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Hi South Lakeview,

Have enough snow? Well, February saw one of our heaviest periods of snow (and cold) in recent years. Inconvenient for Chicagoans, like us, deadly for people in Texas. Climate change will lead to more extreme weather events, unless we reduce our "carbon footprint". Hopefully, we can move to have more renewable energy sources.

As the COVID pandemic continues, numbers are all moving in the right direction. Fewer cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are leading to a relaxation of shutdown measures. Restaurants may have some indoor dining. Other businesses, such as gyms and hair salons, are able to reopen on a limited basis. Even our beautiful lakefront is reopening. I believe much of this is due to the vigilance of Chicagoans following CDC guidelines to mask-up, social distance and wash hands regularly. And, more and more people are getting vaccinated. Though recent efforts seem somewhat disorganized, increasing availability of vaccines will reach more and more of us. It appears that a third vaccine is on the way. Please continue to mask, distance and hand-wash, even if vaccinated. One can still carry the virus and transmit it to someone who has not been vaccinated. The more we adhere to these behaviors, the sooner we can approach some degree of normalcy.

MEETING INFORMATION

ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday March 9 @ 7:00PM sharp.

- 1) Congressman Michael Quigley
- 2) New businesses Dear Margaret – restaurant

Tax & Beyond – tax & Business services

3) State Rep 11th District Ann Williams

Log in before meeting. See newsletter article for info

Get your mail lately?? I haven't. Maybe twice a week. I've contacted Senators Durbin and Duckworth and Representative Quigley. Durbin and Quigley have signed-off on a letter to President Biden to fill vacancies on the US Postal Board, with the hope of new leadership that is familiar with the Postal Service and cares about providing superior service to the American people.

And, Chicago Public Schools are reopening! Grades K-5 begin March 1st and 6-8 begin on March 8. The Board of Ed and the Teachers Union reached an agreement to ensure maximum safety measures, as well as prioritizing vaccinations for teachers. Parents may choose to have their children attend two days a week (hybrid) or continue with full-time distance learning. High schools, where students are changing classes, are a different challenge. A safe plan is being developed. I implore all parents to be positive and supportive of your children's mode of learning.

Keep your eyes on the Illinois and US legislatures. New leadership in both may result in new initiatives that may positively affect our lives. A "COVID Relief" bill may bring needed financial assistance to individuals, small businesses, state and city governments, and to health and vaccination efforts.

Finally, continue to patronize our local businesses. We need them and they need us.

Stay healthy, Bob Blitstein President South Lakeview Neighbors

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How to access Zoom Meeting

Until further notice, for Covid-19 Pandemic safety measures, the SLN Board will continue to have the monthly membership meetings on ZOOM.

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Time: 7:00PM sharp. Log in before the start of the

meeting.

Log-in information:

- 1) If not already on Zoom meetings, download the ZOOM app either on your SmartPhone, laptop or desk top computer.
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MARCH 2021 "ZOOM" MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PREVIEW

Congressman Mike Quigley

Meet the Press, Face the Nation and the South Lakeview Neighbor monthly meeting. That might be the Congressman's schedule for the week of March 7. Mr. Quigley was almost always in Washington D.C. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month when SLN has its meeting, so he rarely could attend. The Congressman will join us for a post President Trump, new President Biden update.

State Rep. Ann Williams

A lot happening politically and legislatively down there in Springfield. Ms. Williams will update SLN on the bills passed during the last lame-duck session and bills that are in process.

New Businesses:

Dear Margaret's - 2965 N. Lincoln – Margaret will present on overview of her newly opened restaurant featuring French Canadian cuisine with midwestern ingredients. For more info see www.dearmargaretchi.com

Taxes and Beyond - Tax & Business Services – 2911 N. Ashland in the Sherwin Williams strip center. A representative will introduce the recently opened business and go over some tax issues for the upcoming April 15 filing. Also offering accounting, payroll tax services, and retirement advice. For more info see www.taxbeyond.com

AT THE FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING

32nd Ward Chief of Staff – Paul Sajovec

Mr. Sajovec has been Alderman Waguespack's Chief of Staff since day one, well over 10 years. Paul works closely with the SLN Neighborhood Development and Review Committee (NDRC) on zoning and development issues.

