Hi South Lakeview Neighbors,

A belated Happy New Year to the entire South Lakeview neighborhood. I hope everyone had a fruitful holiday and has been able to keep up with their New Year’s resolutions. We had a wonderful holiday party in December. It was well-attended and everyone seemed to have a really good time. Thank you to Will’s Northwoods Inn, our most generous host and to all of the businesses and individuals who contributed to our raffle, sending close to $600 to the Lakeview Food Pantry.

This winter’s weather is meeting predictions of short-lived extremes and dramatic temperature swings. Take special care when snow and ice are present. Please shovel your walkways when snow accumulates. If your neighbor is elderly or infirm, give them a helping hand. Also, drive with special attention to slick conditions. Drive defensively. I always imagine every driver out there is a “nutcase” and I drive as safely as possible.

Chicago is trying to put more resources into the neediest areas. I recently attended a budget hearing for the public schools where a key issue was “equity”. The city is also in the process of finding a new chief of police and creating a more effective police department. Though some would have you believe that the city is totally falling apart,

I continue to read about new developments, new jobs and continued moves of corporate headquarters into Chicago. True, challenges do exist, but this is Chicago! On the state level, Senator John Cullerton has resigned and Sarah Feigenholtz has replaced him. Governor Pritzker is currently pushing anti-corruption measures as well as a clean energy initiative. And next November, we will vote on instituting a graduated state income tax. We’ll see if Mayor Lightfoot’s requests for changes to the casino tax, as well as a real estate transfer tax will be approved in the spring legislative session. And, recreational marijuana is now legal in Illinois. And try to read Ben Joravsky’s column in

**FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT …**

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**NEW MEMBERS - JOIN NOW**
1) on the website at www.slneighbors.org
2) by mail to 1505 W. Oakdale
3) at the monthly membership meeting.
Handy membership form is on the back page of the newsletter
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**MEETING AT A GLANCE**
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

ATHENAEUM THEATRE
2936 N. SOUTHPORT

6:30 PM- Member socializing
7:00PM – Meeting begins

**Agenda:**
1) Lakeview Pantry

2) Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

3) March 2020 Primary Election
Candidates:
Cook County State’s Attorney
Clerk of Circuit Court

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the January 30 edition of the Reader. It casts a positive light on our Alderman, Scott Waguespack.

At the February 11 meeting, we have invited all of the candidates for Cook County States Attorney and for Cook County Clerk to a forum where they can share their ideas with you. We will also hear from a representative from the Lakeview Food Pantry. Also, Dillon Goodson, Executive Director of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce will share ideas on enhancing the business climate in the neighborhood. Finally, we will hear from Jeff Delong, Director of Marketing and Development for the Athenaeum Theater. After 8 years of growing the Athenaeum, Jeff is moving on to another position in the city. Many thanks to Jeff for his contributions to the neighborhood.

Remember: do something nice or say something nice to a neighbor. It’s contagious!

Bob Blitstein
President South Lakeview Neighbors

FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING - PREVIEW

Lakeview Pantry – neighborhood operations and maximizing your contribution
The Lakeview Pantry is one of Chicago’s largest and longest operating food pantries. In 2019, they served 8,600 people through 48,000 site visits, and distributed 1.6 million meals. A representative will present operation, donation and volunteer information to the membership. Website = www.Lakeviewpantry.org.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce – 2020 Plans
New Executive Director Dillon Goodson will present some Chamber and neighborhood plans for the upcoming year.
Website = www.lakeviewchamber.com
Thanks to the Chamber for becoming an advertiser in the SLN newsletter.

See the Neighborhood News/Information section for an update on how things are going on Lincoln Ave.

March 2020 Primary Election – Candidate Forum
Unless you have been living in a cave, you know there is a Presidential Primary Election coming up in Illinois on March 17 (yes, St. Patrick’s Day). In addition to the Presidential Primary, several local offices will also be contested. It has been SLN’s continued goal to keep the electorate informed of the candidate choices. With that in mind, SLN has reached out to candidates for Cook County’s State’s Attorney (incumbent Kim Fox) and Clerk of the Circuit Court (Dorothy Brown retiring) to attend the February meeting.

At our last Mayoral election forum in February 2019, seven candidates attended including a somewhat less known candidate named Lori Lightfoot. Come by and see what happens.

