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MARCH 2020

FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

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

Hi South Lakeview Neighbors,

As we approach spring, temperatures will rise, days will get longer and our grass and trees will turn green. It is also time to "clean up"...leaves, garbage and our ever-present Lakeview "dog poop". As a long-time dog-owner, I implore other dog owners, especially those who employ dog-walkers, to make a special effort to pick up after our furry friends. Let's keep our South Lakeview neighborhood beautiful and CLEAN, and eliminate a food source for rodents.

At the February membership meeting, we held a friendly forum for all of the candidates for Cook County States Attorney. All 6 candidates, 4 Democratic and 2 Republican, were invited, some receiving up to 3 requests. 4 of the 6 graciously appeared, Democratic candidates Bill Conway, Donna More, and Bob Fioretti and Republican candidate Chris Pfannkuche. I think we should pay special attention to the 4 candidates who all have extremely busy schedules, yet still took the time to show interest in South Lakeview Neighbors. Forgetting how much political candidates like to speak, I neglected to time them, providing unequal exposure. Nonetheless, all 4 candidates were enlightening and informative. All bring legal, prosecutorial experience to the office. All pledged to keep dangerous criminals in jail, keep those with

MEETING AT A GLANCE TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

ATHENAEUM THEATRE 2936 N. SOUTHPORT

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

Agenda:

- 1) Lakeview Chamber of Commerce
- 2) 1340 W. Wolfram Zoning upgrade to RT-3.5 for demolition and building of single-family house
- 3) 1301 W. Wellington Zoning upgrade to RT-3.5 for expansion of the existing home.
- 4) New Business Elevate Physical Therapy @ 1347 W. Belmont

minor offenses out, and importantly, not base decisions on "who you know".

As we head toward the March primary and eventually, the November general elections, I encourage every eligible voter in South Lakeview to vote, perhaps one of the most important responsibilities one has in our democracy. Make

sure you are registered and exercise that privilege, one that does not exist in most other countries.

In March, we will hear from Dillon Goodson, the executive director of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. His time in February was limited, due to the forum and he is returning to share the initiative of the Chamber. Also, two zoning issues, one on Wellington and one on Wolfram, will be discussed.

As always, patronize the businesses in South Lakeview. I recently had some pizza from Art of Pizza and enjoyed a delicious dinner at Tutta Fresca. S&G's had a nice write-up in the Food section of the Feb.19 Tribune. And, as always, say or do something nice for a neighbor or a stranger. Kind gestures are contagious

Bob Blitstein President South Lakeview Neighbors

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MARCH 2020 MEETING - PREVIEW

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce - 2020 Plans

New Executive Director Dillon Goodson will present some Chamber and neighborhood plans for the upcoming year. Dillon will discuss the Chamber's work to support a more vibrant business mix in Lakeview.

The Chamber would like to announce its' 2020 Annual Meeting & Awards Reception featuring A Taste of Lakeview with food tastings from local restaurants presented by 4 Star Restaurant Group. Go to: www.lakeviewchamber.com/annualmeeting for information and to register.

The Chamber was scheduled at the February meeting but the State's Attorney candidates took up the bulk of that meeting.

1340 W. Wolfram – Zoning upgrade, demolition and construction of new Single-Family House

This property is currently zoned RS-3 for single family or 2-unit buildings. The Builder intends to demolish the current building and construct a single-family house for a specific client. The Builder is seeking a zoning upgrade to RT-3.5. The zoning upgrade would allow for a taller building with higher total livable square footage and a smaller back yard to be built than under the current zoning. The 1300 block of Wolfram has a mish-mash of zoning designations with a block of parcels west of the Playlot on the north side of Wolfram zoned RT-4 for some unknown reason. The south side of the street is zoned RS-3 with many original small single family homes still present.

This will be a voting issue. The immediate area will be flyered. The results of the voting will be forwarded to the Alderman's office.

1301 W. Wellington – Zoning upgrade for expansion/remodel of the current Single-Family House

The owners of this house at the corner of Wellington and Lakewood are requesting a zoning upgrade from RS-3 to RT-3.5 in order to incorporate an expansion of the current house, primarily so some home offices could be located within the house. In addition, the owners are seeking to construct a brick wall along the

Lakewood Ave. side the property for security reasons.

This will be a voting issue. The immediate area will be flyered. The results of the voting will be forwarded to the Alderman's office.