Paul gave the membership an update on the Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland (LBA) Intersection Project. He started out by mentioning the Project is 10 years behind schedule. Paul was in the 2015 Task Force meetings along with SLN and other neighborhood groups. CDOT proposed nine

various options for the LBA Intersection including making Lincoln Ave. one way for some stretches and even closing Lincoln to vehicular traffic similar to the Lincoln Square design up at Lawrence Ave. In the end, CDOT settled on one of the most conservative designs and installed the temporary design we now have. Paul let us know that the SLN information and letters given to the Alderman as a result of SLN's meetings, the survey done on MonkeySurvey and general observations were forwarded to CDOT for their consideration. As far as Paul knows, the current traffic design is in the final stages and probably will not change. That includes No Left Turn on Lincoln Ave. He stated that CDOT is committed to "Vision Zero Chicago" (see summary following this article) which is the commitment and approach to eliminating fatalities and serious injuries from traffic crashes.

Paul let us know that the redesign of the intersection at Milwaukee/North/Damen has had positive feedback from that neighborhood. The only major item still being discussed on the LBA Intersection is the triangle plaza area in front of the Bank of America. The Task Force was adamant that that area was not conducive to being an enjoyable sitting or gathering area. So that idea is being rethought. However, Paul has let SLN know that before anything can happen, the Department of Water Management will be installing a new 8-inch water main on Lincoln Ave. from Belmont to Wellington and on Barry Ave. from Lincoln to Greenview. That project is scheduled to start in late February (which is already here, with snow covered streets) and be completed in April 2021. After the water main project is finished, 1/2 width of those dug-up streets will occur. Paul indicated that CDOT will hold another Task Force Meeting with the neighborhood groups after the water main project is complete, then follow that with a large Neighborhood Meeting if that will even be doable under Covid-19 conditions.

Paul updated the ZOOM attendees on the status of the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) development plans for the Bel-Ray Apartments at Belmont and Racine. The plan is to expand the building to the adjacent parking lot. As almost none of the tenants have cars, parking is not really needed. However, the Owners have run into development issues with the Chicago Planning Department regarding the number of parking spots needed. In addition, the owners were denied "tax credits" they applied for from the State of Illinois which affects the ability to

attract investors. The Owners are going to reapply for those tax credits.

Paul addressed the population decline of the City and the State. He said there was no real decline overall in the City, though the decline in the State is well documented. Paul said the population of the 32nd Ward has increased. The issue the City faces is how to increase residential and commercial development in Chicago's South and Southwest neighborhoods, especially near rapid transit areas as opposed to having everyone trying to cram into the Northside.

Paul was asked about the carjacking problem. See a flyer from the Chicago Police Department following the newsletter.

Vision Zero Chicago

SLN has been working with the Alderman's office and the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce on the changes made to the LBA intersection. SLN believes that the current changes, most specifically the elimination of the left turn from Lincoln Ave. forces traffic to the side streets, endangering pedestrians on those side streets. SLN would prefer traffic move through the neighborhood on the main streets. CDOT is committed to Vision Zero Chicago to make the LBA intersection safer for pedestrians. Here is a summary of Vision Zero Chicago.

The Vision Zero Chicago initiative is working to build a partnership between City leadership and the public to prioritize human life and the safety of our streets. The Vision Zero initiative is built on the following principles: 1) Even one life lost in a traffic crash is unacceptable, 2) Traffic crashes are preventable and 3) Traffic safety is a shared responsibility.

The Vision Zero Action plan sets five citywide policies and four goals for achieving Vision Zero in Chicago:

Citywide Policies

- Approach death and serious injury from traffic crashes as a public health issue
- Design streets so that speeds are safe for all users of the roadway
- Lead by example on vehicle safety equipment and driver training

- Police traffic laws fairly, focusing on education and the dangerous driving behaviors that cause most severe crashes
- Commit to investing resources equitably

Goals

- Invest equitably in communities that are most affected by severe traffic crashes
- Work to change behaviors and perceptions to build a citywide culture of safety
- Make streets safer for all users
- Encourage and implement policies, training and technologies that create safer vehicles and professional drivers

Chicago Department of Public Health – update on Covid-19 vaccine process

Dr. Rachael Bernard - Health Director with the Chicago Department of Public Health, updated the ZOOM attendees on how things were going. Of course, since then, we had the major snow storm and weather issues nationwide that affected distribution of the vaccine. Here is a recap of the Doctor's main points at that ZOOM meeting on February 9:

