plan and operate the Summer Programs or Events that have been put on over the years at the South Lakeview Playlot located at Wolfram and Lakewood. The prior regime has ended their involvement with the Playlot. Funds for programs are available to fund the events from the South Lakeview Neighbors. Please contact us at our email =

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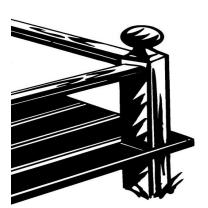
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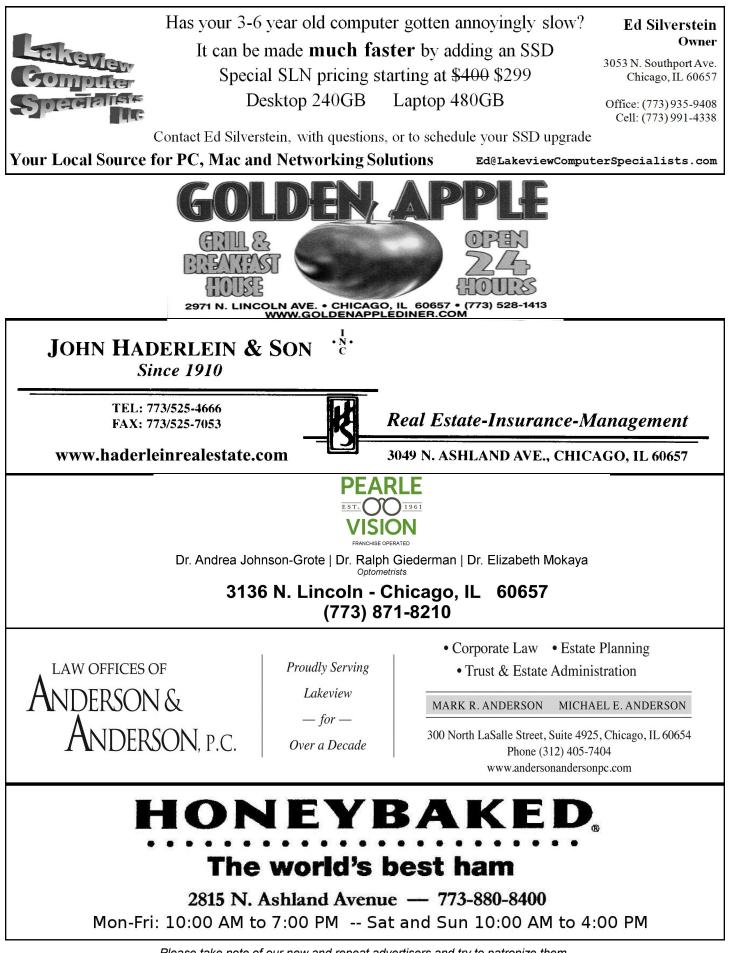
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