Jeff DeLong from Athenaeum Theatre moving on
Jeff has been the face of The Athenaeum Theatre for 8 years now. He invited the South Lakeview Neighbors to move our meetings from the St. Alphonsus Church basement, where there were
some issues on be able to hear what the speaker was saying, to the Athenaeum in September 2014. He will be moving on to be the Director of Marketing and Development for the Bridgeport Arts Center and a new development called Rockwell On the River (3057 N. Rockwell). The Rockwell on the River complex currently houses the Metropolitan Brewery (beer only, no food yet) which has a fantastic view of a bend in the Chicago River just south of Belmont. SLN has enjoyed Jeff’s help at our monthly meetings and his event announcements at the beginning of our meetings have resulted in SLN member attendance at Athenaeum events. Good luck to Jeff. I believe he will be at the February meeting, helping out as usual.

At the DECEMBER 2019 HOLIDAY PARTY
Though it has been a mild Winter Season so far, the date of the Holiday Party was the one of the coldest days of the Winter to that date, evidenced by the layers of clothes people were peeling off. Nevertheless, when the party started to fill up, the White Tent venue quickly heated up. Will’s Northwoods had a different set-up, with the food inside where the pool table normally is. This opened up more tables for eating and socializing. Long-time SLN Treasurer Ann Sychowski made a rare appearance and worked the check-in table with Fionn “the kid” McManigal. Thanks to Ann’s son and granddaughter for dropping her off and picking her up. Donations from neighborhood businesses and SLN Board Members were over flowing and it showed as people increased their purchases of raffle tickets, at least for people who still carry cash. Will SLN eventually have to accept Venmo for raffle tickets? Raffle winners were pretty well evenly spread out, but it was evident if you spent $20-$40 on tickets, you were going to win something. Even Pete the bartender won a prize.

President Bob Blilstein and V.P. Sam Samatas oversaw the raffle with the help of the uncorruptible Lane Tech Freshman Daniel Silverstein pulling the tickets. The finale of the raffle was the Split-the-Pot Raffle with the proceeds going to the Lakeview Pantry. The kitty was over $250. The winner graciously donated their share of the winnings back to the Lakeview Pantry. Thank you.

We had a lot of hanger-oners at the outside bar even after the SLN bar tab was closed. And the liquor consumption awards go to:
Beer – Half Acre Daisy Cutter (though two tall boy cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon PBR were consumed)
Wine – Pinot Noir
Liquor – Dewars White Label

SLN would like to thank the following for their donations to the Raffle and making the Party a huge success.

The Art of Pizza
SLN would like to thank Art for his very generous donation of Gift Cards to the Holiday Party and his continued support as a two page advertiser. Little known fact – Art is an actual person, though mostly invisible.

The Golden Apple Grill & Breakfast House – also an advertiser
S & G Restaurant – also an advertiser
Breakfast House – also an advertiser
Que Rico Mexican Restaurant
Side Street Saloon
The Coffee Lab
The Athenaeum Theatre
Lakeview Computer Specialists – also an advertiser
Victor Guistino – historical post cards
SLN Board – Liquor prizes

UPDATE on PREVIOUS ZONING CHANGE VOTES

2933-37 N. Southport and 2956 N. Lincoln
At the November 2019 Meeting, the Developer presented a 12-unit Condo building with 11 parking spaces and ground floor retail for these contiguous lots on Southport connecting in the back to the lot on Lincoln. No zoning change was required, but several zoning adjustments were needed. SLN’s NDRC felt the project was too dense. The Owner of Papacito’s Mexican Grill on Lincoln Ave. complained that it would negatively affect his business. The SLN vote was:
YES in favor – 12
NO against – 23

On December 20, The Developer along with objectors from SLN and Papacito’s appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals presenting their views. The Zoning Board voted 4 to 1

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approving a plan for 11 Units (one less than presented to SLN) with 11 indoor parking spots.

1514-18 W. Diversey
At the September 2019 Meeting, the Developers presented a plan to demolish the current rental property that is set-back on the lot and build two separate 3-unit Condo buildings. The proposal was opposed by 1) the tenants of the rental property, 2) the Townhome owners to the east whose units were designed to face-out to the side and they would now see the wall of the Condo building out their front windows and the residents of 1400-1500 Wolfram who have been opposing large developments on Diversey as they have reported these type buildings have been occupied by bad neighbors who party and cause garbage and move-in, move-out issues.

The SLN vote was:
YES in favor - 24
NO against - 32

At this time, the Project is on path for Aldermanic approval subject to a few changes in the design, material and cosmetics of the overall Project.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News
Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330
www.ward32.org , email = info@ward32.org

“Plastic-Free” Chicago Ordinance.
Alderman Waguespack along with several other aldermen, introduced this ordinance during mid-January. This legislation is designed to tackle the pervasive problem of plastic pollution in Chicago waterways and the Great Lakes.