- The vaccine is SAFE.
- The vaccine using RNA does not give you a dose of the virus, unlike a flu vaccine.
- The City of Chicago is responsible for the supply and distribution of the vaccine in the City.
- 700,000 people in Chicago need to be vaccinated in Group 1(b) that is the current group.
- Group 1(c), people under 65 might start getting vaccines in late March or early April.
- Chicago is receiving 35,000 to 40,000 doses per week.
- The Federal government is working to purchase 200 million doses to bring the total up to 600 million by the Summer.
- No cost to you to get vaccinated. \$0 Co-pay.
- The side effects of the shot seem to be less common in older people, more common in younger people.
- Zocdoc.— The City has partnered with Zocdoc which is an APP that should make it easier to find a vaccine appointment and check for your eligibility.

SLN would like to thank Dr. Bernard for taking time out of what we are sure is a very busy schedule to address the SLN membership.

Property Tax Appeals

Gary Smith – Property Tax Appeal Attorney addressed the SLN membership. Mr. Smith alerted

us that the Lakeview Township is being reassessed this year with the process probably being completed by April 2021. He urged us to check your mail for your Reassessment Notice. Gary took us through the basics of Assessed Value x The Local Tax Rate = our share of the Real Estate Tax revenue needed to be raised by our fine government officials. The tax revenue is a set number, the tax rate is a set number, so your assessed value is the only thing payer/homeowner can change.

Gary feels that as this is our new County Assessor Fritz Kaegi's first reassessment of the Lakeview Township under his new philosophy, anyone that feels there is an error in their assessed value or the description of their property or comparable property nearby is valued at a different rate, should appeal their assessment. Gary noted that all the information is there to do an appeal by yourself but he strongly suggested that you consider an attorney that specializes in the process. You are usually charged a percentage of the savings generated. Gary Smith can be contacted at www.garyhsmith.com.

2021-2022 SLN OFFICERS and DIRECTORS WANTED

The Pandemic has prevented the SLN Nominating Committee from meeting since April 2019. SLN is committed to putting a slate together for 2021-2022. The Nominating Committee will be meeting in April 2021 and an election of Officers and Directors will happen in May 2021, either in person or by ZOOM. Contact us at our email address (info@slneighbors.org) if you are interested in coming on the Board. Give it a try. I did back in 1987 and have been involved ever since. Bill Haderlein-Newsletter Editor

We are keeping a LIST of people that have already contacted us during the Covid-19 Pandemic period.

NOTE – you must be a SLN member for at least one year to qualify for a Board position.

OTHER INFORMATION

Lakeview Computer Specialists article on the last page of the newsletter

Look for Ed Silverstein's computer article addressing your home WiFi and slow internet speeds on the last page of the newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/INFORMATION

Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce

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- Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber 2021 Annual Meeting on March 12

Join the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce for our virtual 2021 Annual Meeting on Friday, March 12th at 9AM. Be among the first to hear our plans for 2021, enjoy entertainment from local artists as part of the Year of Chicago Music, and help us recognize our business community for going above and beyond in supporting Lakeview and Roscoe Village's success in a year unlike any other. Register here via Zoom.

- Lakeview Roscoe Village Restaurant Week runs from April 9 - 18!

This program features special prix fixe menus from local restaurants available for takeout or dine-in. The prix fixe menus will be available for breakfast, lunch or dinner and there will be special family dinner menus offered as well. You can feel great about ordering any prix fixe menu, as \$3 will be added to each order to be donated to local food pantries, Lakeview Pantry and Common Pantry. It's the perfect way to discover delicious eats while supporting local restaurants and giving back to a great cause. Learn more at https://www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org/restaurantweek

- Save Our Stores Campaign

We shopped small for the holidays, made local our love for Valentine's Day, and now we're ready to put out the SOS - Save Our Stores. You'll hear from our hardworking retailers about their struggles, successes, and more as we continue to advocate for small business shopping in our neighborhood. We want to hear from you about any special stories you have of enjoying new offerings from local shops, connecting with local staff or business owners, and coming together with friends to support a Lakeview or Roscoe Village retailer during the pandemic. Got a #SaveOurStores community story? Share it with us here to be highlighted on our social media and help us advocate for shopping small.