New Business – Elevate Physical Therapy @ 1347 W. Belmont

Elevate Physical Therapy was conceptualized as a place for clients to experience 1:1 physical therapy care, in an environment that strives to cultivate and nurture healing. The Owners will present specifics as to their operations to the SLN membership

2020-2021 SLN OFFICERS and DIRECTORS WANTED

In April, the Nominating Committee will be meeting to come up with a slate for next year. The Board has lost some members over the last few years due to Board members moving out of the neighborhood or even out of State. We have had some members volunteer for the upcoming season. Nevertheless, it is time that a newer group of SLN residents start to rise to occasion to move SLN forward. SLN has outstanding working relationships with our local politicians and organizations. SLN is an official notfor-profit organization that files returns with the IRS and the Illinois Attorney General. If you are interested or want some more information, contact us at email= info@slneighbors.org or be ready to accept the challenge when contacted by Nominating Committee. NOTE - you must be a SLN member for at least one year to qualify for a board position.

Signed – Bill Haderlein, SLN member since 1987, on the Board for most years and former president 2000-2003.

At the FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

Lakeview Pantry – neighborhood operations and maximizing your contribution

The Lakeview Pantry is one of Chicago's largest and longest operating food pantries. The Pantry just had its 50th anniversary of service. Annually, the Pantry serves about 10,000 clients through 48,000 site visits, and distributes 1.9 million meals.

This is achieved by a group of 4,000 volunteers consisting of 1,000 individuals and 3,000 from company groups. 80 to 100 families receive food every day at The Pantry. In October 2019, The Pantry launched on online market for its clients. In addition to food, The Pantry offers social services, public benefits access and SNAP recipients can volunteer at The Pantry to meet community hour work requirements.

For donation information or volunteer opportunities, go to the Website at: www.Lakeviewpantry.org.

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1 in 6 people in Chicago are struggling with poverty and food insecurity.

30% of Lakeview Pantry clients are underemployed, 46% are disabled and/or retired. 45% of Lakeview Pantry clients have at least one child under the age of 18.

3% of Lakeview Pantry clients are homeless.

South Lakeview Neighbors donates annually to The Lakeview Pantry from proceeds from our Holiday Party Split-the-Pot raffle.

Cook County State's Attorney Candidates - 2020 Primary Election

SLN continues to bring in candidates running for local elections to our meetings for face-to-face interaction with the SLN membership. For this Primary election to be held on March 17, SLN decided to invite candidates for the hotly contested Cook County State's Attorney. Incumbent Kim Foxx is being saddled with the Jessie Smollett case in which she dropped all the charges.

Speaking at the February meeting were:

Donna More (Dem.)- former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Assistant Cook County State's Attorney

Bill Conway (Dem.) - Assistant Cook County State's Attorney

Bob Fioretti (Dem.) - former Chicago Alderman and attorney in private practice

Chris Pfannkuche (Rep.) - 30+ year career criminal prosecutor, licensed private detective and police training instructor.

This was a very spirited collection of candidates. All attacked Kim Foxx for the Jessie Smollett issue and her softness on crime, especially retail theft, the lack of prosecution of gang members and lack of experience. All of these candidates had extensive backgrounds in the criminal justice system and

general law. News reporters and cameras were evident at the forum and this editor saw news footage on the ABC Morning News the following morning. There is no way to summarize the individual platforms, you had to be there. But all the candidates have websites that can be visited. SLN hopes that the membership appreciates the time and effort the Board puts into bringing candidates to our monthly meetings. Next election of course is the Presidential Election in November.

NOTED AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

S&G Restaurant – Chicago Tribune Review Ina Pinkney, who is a former breakfast restaurant owner, writes a column in the Tribune's Food & Dining Section on Wednesdays. In the February 19 paper she visited the S&G Restaurant. Ina stated that she gave up on Greek diners in the 90's and noted that for almost 43 years that she lived in the neighborhood and drove past S&G, she wondered if it served good food. She finally stopped in the S&G and discovered that they served "JUST GOOD FOOD" as it says on the S&G menu. Her eating partner had the Porky Pig skillet and added spinach and Ina had the lox, eggs and onions. "It was perfect." She complimented the kind and caring service and noted that this family-run gem is exactly what it's supposed to be.

Patsy's Place @ 2825 N. Lincoln - Closing 3/1/2020

This little bar in the middle of the block, with a small street café and windows open in the summertime has posted that they are Closing Forever on 3/1/2020.

Along with Land of Lincoln bar on 3000 Lincoln and DIAG, that makes three closures in the last seven months. What is going on?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/INFORMATION

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

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

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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

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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: 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 the SLN email info at @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

SLN on Facebook - Get on It!

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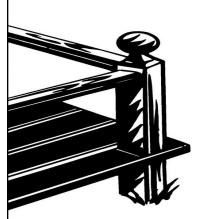
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