The Alderman noted that small plastics are damaging our environment, landfills are growing and plastics are being ingested by all of us in our drinking water. The Illinois Environmental Council declared that plastics entering our waterways does not disappear and breaks down into microplastics, which cannot be filtered by water treatment plants and ends up in our food and drinking water.

The Ordinance gives restaurants and carry-out stores until Jan. 1, 2021 to stop using foam containers and would allow plastic straws and eating utensils only on request. Restaurants where patrons eat-in would be required to use reusable foodware like bowls and plates. Restaurants that do not have the ability to wash dishes and cannot contract out that work would be able to get a partial or full waiver. Eateries would be encouraged to use dispensers for condiments rather than small plastic packages.

The president and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association said he hopes the alderman consider the financial hardship a plastics ban would have on restaurant owners. The Association is looking forward to being part of this conversation. Access Living, an advocate for people with disabilities, noted that the plastic straw is a really important way for some people with disabilities to drink and hydrate.

This Ordinance would be the Midwest’s strongest according to the Illinois Environmental Council. This measure will need approval from the City Council in order to advance.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/INFORMATION

What’s Happening on Lincoln Ave.? 
- The Pyramid Career building at 3051-57 Lincoln Ave. has been demolished. There is just big hole in the ground. Three contiguous lots. No requests for zoning changes or development plans have been presented to SLN.
- Detallas Jewelers at 3059 Lincoln is closed. Where to get a watch battery replaced nearby? Along with Entente restaurant across the street and Land of Lincoln bar being closed, the middle of the 3000 block of Lincoln is looking pretty desolate. In addition, the newer Peerless Condos at 3026-30 Lincoln still has the ground level retail/office space 100% vacant. These condos were priced at $775,000 to $900,000.
- The Herdegan Funeral Home rebuild seems to be moving slowly forward with steel girders and roof joists being installed. This has been a long-term eyesore, but let’s hope things get done when the weather warms up.
- ReMax vacated its fairly large space at 2951 Lincoln and moved to 2429 Clark.
- I’m Vegan Restaurant at 2907 Lincoln, next to the car wash, is OPEN! The sign says “Thai Vegan & Vegetarian”. OK. That puts two Thai restaurants on the 2900 block, one on the 3200 block and one on the 3300 block of Lincoln Ave.

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- In related Asian food news, Emperor Wok in the Jewel/Osco shopping center is closed. How far do we have to go for some Chinese food?
- The Elbo Room. Is it closed? The sign is still on but there are no shows listed on the Website.
- DIAG Bar – still closed since early August. Going on six months. The corner is very quiet and dark.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce (SSA 27)
1409 W. Addison
www.lakeviewchamber.com  773-472-7171
Southport Wine & Chocolate Stroll
Thursday, February 13 from 6-9PM.
Taste 20 different wines paired with chocolate treats while strolling through businesses along Southport Ave. Businesses will be offering special deals and there will be an event raffle. For tickets go to: https://www.lakeviewchamber.com/winestroll

Alphonseus Academy & Center for the Arts (AACA) – Blue Ribbon Recognition
AACA received the Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education’s National Blue Ribbon of Excellence. AACA was one of 11 Illinois private schools and one of only 50 private schools in the U.S. to receive this accolade. CONGRATULATIONS.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY MEETING
(previously called CAPS)
Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey
Next meeting is Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm 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 9th at 7:00 pm 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 18th at 7:00 pm at the 2452 W. Belmont Police Auditorium.

Dates/times may change and you can call the office at 312-744-0064 with questions.
Twitter = ChicagoCAPS19

Email = caps019district@chicagopolice.org
Contact information:
Community Policing Office
Sgt Mary Hein
Email: mary.hein@chicagopolice.org

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

OTHER SLN INFORMATION

SLN Block Captains – wanted for the 2019-2020 season
Dear members. We have had some Block Captains move out of the neighborhood. How dare them. So some prime Block Captain blocks are available.

The volunteer duties are as follows: A Block Captain will receive a PDF flyer for an upcoming membership meeting. The Block Captain will print off 25-50 flyers and distribute them in mailboxes on your block alerting people to the upcoming meeting. Seems archaic? But that is how most of the new people coming to the meetings find SLN out. There are seven meetings per year (Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar, April & May). Of course, if you are out of town or busy or the weather is really bad and cannot get it done. That is AOK. Just do the best you can and your assistance will be appreciated. Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email = info @slneighbors.com to volunteer.

Membership Renewal Now
Members: please renew your membership using the enclosed MEMBERSHIP FORM or go to SLN’s website at www.slneighbors.org and renew and renew on-line. You must be a PAID MEMBER in ORDER to VOTE on the NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

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