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Neighborhood Development and Review Committee (NDRC) is recruiting Committee Members

The NDRC is the most visible Committee of SLN. Working with Alderman Waguespack, the NDRC receives building zoning requests from the Alderman and reviews, suggests revisions and then recommends an approval or a rejection of the zoning change before the issue is brought to the SLN membership for a vote. This process has helped ensure that quality zoning change requests are being presented in our SLN neighborhood. The NDRC is looking to expand the Committee. The NDRC deals with very experienced developers. attorneys and architects, so some qualifications in dealing in those areas would be helpful. Contact SLN at our email address: info@slneighbors.org with some information about yourself if you are interested.

NOTE – you must be a SLN member for at least one year to qualify for a Committee position.

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Why Data Backup is Important – By Ed Silverstein

Bad things happen to computers. The hardware could fail, it could become infected with malware, or your laptop could be lost or stolen. At that point, some or all of your data would be lost. How much of a panic would you be in? For these reasons, it is important to have a backup of your important data. Like insurance, data backups are a 'just in case' item. But they are equally important. Having a recent backup to turn to would make recovering from the above problems faster and much easier. There are two main types of backups.

First, there is a local backup. It is local because you use your own external backup drive to make a copy of your data. After connecting an external drive to one of your computers, you just set the built-in software to make a backup of your important files. If the drive has enough capacity you can even backup other computers in your house over your home network. External drives cost from \$100-\$150 for capacities of 4TB to 8TB and have enough storage for multiple home computers.

The benefits of a local backup are that it is fast and easy to restore any of your data. Copying 100GB of data from an external drive back to the original computer takes just a few minutes. Another benefit is the cost. Once you have spent the money on the external drive, there are no extra costs to backup all of your computers. Enhanced privacy is another reason to use a local backup. No one else has a copy of your data, and it hasn't been sent out over the internet.

One downside of making a local backup is that it won't help if your house burns down, or if the computer equipment in your house gets stolen. I would like to think that these scenarios are very rare. But these possibilities are something to think about, and a reason to consider cloud backups.

Cloud backup is done by uploading your important files to an external provider which keeps a copy on their cloud-based servers. There are many cloud-based providers to make backups of your files. The best known companies are (in no particular order): iDrive, Backblaze, Carbonite, and Apple's iCloud.

The providers have different pricing plans based on how much data you want to backup, how many computers you want to backup, if you want to backup external drives, if you want to have a history of file revisions, and so on. A few will even start you out with a small bit of backup storage for free.

Don't confuse cloud backup with cloud storage. Cloud storage/sharing systems like Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive and the free version of DropBox are great for sharing files, but are not intended to be used to backup important computer files.

There are downsides to using cloud backups. These include the fact that you are sharing your personal data over the internet. All cloud providers allow for encryption of your data, but online accounts can still be hacked. All of these cloud backup solutions have a monthly fee. In the rare case of malware, hardware damage, fire or theft you would need to download all of your files. This is very time consuming compared to having a local backup of your data.

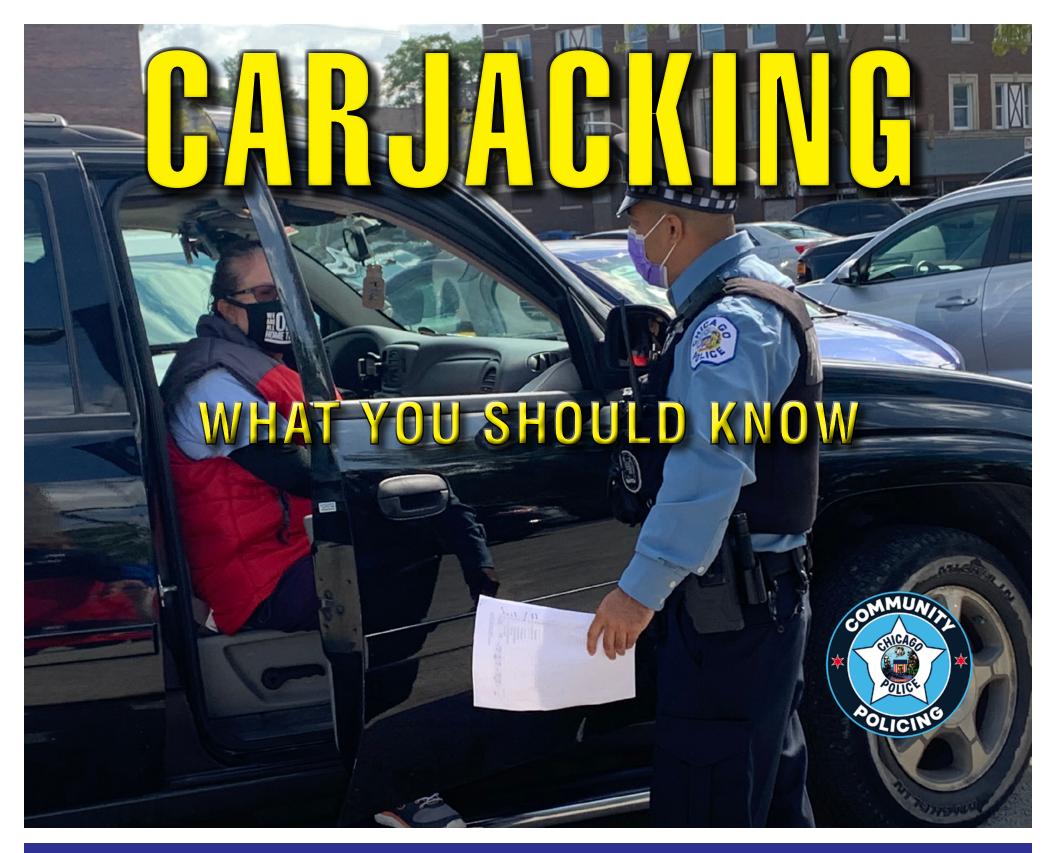
To balance the pros and cons of local and cloud backups, a hybrid approach is to have all of your files backed up to a local drive, and have your most important files also backed up to the cloud. By limiting the amount of data backed up to the cloud, the recurring costs can be very minimal.

If you'd like help finding the best solution for your needs, you can call or text me at (773)991-4338, or email me at:

Ed@LakeviewComputerSpecialists.com.

Reliable data backup is something everyone should have. Just in case.

If you have ideas about other computer issues you would like to see discussed in this newsletter, please send me an email.



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- Residential driveways (getting in and out of the vehicle)
- Parking lots and garages
- Gas stations
- **ATMs**
- Intersections with stop lights

Scenarios: Be Aware

Bump and Run

You are rear ended. A passenger from the vehicle that bumps you jumps into your driver seat when you go to assess the damage and exchange driver information. Note their description and call 911.

Stranded Motorist

Do Not Stop for apparently stranded strangers along the road. Note their location and call 911.

Safety Tips: Think Ahead

Always be aware of your surroundings. Make it a habit to enter your car, lock your doors immediately and drive away. Look around for suspicious persons sitting in vehicles or loitering in the area before entering your vehicle. Always;

- Park in well-lit, visible areas
- Keep your windows up and doors locked
- Equip your vehicle with anti-theft/GPS
- Give yourself room to maneuver around stopped traffic. Don't get 'boxed' in.
- Keep your cell phone in your pocket
- **Trust your instincts**

Create a Smart 911 profile and include your vehicle information.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CARJACKING

- Give up your car and leave the scene.
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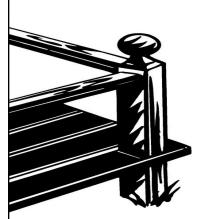
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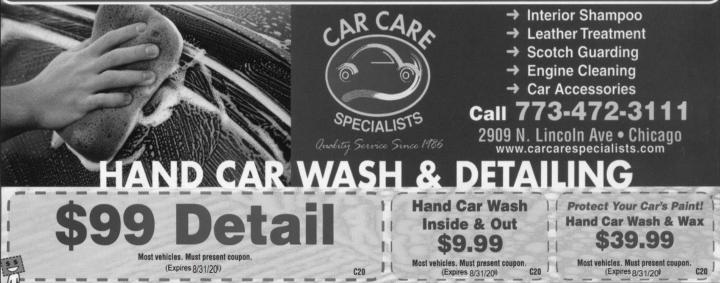
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